

APRIL 2025



THE *TOWN CRIER*

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

Since I was first elected as trustee in the early 2000s, there has been one constant – change. Over my tenure, I’ve witnessed numerous transformations within our township, from staff and elected officials to the very building we work in. Services to our residents are always evolving and expanding all while improving lives and alleviating burdens and hardships for a very little slice (less than 2%) of your property tax bill.

In the last 20+ years we’ve made the following significant changes:

- Food Pantry Expansion & Food Van Purchases
- Low-Cost Dental Services with Endeavor Health
- Community Nurse Services with Endeavor Health

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Diane Dunham and Prajivan “Pete” Patel (both far right, bottom row) pictured in an early 2000s Board of Trustees photo.

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FREE MONTHLY HEALTH EDUCATION

Nurse Janet Stachula, RN, offers FREE health education classes every first Wednesday of the month at 10 am at the Township. RSVP is not required but recommended at 847-285-4551. Learn how to better take care of your health in 2025 by attending the following sessions:



- May 7: Stroke
- June 4: CPR
- July 2: Food Safety
- August 6: Cholesterol/Triglycerides
- September 3: Chronic Pain
- October 1: Fibromyalgia
- November 5: Inflammation and Anti-inflammatory Diet
- December 3: How to Survive the Holidays

FOOD DRIVE NOW - MAY 10



Our community food drive is underway! Drop off food at the Township or any community locations - a list is available at schaumburgtownship.org. You can also wait until May 10 and leave your donations in a bag by your mailbox for your mail carrier to pick up for the National Association of Letter Carriers' Stamp Out Hunger Food Drive. The Township food pantry is currently serving over 1,300 households per month. Donations are needed, and every donation makes a difference!

BLOOD DRIVE BENEFITING FOOD PANTRY JUNE 16

In partnership with Vitalant, the Township is hosting a blood drive on June 16 from 10:30 - 3:30 pm. For each presenting blood donor, Vitalant will give \$20 to the Township Food Pantry - thus, every donor will support two important missions! Sign up to donate at tinyurl.com/y2unkpt9.

FREE STEAM EVENT APRIL 25

The Township DE&I Committee is co-hosting a free STEAM event for the community at the Township (One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates) on April 25 from 4 - 7 pm. "To STEAM & Beyond" is an immersive, interactive Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics (STEAM) expo. This free event is tailored for underrepresented youth and will feature hands-on activities, live demonstrations and collaborative challenges. Discover new skills and learn real-world STEAM applications. Whether you're familiar or just curious about the world of STEAM, this event is perfect for you. No RSVP required.

FOOD PANTRY: KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

The Township Food Pantry is available to anyone living within our boundaries that expresses a need for food. Clients can "shop" for groceries once every 4 weeks by appointment. We are a donation-based pantry that may offer fresh produce, meat, dairy and dry goods. Appointments can be made by calling 847-285-4503. At each appointment residents are asked to bring a photo ID and current proof of address.

If you are a Township resident in need of food but are unable to leave your home for any reason, please call 847-285-4503 - we may be able to deliver. It is our mission to end food insecurity and ensure that no one goes hungry in our community.





By Trustee Saternus

Township government's purpose is helping people. This service takes many forms like in paying an overdue electric bill, getting low-cost dental care, processing a passport, a ride to dialysis, or getting groceries when the fridge is empty. As a new board steps in and I pass the torch, I am excited to see how they will continue this vital work of service.

One of the outcomes I am most proud of during my four years in office has been the formation of a Mental Health Board that meets the expectations of the voters who established it. The Mental Health Board has spurred an increase in transportation solutions, multilingual therapy services, collaboration between agencies and greater accountability.

In a historically divisive era, I am humbled that Township residents, through their votes, their interest and their leadership, showed steadfast support for our neighbors with needs related to mental health, developmental disabilities and substance use. I hope that Schaumburg Township will continue to prioritize people over politics in every aspect of Township service. While much work remains, the future is bright when we unite for the common good.

FREE JUNETEENTH CELEBRATION JUNE 21

Join us again at Harper College's Kenneth & Catherine Ender Pavilion (1200 W. Algonquin Rd. Palatine) for the annual Juneteenth Celebration on June 21 from 2 - 6 pm. The free event will host food trucks, live music, activities and entertainment. The Township DE&I Committee co-hosts this event.



MINDS MATTER

Minds Matter May 17 | 1 - 3 pm

The Mental Health Board and Schaumburg Township District Library will host Minds Matter, a mental health awareness event, on May 17 from 1 - 3 pm at the Schaumburg Township District Library (130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg). The free event will bring together a large array of agencies showcasing programs that address community mental health. Additional information found at tinyurl.com/y59tfbrt. Please attend – what you learn might help someone you know!



ANNUAL PLANT SALE JUNE 6

The Hoffman Estates Garden Club Annual Plant Sale is on June 6 from 7 - 1 pm at the Schaumburg Farmer's Market (190 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg). Members will offer locally grown plants from their own gardens as well as some grown from seed, including the popular Mexican sunflowers. There will be a wide variety of sun and shade plants including perennials, annuals, dahlias, grasses, hostas, vegetables and herbs. A limited number of native plants like milkweed and coneflower will be available to help support pollinators. For more information on the sale and the club's monthly programs visit hoffmanestatesgardenclub.com. A portion of the proceeds will be donated to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.

DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES UPCOMING EVENTS

Paint-A-Thon Applications Due July 1

Does the exterior of your home need to be painted? Consider applying for the Annual Paint-A-Thon program! To qualify, homes must be owned and occupied by adults aged 60 and older, people with disabilities or veterans of any age. There are income and asset limits, but all are encouraged to apply. Once a home is determined to be eligible, volunteer groups are matched to do the scraping, priming and painting of the exterior of the home. There is no cost to the homeowner. Current homeowners insurance is required. Applications are due July 1. Paint-A-Thon is also a major volunteer event and we're always looking for teams of volunteers! Volunteers must be at least 16 years old.

Contact Frances Borja at 847-285-4541 if you're interested in applying to get your home painted or in learning more about volunteering.

Medicare Basics Presentation

April 22 | 11:30am | FREE

Township of Schaumburg

Join us as we highlight the parts of Medicare: A (Hospital), B (Medical), C (Advantage Plan) and D (Drug Coverage). Learn how Medicare works and the costs associated, the difference between Medicare & Medicaid and information you need to know to make informed decisions about your healthcare. Disability & Senior Services staff are certified SHIP counselors providing free, unbiased, expert knowledge of Medicare options. Registration is not required.

Mother's Day Tea

May 13 | 11:30 am | \$25

Registration: April 9 - May 10

Township of Schaumburg

A community favorite is back - Mother's Day Tea! Join us for tea and lunch. Seating is limited so don't delay. Pamper someone you love or treat yourself. Register online, in-person or by calling Disability & Senior Services at 847-285-4541. Payment due at registration via cash, check or card.

Atlantic City, New York, and Philadelphia

October 4 - October 10 | \$960.00 double occupancy, \$1,265.00 for single occupancy*

Registration window: March 15 - July 1

Atlantic City, New Jersey, New York, New York and Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

Join us and Diamond Tours as we travel to Atlantic City, New York and Philadelphia for a 7 day/6 night adventure. Travelers will have a guided tour of Manhattan and Philadelphia and will enjoy the Atlantic City Boardwalk and Hershey's Chocolate World. A daily itinerary is available in Disability & Senior Services. This excursion includes transportation, 6 nights of lodging, most breakfasts, some dinners, tours, gratuity and taxes.

*The price is per person for double occupancy. A \$75 deposit is due at registration and final payment is due July 1. Payment can be split into 3 payments of \$295 for double occupancy and \$397 for single occupancy with installments due May 1, June 1 and July 1.



MENTAL HEALTH CARE IS FOR EVERYONE

Mental illness is so widespread that it is likely nearly everyone in the United States has been affected in some way. How is this possible? The National Alliance Against Mental Illness' (NAMI)* statistics can shed light on the current mental health reality:

- 1 in 5 U.S. adults experiences mental illness each year
- 1 in 20 U.S. adults experiences serious mental illness each year
- 1 in 6 U.S. youth, aged 6 - 17, experiences a mental health disorder each year
- 50% of all lifetime-mental illness begins by age 14 and 75% by age 24
- Suicide is the 2nd leading cause of death among people aged 10 - 14

Navigating the world of mental illness can be daunting. Family members can be left wondering where to go for help and those with mental illness can be too ill or unable to self-advocate. Insurance issues, language barriers, stigma and long wait lists can also block access to treatment.

The Mental Health Board is charged with granting funds to agencies that help those with mental illness, substance use disorders and developmental/intellectual disabilities. Support from the Mental Health Board should increase opportunities for care for our neighbors in need. This fiscal year, the Mental Health Board will provide grant funding to 33 programs in 23 agencies.

*Source: tinyurl.com/2hdcw8un

KYC HUSTLE FOR HEALTH 5K RUN/WALK

Dive into a sea of kindness and generosity at Kenneth Young Center's 24th Annual Hustle for Health 5K Run/Walk at 9 am on May 17 at Busse Woods Grove 27. This "Under the Sea" themed event is free and open to community members of all ages who have a passion to build stronger, healthier communities. Register to make waves in support of community behavioral health, older adult and community health programs today at give.kennethyoung.org/2025. We can't wait to see what we can do together through this sand-sational event!

CLERK'S CORNER: W. ROBERT VINNEDGE



COMMUNITY PAPER SHRED EVENT JUNE 7

Join us for a free paper shred event for Township residents on June 7 from 8 - 11 am or until the trucks are full at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. This is a paper shredding event only – no electronics. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or paper bags per person (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). No plastic bags please. Boxes must be unsealed. Paper clips, binder clips and rubber bands must be removed.

Shredding should be limited to sensitive paperwork only – advertisements, catalogs, envelopes, etc. can be recycled at home.

We ask that participants enter our parking lot heading southbound on Illinois Blvd. so as not to block traffic on Schaumburg Road. Residents do not need to exit their vehicles to participate and should be careful not to block resident driveways on Illinois Blvd. Visit our website or contact the Clerk's Office at 847-285-4561 for more information.

