

## SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES

# ABLEGRAM

January—February 2015



### Children With Disabilities Holiday Party

Children with disabilities and their families were guests at Schaumburg Township for the annual holiday party just for them. The festivities began with lunch provided by Village Tavern and Grill and Pilot Pete's restaurants in Schaumburg. Volunteers, as well as the owners of these restaurants JR Hutson and John Minginas, served the food and provided any assistance needed.

Those Funny Little People performed a holiday show and visited the children at their tables before they had the honor to introduce our special guest Santa Claus. Santa did not disappoint – he met with all the children and presented them with a gift chosen just for them.

The township was fortunate enough to receive donations to support the cost of this annual event. Our major donors, Terence and Mary Jeanne Bolger from Bolger Properties, have provided financial support for this event for many years. B&A Plumbing, the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, Sunshine Siding & Window Co., Carpenters Local Union 839 and Village Tavern and Grill also gave generous donations.

We are grateful for all of our donors and the many volunteers who helped make this event a success.

Thank you ITAC for being a Major Sponsor for this year's Holiday Party

# Having trouble hearing on the phone?

Illinois has a FREE  
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For more information and to test the phones :

**Schaumburg Township**

**Disabled Services**

**1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates**

**847-884-0030**

**[www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org)**

No age or income restrictions

**[www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org)**

A FREE program required and governed by Illinois law.



Schaumburg Township hosted a holiday luncheon for seniors and citizens with disabilities Wednesday, Dec. 2, at Chandler’s Chophouse. The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. (ITAC), Home Instead Senior Care and Ms. Bobbi Sloan sponsored this year’s event. Special thanks to Bob Schmidt and Fabbrini Flower’s for donating poinsettias for each table. One lucky guest at each table won the poinsettia. With the generous support of our major sponsors, we were able to accommodate 225 guests this year.

Violinist Jennifer Silk performed a medley of classic holiday songs, while guests were served lunch. After lunch, Conant High School’s Blue Harmony choral group, led by conductor Tim Koll, sang traditional holiday music to the crowd. There was absolute silence in the room as the guests were reminded of past holiday memories with every carol sung by the very talented chorus. Everyone had a good time!



- ♦ Thank you ITAC, Home Instead Senior Care and Ms. Bobbi Sloan for sponsoring this year’s holiday party for our seniors and residents with disabilities!
- ♦ Special thanks to Fabbrini’s Flowers and Bob Schmidt for donating the poinsettias for the tables.



## **GREAT APPRECIATION**

**Schaumburg Township Disability Services would like to thank our sponsors for their generosity for this year's holiday party for children with disabilities and their families:**

- Bolger Properties
- Village Tavern & Grill
- Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club
- Carpenters Local Union 839
- B & A Plumbing
- Sunshine Siding and Window Co.

**Many thanks also to the following area businesses for their generous donations:**

*Ala Carte Entertainment, Arlington Racecourse, Chicago-Marriott Schaumburg Hotel, Barry Himmelfarb from Culver's of Schaumburg, Hoffman Estates Park District, IHOP Restaurant #1287, KidSnips, Lynfred Winery, Medieval Times, Palm Court Restaurant, Pilot Pete's, Port Edward Restaurant, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, Schaumburg Boomers, Schaumburg Park District, Schaumburg Prairie Center for the Arts and the Shedd Aquarium.*

**Our department wishes to thank all the following volunteers for their time and hard work at this year's children with disabilities holiday party. The party would not have been a success without your help!**

*Ann Thomas, Bill Eliasek, Carole Lindeman, Diane Wilson, Dolores Haase, Trustee Jeffrey Mytych, John Minginas (owner of Pilot Pete's) and Pilot Pete's staff Casey and Corey, JR Hutson (owner of Village Tavern and Grill) and Village Tavern employees, Leo Salais, Mark and Geri Chereso, Mary Ellen Hyed, Mary Lou Szigeti, Moksh Jani, Trustee Nimish Jani, Pat Ryan, Purva Jani, Trustee Robert W. Vinnedge, Rose Szyszka and Tom Sucher.*

**Thank you Home Instead for being a major sponsor  
for this year's holiday party!**

**Do you need a little extra help living at home?  
Stay at home with Home Instead Senior Care!**

**Hourly Care**



**Live-in Care**



- Meal Preparation
- Laundry
- Medication Reminders
- Bathing Assistance
- Incontinence Care
- Transfer Assistance
- Errands and Transportation
- Alzheimer's & Dementia Care



**Call today for a free, no obligation  
assessment.**



**(847) 690-9825**

This newsletter was made possible from the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP).

