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THE *TOWN CRIER*

DON'T FACE HIGH UTILITY BILLS ALONE

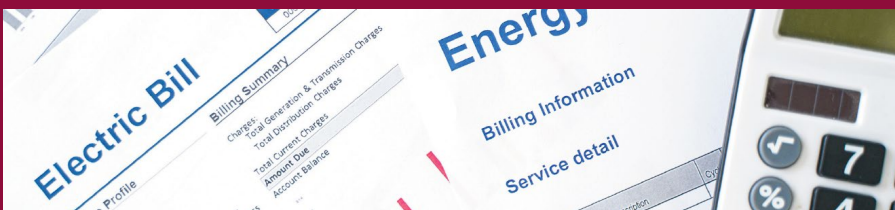
LIHEAP, the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program, helps low-income households with their heating and electricity bills. Qualified residents receive a utility-bill credit based on household size and income.

This program year began on October 1, 2025, and ends on August 15, 2026, or when funds are exhausted. LIHEAP recipients can only receive funding once in a program year. This program year's income threshold is higher than in previous years. The income guidelines are:

Persons in Household	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
30 Day Gross Income	\$3,332	\$4,357	\$5,382	\$6,407	\$7,432	\$8,457	\$8,649	\$8,842

If you have not applied for LIHEAP this program year (after October 1, 2025) or are at risk of disconnection from your gas and/or electric supplier, please call Welfare Services at 847-285-4503 or Disability and Senior Services at 847-285-4541

Anyone at risk of a utility shut-off should call the Township for assistance. Even if you aren't income-eligible for LIHEAP, there may be other resources to help you.



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AARP TAX-AIDE

Each year the Township partners with the AARP Foundation to provide AARP Tax-Aide – a program that helps low- to moderate-income taxpayers file their state and federal tax returns for free. Appointments will be available from February through early April and will be scheduled on a first-come, first-served, first-available basis. To help as many people as possible, taxpayers must have all their tax documents collected before scheduling an appointment.

The Tax-Aide Appointment Line will be open Monday – Friday from 9 – 4 pm, beginning January 21. Please call 847-285-4597 to schedule an appointment. Due to the large number of calls for this popular program all appointments must be made through this call line. Walk-ins will be redirected to call the appointment line, and no wait lists will be created. Residents who miss their appointment without canceling at least 24 hours prior will be unable to schedule another appointment without approval from the site coordinator.

For up-to-date information, visit schaumburgtownship.org to subscribe to the Senior eNewsletter. Appointment availability and a list of required documents will be provided in each edition throughout all of tax season.



ALL ABOUT HEALTH 2026 SCHEDULE

Join Nurse Janet, RN, to learn about pressing health topics every 1st Wednesday of the month at 10 am, for free, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. No registration required.

- January 7: Reading Food Labels
- February 4: End of Life Decisions – Power of Attorney, Living Will, Do Not Resuscitate
- March 4: Polypharmacology in Seniors
- April 1: Hospice vs Palliative Care
- May 6: Signs of an Unhealthy Gut & Common Digestive Conditions
- June 3: Skin Conditions You Should be Aware of
- July 1: Heart Disease
- August 5: Why Am I Not Losing Weight
- September 2: Hearing and Hearing Loss
- October 7: Glaucoma, Cataracts & Macular Degeneration
- November 4: Seasonal Depression
- December 2: Navigating Through the Holidays After a Loss

TOWNSHIP SEEKS PART-TIME DEAF SERVICES PROGRAM SPECIALIST

The Township is looking to hire a Deaf Services Program Specialist to plan and facilitate programs and events for our robust Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community! Under the supervision of the Deaf Services Coordinator, this person will create special events to provide socialization, information and engagement opportunities for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing. This job requires:

- Fluency in American Sign Language (ASL) and Deaf Culture. Deaf or Hard of Hearing persons encouraged to apply.
- Patience with Deaf people, including Senior Citizens
- Able to work independently or with a team
- Proficiency in Microsoft Office applications
- Must possess a valid driver's license

If you wish to apply, please email a cover letter, proof of references and updated resume to hr@schtwn.org (Subject line: Last Name – Deaf Services Program Specialist – TOS).

Read the full job listing at schaumburgtownship.org/our-township/employment-opportunities



By Trustee Pirovano

I'm slowly starting to accept the fact that I've become a senior citizen. Although I still have my boyish charm and youthful good looks, there are a few signs that I can't ignore – like my aching knees and reading glasses. Fortunately, Schaumburg Township has a wealth of resources for seniors, and if you're over 55 you owe it to yourself to take advantage of these services.

Benefits Counseling (START HERE)

Disability & Senior Services (DSS) staff can assist with applying for Medicare, Medicaid, temporary parking placards and reduced license plate stickers and fare transit passes. They also help people with food and utilities. If you are hard of hearing, DSS is a selection center for the Illinois Technology Access Corporation, that provides free amplified phones. Appointments are free by calling 847-285-4541.

