

SEPTEMBER 2025



THE *TOWN CRIER*

Former Clerk and Trustee W. Robert "Bob" Vinnedge passed away in July 2025. This short tribute won't be enough to express the amount of heart, laughter and thoughtfulness Bob put into our community. Bob cared deeply about service and was first in line to volunteer his time and talents. He was whip-smart and an easy person to be around with his interesting anecdotes and empathetic ear.

A leader throughout his professional and philanthropic career, Bob was known for his consideration and fair approach. He held numerous positions throughout the years including with the Township Officials of Cook County and the Schaumburg Township

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W. Robert Vinnedge and Supervisor Tim Heneghan

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MEDICARE PART C/D ANNUAL ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 15-DECEMBER 7

Medicare Annual Enrollment is open from October 15 - December 7. Schedule an appointment with a Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) counselor, who can provide free, unbiased Medicare information and education, by calling 847-285-4541. Phone appointments are also available. Plans get added and changed every year – if you have increased costs, non-covered prescription drugs, problems paying for your medications or just want to enroll, change or disenroll from a Part C (Advantage) or Part D (Prescription Drug) plan, consider making an appointment. Help is also available at 800-MEDICARE or the State of Illinois SHIP Hotline at 800-252-8966.



TRUNK OR TREAT OCTOBER 23 FROM 3 - 7 PM



The Township's 5th annual drive-through Trunk or Treat is on October 23 at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Drive through our parking lot and local vendors will hand out candy through your car window. Due to overwhelming interest the Trunk or Treat line will close at 6:30 pm.

NEED HELP WITH GROCERIES?



Grocery costs are high. Are you having a hard time paying for the food you need? No one should go without food. We know that families are seeing a decrease in funds from programs that help pay for groceries. If you need a boost to help get you by, we hope you'll make a food pantry appointment. The Township's goal is that no one goes hungry. Make an appointment at 847-285-4503. Multiple languages supported.

HOLIDAY DONATIONS NEEDED



Make the holiday season a bit brighter by adopting a resident in need! The Township of Schaumburg hosts two holiday adoption programs:

Welfare Services Adopt-A-Family

- Serving families
- Contact Marianne Rogenski (mrogenski@schtwn.org; 847-285-4630).

Disability & Senior Services Holiday Adoption

- Serving older adults and people with disabilities
- Contact Becky Cordes (bcordes@schtwn.org; 847-285-4542).

Donors are matched with eligible community members and then asked to go shopping, wrap the gifts and deliver the gifts to Township staff in early December. If you are unable to adopt, but still want to make a difference this holiday season, please contact Marianne and/or Becky as there are additional ways to give. All interested donors should contact the Township by October 24.



By Trustee Fiorio

As a Trustee, I have worked hard to support sustainability efforts that will save money and lessen our impact on the environment. One of those initiatives is adding electric vehicles (EV) to the Township Transportation fleet. Schaumburg Township EV buses are out on the road as you read this. With no disruption to services, the Township staff have seamlessly added more cost-effective and sustainable rides to the community. For those concerned about the EV buses' performance in the winter, please know they were tested in extreme cold weather (-22° Fahrenheit/-30° Celsius) and passed on each route.

We welcome residents to come to our EV Open House on October 1, from 4 - 6 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates to learn more to learn more about our low-cost transportation services. Light snacks will be provided, and no registration is required.



ELECTRIC BUS OPEN HOUSE OCTOBER 1

Join the Township for an Open House featuring our new electric buses on October 1, from 4 - 6 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Participants will get to tour the buses and learn more about the Township's sustainability efforts. Light snacks will be provided.

DONATIONS NEEDED FOR RECORD FOOD PANTRY GROWTH

Our pantry is made possible by the community's generosity. If you're able to give, we accept donations of non-expired food items, including fresh and frozen goods, Monday-Friday, 8:30 - 5 pm, at our North entrance. Homegrown produce is also welcome. Monetary donations can be made online or in person. Checks may be written to Schaumburg Township Foundation with "food pantry" in the memo. You can even donate online at tinyurl.com/yc4bjsfh or from our Amazon Wishlist at <https://a.co/9YbUnas>.



SATURDAY PASSPORT HOURS ON SEPTEMBER 27 FROM 9 - 1 PM

In partnership with Congressman Raja Krishnamoorthi, the Township will host a Passport Acceptance Fair on September 27, from 9 - 1 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. No appointments needed; photos taken onsite. Find a list of everything you need at schaumburgtownship.org/services/us-passport or call 847-285-4561 to talk to a Passport Acceptance Agent.