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FROM THE DESK OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER: SCOTT M. KEGARISE

April showers bring May flowers and high run off in your swales. Please keep your swales clear of debris to facilitate efficient stormwater outflow. May sees a return of twice-monthly brush pickup in Unincorporated Schaumburg Township. Brush is picked up through September 15. The routine maintenance on the roadways continues with striping and downed-sign replacements. If you notice a downed or missing sign, please report it to 847-884-1727. Please be mindful of your neighbors by not blocking their driveways when there are events in your neighborhood. Additionally, please remember that there are children playing and adults walking on our local streets. Observe the posted speed limits. Be safe and enjoy your spring and summer.



A MESSAGE FROM THE ASSESSOR: JOHN R. LAWSON, M.S., C.I.A.O.



PROPERTY EXEMPTIONS FOR TAX YEAR 2024 (IN 2025)

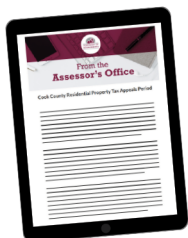
Visit the Assessor’s Office to verify that your tax year 2024 property tax exemptions were properly applied before the second installment is mailed later this summer. All new residents who would like to apply for the Homeowner’s, Veterans with Disabilities, or Persons with Disabilities exemptions may visit our office to see if they qualify and to apply.

Please note, if you submitted a Certificate of Error for any exemption after July 1, 2024, your exemption may not automatically renew. Please call or visit our office with any questions.

SENIOR CITIZEN AND SENIOR FREEZE RECIPIENTS

Township residents who were born in 1959 or earlier may qualify for the Senior Citizen and/or Senior Freeze exemptions. Senior Freeze exemptions have income requirements, which must be verified with federal (1040) income tax documents from the prior tax year. Township staff can help seniors apply and suggest you call 847-285-4569 before coming to the office if you are unsure what documents to bring. Senior Freeze exemptions must be renewed annually per state law. However, Senior Citizen exemptions are automatically renewed annually. Contact the Assessor’s office to find out more information at 847-285-4569.

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TOWNSHIP CALENDAR



Please visit the township’s website at www.schaumburgtownship.org for the most up-to-date event information.

RECURRING EVENTS	
Every Tuesday	SENIOR WILLS* Appointment only
1 ST Tuesday	MENTAL HEALTH BOARD 7 pm
1 ST Wednesday	ALL ABOUT HEALTH** 10 am DE&I COMMITTEE 7 pm
2 ND & 4 TH Monday	CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP* 11 am *starting in May
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm

RECURRING EVENTS	
2 ND & 4 TH Wednesday	DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP** 10:30 am
3 RD Wednesday	DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP **** 10 am BRIDGES TO MEMORY** 2 pm COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE 7 pm Cancellation possible if no agenda items.
4 TH Tuesday	FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm
4 TH Wednesday	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7 pm

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

*** Email jkottmeier@nch.org for details.

**** RSVP required at 224-520-9763 (VP)



Please note: If you attend a Township function your image may be used for promotional purposes.

TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 | Mon-Fri 8:30-5PM

Main Number	847-884-0030
Assessor’s Office	847-285-4567
Clerk’s Office	847-285-4561
Disability & Senior Services	847-285-4541
Welfare Services	847-285-4503

Community Nurse:	847-285-4551
Deaf Services - Videophone:	224-520-9763
Food Pantry:	847-285-4503
Highway Department:	847-884-1727
Kenneth Young Center:	847-884-6212
Passport Services:	847-285-4561
Transportation Dispatch:	847-882-1929



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The Township of Schaumburg serves residents living in parts of the following communities: Elk Grove, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood and unincorporated Schaumburg Township.

TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



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COMMISSIONER
Scott M. Kegarise

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

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- Onsite Mental Health Services with the Kenneth Young Center
- Veterans Service Officer (VSO)
- Increased Transportation Services
- Veterans Honor Roll
- Free Paper Shred Day
- Annual Low-Cost Pet Vaccination Services
- Processing Passports and Photos
- ITAC Phone Testing Center for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing
- Free Prescription Drug Dropbox
- ADA Compliant Building Updates
- Second Floor Expansion Project Increasing Disability & Senior Services Programming
- Cost-Saving Solar Panels
- 4 Electric Buses and Charging Stations
- Efficient Internal Light Replacement
- North Parking Lot Extension

All these improvements have been made through thoughtful fiscal planning without tax/levy increases that impact our neighbors – instead, the Township saved and then spent down reserves. These changes couldn't have been possible without the hard-working, efficient and creative staff led by Township elected officials acting as the stewards of taxpayer dollars serving everyone in the Township. I'd be remiss not to mention that we lost two of the finest Trustees I ever served with in the last year: Diane Dunham and Prajivan "Pete" Patel. We were all elected to the board in 2001, and Diane served diligently for 20 years. They both were fiscal hawks who made sure the taxpayer dollars were spent wisely. They will both be missed.

By the time this article goes to print, we will have yet another Schaumburg Township board. I look forward to facing the challenges ahead and continuing to serve our residents who need us most.