Low-cost Transportation

The Township's Transportation Department provides door-to-door rides for adults 55+ for medical appointments, shopping, social outings and more. Rides are \$1 per one-way ride or \$15 for a pass of 18 one-way rides. Registration is required at 847-882-1929.

The Township hosts daily exercise, wellness and recreation programs as well as the Senior Will Program, which offers attorney consultations at a significantly reduced cost. Keep up to date by registering for the Access Point, DSS' bimonthly, free print newsletter, by calling 847-285-4541.

The challenge is making township residents aware of all the resources available for seniors (like me). The easiest way to take action is to set up an appointment with DSS today.

DIABETES RESOURCES

Nurse Janet Stachula, RN, offers support for anyone living with diabetes or prediabetes every Tuesday – Thursday, 9:30 – 4 pm, at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. In addition to her Diabetes Support Group and A1C testing, Nurse Stachula offers free, individual diabetes education by appointment. Learn more below or by calling 847-285-4551.

Diabetes Support Group

Each 2nd and 4th Wednesday of the month, from 10:30 – 11:30 am, Nurse Stachula offers a free Diabetes Support Group. The group is comprised of locals who are living with diabetes and prediabetes. Led by Nurse Stachula, participants discuss tips and tricks for managing diabetes and share personal experiences. If you aren't ready to share, you can just come for support. No registration is needed.

Nurse Stachula also hosts a Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf or Hard of Hearing every 4th Tuesday at 10 am. An American Sign Language (ASL) interpreter is provided.

A1C Testing

Nurse Stachula offers A1C testing by appointment, Tuesday-Thursday, for \$12 (cash only). A1C testing is performed by a finger stick and measures the average blood sugar levels over the past 2 – 3 months. It is used to help diagnose prediabetes/diabetes and to monitor how well you are managing your diabetes. If you don't have a diabetes diagnosis but have other symptoms like extreme thirst, increased urination, blurry vision or feeling tired all the time, you might consider checking your A1C. Additionally, if you have a family history of type 2 diabetes, previously had gestational diabetes, are obese or sedentary, call Nurse Stachula to see if an A1C test would be right for you. Results are available in six minutes. Once complete, Nurse Stachula can refer you to a physician and share additional information for a healthy lifestyle.



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REFER A FRIEND – GET REWARDED

If you love our recurring programs and day trips – tell your friends and get rewarded! During January and February 2026, you can earn up to \$50 in free classes or program discounts by referring friends to join in the fun. The program is simple – when a resident registers for/attends their first trip/class and name you as a referral, you both receive the following:



- **RECURRING PROGRAMS:** New attendees get their first class for free. Referring residents receive a voucher for one free class.
- **DAY TRIPS:** New attendees receive a \$10 discount on their first day trip. Referring residents receive a voucher for a \$10 discount on their next day trip.

Please note:

- New attendees must be Schaumburg Township residents who have not attended a DSS program in the last 2 years.
- New attendees are eligible for ONE free class and ONE day trip discount.
- Referring residents are eligible for up to FIVE referral bonuses total for a maximum of \$50 in bonuses.
- Day trip vouchers can be combined.
- Vouchers must be used by December 31, 2026.

FIND A MENTAL HEALTH APPOINTMENT

The Mental Health Board helps Township residents find local mental health and substance use related treatment for free with ReferralGPS. If money is stopping you from getting help, you could qualify for limited financial support through the Schaumburg Township Mental Health Board. ReferralGPS is confidential, securely stored and considers all types of private and public insurance including PPO, HMO, Medicaid, Medicare and families who are uninsured or underinsured.

Whether you're looking for counseling, treatment or medication management, ReferralGPS can help! Scan the QR code below or follow this link to get started:



referralgps.com/tosmhb

JOIN KENNETH YOUNG CENTER'S YOUTH ADVISORY COUNCIL

Kenneth Young Center invites high school students to become changemakers in their communities through Youth Advisory Councils (YAC). These councils offer a unique opportunity for young people to lead, collaborate and make a meaningful impact in their own neighborhoods.

YAC members identify key issues affecting youth, such as substance use and healthy relationship building. They then design and launch communication campaigns that promote positive lifestyle choices, using their own voices to inspire change.

Participation in a YAC not only empowers youth to take action—it also provides valuable community service hours and leadership experience. Members gain skills in teamwork, advocacy and public health promotion, all while helping to build healthier, more resilient communities. Interested high school students can email yac@kennethyoung.org or visit kennethyoung.org/yac to learn more and get involved today!



CLERK'S CORNER: KATHLEEN REED

REGISTER TO VOTE AT THE TOWNSHIP

Over the past few months, you may have been asked to sign petitions for candidates running for office in 2026. In digitizing Township records, I've come across some petitions from 1963, pictured here. This had me thinking about when I was a little girl, my parents brought me with them to vote and let me close the voting booth curtain. I couldn't wait to vote. More recently, to help serve my community, I have been an election judge. Voting is an important right in a Democracy. If you haven't done so, register to vote. You can register online at cookcountyil.gov/service/register-vote or with assistance at the Township Clerk's Office at 1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. Once registered, make a plan on when you'll vote and how you'll get to the polls. You won't regret registering and voting!