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MENTAL HEALTH BOARD LAUNCHES TREATMENT APPOINTMENT HELP WITH ReferralGPS

The Mental Health Board is proud to announce a new partnership with ReferralGPS to offer care navigation. This free service helps Township of Schaumburg residents find local mental health and substance use related treatment. ReferralGPS takes into account all types of private and public insurance including PPO, HMO, Medicaid, Medicare and families who are uninsured or underinsured. If financial barriers are stopping you from getting help, you could qualify for limited financial support through the Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board. The ReferralGPS tool is confidential and securely stored. Whether you're looking for counseling, treatment, or medication management, ReferralGPS can help! Scan the QR code or use this link to start a care navigation request today: referralgps.com/tosmhb.



MENTAL HEALTH SUPPORT FOR YOUTH IN THE JUVENILE JUSTICE SYSTEM

Kenneth Young Center's Mental Health Juvenile Justice Liaison Program supports youth involved in the juvenile justice system who are also experiencing mental health challenges. The program offers a specialized liaison who assesses mental health needs, coordinates individualized care plans and ensures timely and appropriate therapeutic services. By addressing mental health within the justice process, the program aims to prevent further legal involvement, improve life outcomes and promote healthier communities. Call Kenneth Young Center at 847-524-8800 ext. 136 to learn more.



FREE DROP-IN COUNSELING SERVICES

Starting in September, the Township will offer free, confidential, counseling sessions with a Licensed Professional Counselor (LPC) on every 4th Monday of the month, from 3 - 7 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Trained in Clinical Mental Health Counseling, the LPC has extensive experience working with adults and couples. If you're struggling with anxiety, depression, relationship issues, grief and loss, trauma, a work or career issue, a life transition or a situation impacting your mental health, he may be able to help. Sometimes all that is needed is a different perspective. No appointment necessary. Must be 18 years+ to participate.

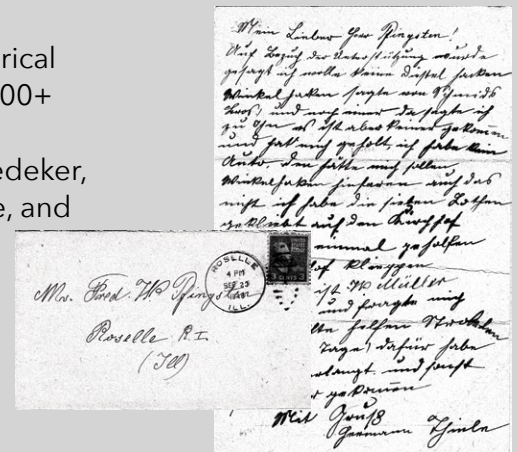
BLOOD DRIVE NOVEMBER 24

In partnership with Vitalant, the Township is hosting a blood drive on November 24, from 2 - 6 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Sign up to donate at tinyurl.com/4wbsuu5z.



CLERK'S CORNER: KATHLEEN REED

Since taking office, I have taken a cursory look at some of the historical documents Schaumburg Township has maintained over the past 100+ years. The artifacts have been exciting and surprising and include handwritten notes from the 1957 Highway Commissioner, Louis Redeker, a 1958 campaign petition to nominate Charles Braun as Constable, and several other documents, photos and pamphlets showing the rich history of the township. I hope that in the months to come, I will be able to upload some of these documents to share with our township residents. In the meantime, I encourage everyone to attend Board meetings either in person or by video.



FREE BONE DENSITY SCREENINGS

Bone density decreases with age and one of the best ways to stay on top of bone density loss is by getting screened for it. The Township's Community Health Nurse, Janet Stachula, RN, offers bone density screenings for free by appointment. Call her at 847-285-4551 to book your appointment and get more information.



VETERAN COFFEE SOCIAL

Every 4th Thursday | 9 - 10:30 am | Free
Township of Schaumburg (1 Illinois Blvd,
Hoffman Estates)

Veterans, their families and allies are invited to connect over coffee in a casual and friendly atmosphere. Meet new people, share experiences and find support. Whether you're looking to make friends, get advice or just enjoy a cup of coffee with fellow veterans, this event is for you. No veteran should feel alone. Come join us! Questions? Call 847-285-4561.