VETERANS HONORED



Corporal Michael R. Flynn was honored at a Board of Trustees Meeting for his service in the United States Marines.

The following veterans were recently honored in the program:

Specialist 4th Class William Herod
Army 1969 - 1971

Airman 3rd Class Herbert B. Joseph
Air Force 1957 - 1963

Corporal Michael R. Flynn
Marines 1964 - 1968

BECOME A VETERAN HONOREE

The Township honors local veterans each month at our Board of Trustees meeting. If you are a veteran or know one that lives in the Township, please review the following eligibility requirements to apply:

- Served during a time of conflict
- Honorable discharge
- Reside within Schaumburg Township
- A copy of your DD-214 Form
- Completed the Veteran Honor Roll Application

Applications can be found at schaumburgtownship.org or in the Township's Clerk Office. Once honored, veterans are forever featured on our Veteran Honor Wall at the Township and invited to our annual Veteran Honor Roll Dinner each November.



Airman 3rd Class Herbert B. Joseph.

FROM THE DESK OF THE HIGHWAY COMMISSIONER: TIMOTHY BUELOW

Each winter, our Township staff is dedicated to keeping unincorporated roads clear during snow events and we need your help to keep the process safe and efficient. These simple reminders will help us make sure our snow removal and ice mitigation are as effective as can be.

- 1) Be cognizant of vehicles parked on the street. Vehicles left parked on the road interfere with snow removal and can get plowed in, in the event of a significant snow fall.
- 2) When using a snow blower, please avoid throwing the snow back into the street. It tends to chunk and turn to ice, which not only makes drivers and cars unhappy, but can also be quite dangerous.
- 3) Give our snow removal crews lots of room to work by going slow and keeping a safe distance; our goal is safe clean roads regardless of the conditions, so please drive carefully even when the roads don't feel icy.
- 4) For more traction on your sidewalks and driveways, a thin layer of sand works great, but remember: sand will help you grip, but it won't melt the ice!

If you have any additional questions or concerns please don't hesitate to contact us from 7:30 - 3:30 pm, Monday – Friday, at 847-884-1727.



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



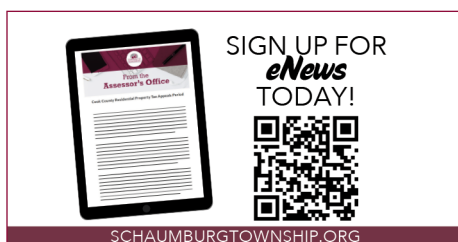
PROPERTY TAX APPEALS EXPECTED IN LATE 2025 OR EARLY 2026

The Township of Schaumburg's Assessor's Office expects the Cook County Board of Review property tax appeal period to be open sometime in December or in early 2026. If the Cook County Assessor's Office did not reduce your assessed home value or if you missed filing an appeal, consider appealing with the Board of Review.

There are two ways to appeal:

- Email your home pin number, phone number, email and home address to appeals@schaumburgtownship.org. This is the fastest and most convenient way to appeal - no visit to the office is required.
- Residents can come into the Township but emailing your appeal information is strongly encouraged. The Assessor's Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30 - 5 pm. Please bring your pin number, phone number, email and home address.

Feel free to check the Cook County Board of Review's website at cookcountyboardofreview.com under the dates tab or call 312-603-5542 for the exact dates.



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

*** 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



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Heneghan



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Holly Fath



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Demetrius J.
Gibson



TRUSTEE
Tom Pirovano



CLERK
Kathleen Reed



ASSESSOR
John R.
Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY
COMMISSIONER
Timothy Buelow

A MESSAGE FROM SUPERVISOR TIM HENEGHAN

The Township completed some tremendous construction projects in 2025, including the completion of our new meeting room spaces and electric bus project. These initiatives bring more residents together for exercise, education and resources and keep our neighbors independent.

In this season of giving, it is important that we take the time to thank our community for continuing to show up for their neighbors in need. In 2025, the food pantry saw a sharp increase in clients, and we have barely been able to keep up. We are able to have food on the shelves in large part to our generous neighbors. In addition to pantry donations, we saw the largest number of donations for our school supply drive, Pack the Bus, benefiting School District 54 in the almost 10 years of the program.

As the nation seems as divided as ever on issues big and small, it is important to also look for the good. Donations of any size, tax dollars helping residents and a community that comes together are just a few bright spots in the last year. Thank you to Schaumburg Township residents, businesses and organizations for helping our most in need.



Supervisor Heneghan visits with Allison Peterson and friends at the annual Septemberfest Free Rides for Individuals with Disabilities.