LOW-COST TRANSPORTATION

Township of Schaumburg Transportation Services provides door-to-door rides to older adults (age 55+) and people with disabilities* (age 18+) who reside within the Township. Each bus is wheelchair accessible. All riders are required to register with Transportation Services by completing a registration form found on schaumburgtownship.org. Residents can take advantage of Township transportation for medical appointments, errands, shopping, hair appointments and more. Rides are available within the Township, or 7 miles beyond Township boundaries for medical purposes only. Reservations are required and are taken on a "first come-first serve" basis. All reservations must be made a minimum of 72 hours and a maximum of 30 days before a medical appointment. Appointments must be made between 9-4pm on Monday-Friday at 847-882-1929. One-way rides are \$1, two-way rides are \$2 and passes are \$15 for 18 rides.

*Disability outlined in the transportation registration form found on schaumburgtownship.org.

FROM THE DESK OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER: TIMOTHY BUELOW

As we look forward to autumn, please remember that falling leaves and branches can interfere with drainage, so be sure to remove debris from the swales if you are able. If you need assistance, please contact staff at 847-884-1727.

One community concern crossing my desk that is atop many constituent's minds is electric bikes and scooters. While several municipalities within the Township have addressed safety of e-bikes and e-scooters at large, it is important for residents, adults and minors alike, to take personal responsibility for keeping themselves safe while on these vehicles. Wear a helmet, be aware of your surroundings and obey local ordinances. Head injuries can be devastating. I've heard many passionate community conversations about this topic, especially from adults who are upset with children using e-bikes and e-scooters. I hope that future conversations can bring us to mutual understanding about how best to address this issue so that we can give our families the tools they need to address this at home before it becomes a problem on the streets. If you are unsure of the rules in your municipality, I encourage you to check schaumburgtownship.org/services/road-bridge/ for links to local ordinances.



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



PROPERTY TAX APPEALS FALL 2025

2025 is a triennial reassessment year, which means each property in the Township will be reassessed by the Cook County Assessor's Office. This fall, homeowners can appeal their property taxes for free with the Township Assessor's Office. At the time of printing, final appeal dates have not been released. Final dates will be announced at cookcountyassessor.com under 'Appeal and Deadlines'.

To appeal, email appeals@schaumburgtownship.org your name, home address, property index number (PIN #), phone number and email address. Email is the fastest and most convenient way to file your appeal. While a visit to our office is not required, residents can visit our office Monday - Friday from 8:30 - 5 pm if preferred. You must bring your home address, property index number (PIN #), phone number and email address. All appeal emails must be received at least one hour before closing on the last day of appeals. Any questions can be directed to the Township of Schaumburg Assessor's Office at 847-285-4569 or visit schaumburgtownship.org.

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
2 ND Tuesday	NORTHWEST SUBURBAN PREGNANCY/ INFANT LOSS SUPPORT GROUP*** 7 pm DISABILITY & SENIOR SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm

* RSVP required at 847-285-4541

** RSVP required at 847-285-4551

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 Monday	FREE COUNSELING 3 - 7 pm
4 TH Tuesday	FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm
4 TH Wednesday	BOARD OF TRUSTEES MEETING 7 pm
4 TH Thursday	VETERAN COFFEE SOCIAL 9 am

*** 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

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

Main Number	847-884-0030
Assessor's Office	847-285-4569
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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Equal Opportunity Employer Male/Female/ Handicapped/Veterans. Schaumburg Township meets all ADA accessibility requirements.

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



SUPERVISOR
Timothy M.
Heneghan



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Holly Fath



TRUSTEE
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE
Demetrius J.
Gibson



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Tom Pirovano



CLERK
Kathleen Reed



ASSESSOR
John R.
Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY
COMMISSIONER
Timothy Buelow

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

COATS FOR KIDS OCTOBER 20-24

Schaumburg Township is collecting NEW coats, snow pants, winter boots, socks, hats, and gloves for School District 54 low-income students October 20 – 24. Please drop donations off at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. As a community we can bring warmth, build confidence and support our neighbors in need. All donations, big and small, have an impact on our children. For more information, email mrogenski@schtwn.org or call 847-285-4630.



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Foundation. As a member of the Schaumburg Township Sesquicentennial Committee, Bob was instrumental in securing the Abraham Lincoln Witness Tree. The historic tree, planted on Township property, was propagated from one of the original witness trees President Lincoln traveled under on his way to deliver the Gettysburg Address in 1863.

Finally, a careful curator of history, Bob served diligently as the Schaumburg Township's Historical Society President for over 20 years. We will miss Bob's joyful spirit, dedication to community and infectious personality. We will miss you, Bob.

– Supervisor Heneghan