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**Schaumburg Township Offices will be closed Monday, February 15 for the President's Day holiday.**

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### **Benefit Access Program**

A few years ago, the state of Illinois introduced the Benefit Access program, which replaced the Circuit Breaker program. The Benefit Access program includes a license plate discount and the ride free transit card, and **you only have to apply once every two years.**

Call our department in January for an appointment to either renew or apply (first-time applicants) for the program. If you are unsure of your application status, please call our department so we can verify this for you. If you are eligible to reapply or apply as a first-time applicant, you must bring in proof of all your 2015 income to your appointment.

#### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Age 65 or older or 16 years of age or older and permanently disabled before Jan. 1, 2016.
2. Must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.
3. Income Based\*\*:

<u>Household</u>	<u>2015 Yearly Income</u>
1	\$27,610
2	\$36,635
3	\$45,657

\*\*Income and/or eligibility information may change; at print time of this newsletter, these are the guidelines.\*\*

### **Social Security—No Benefits Increase in 2016**

For just the third time in the last 40 years, Social Security recipients, disabled veterans and federal retirees will not receive an increase in benefits in 2016. By law, the annual cost-of-living (COLA) is based on a government measure of inflation. The decrease in inflation is due to low gasoline prices.

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### **AARP Tax-Aide Program**

Schaumburg Township will sponsor the AARP Tax-Aide program in 2016. This is the nation's largest volunteer-run assistance program. All tax-aid volunteers are IRS certified to prepare tax returns and answer tax questions at no cost to low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Special attention is given to those ages 60 and older and people with disabilities. This year: Everyone must present a picture ID and couples filing jointly must both be present for their appointment. Please call senior services the last week in January to schedule an appointment.

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### **Benefit Counseling Services Available**

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging. Schaumburg Township is a SHIP site dedicated to providing free one-on-one insurance counseling. Benefit counseling services include answering questions about Medicare, Medicaid and the prescription drug assistance program (Medicare Part D). We can also help with eligibility, benefit questions and enrollment. **SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company and does not sell or solicit any type of insurance.** Please call the disability services department for an appointment or for more information. We look forward to assisting you!



Maine Township MaineStreamers presents

*“Swing into Spring”*

# SENIOR EXPO 2016

10 YEARS - A DECADE OF SHARING

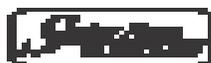
Friday, April 29, 2016 • 9 a.m. – 2 p.m.  
Golf Mill Shopping Center, Niles, IL

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For more information, call the Maine Township MaineStreamers at 847-297-2510 or visit the Senior Expo section of the township's website: [www.maintownship.com/seniorexpo](http://www.maintownship.com/seniorexpo)

## **CEDA'S Community Services Block Grant (CSBG) Program**

CEDA's Community Services Block Grant (CSBG), is a case management program that provides a range of services to income eligible Suburban Cook County residents. Assistance is available to attain skills, knowledge and the resources necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. Clients must sign and comply with a service agreement to be eligible for direct client assistance.

Contact Program Specialist Ms. Luz Avila at 312-285-6446 for an appointment at the township on Tuesdays from 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m. Ms. Avila is also fluent in English and Spanish.

### CSBG Programs:

- Dental Care
- Auto Repair
- Vision Care
- Water Bill Assistance

### CSBG Programs continued

- Scholarship Programs
- Family Nutrition
- Employment Pilot Program
- Financial Literacy
- Nutrition Education

### Income Requirements:

Family Size—**3 Months Income**

1—\$3,678.13

2—\$4,978.13

3—\$6,278.13

4—\$7,578.13

- Must provide documentation of needs: bills, estimates for services, loss of income, etc.

# First Friday



Friends,  
games,  
pool,  
Ping-Pong,  
snacks....  
All that's  
missing is  
YOU!

A social event for special needs adults and their friends ages 14 and older

## 2016 Event Calendar



### Vogelei Barn Teen Center

650 W Higgins Road Hoffman Estates (by Nissan)

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Pizza for purchase (\$2 per slice)

Snacks and lemonade are complimentary

#### January 8 (2nd Friday) Frozen

Movie night and iced activities

#### February 5 Super Bowl

Wear your favorite team jersey

#### March 4 St Patrick's Dance\*\*

Wear your green!

#### April 1 April Fools

A day of magic and foolery

#### May 6 Take me Out to the Ball Game

Wear your favorite baseball jersey

\*\* Held at the Village of Hoffman Estates  
1900 Hassell Road, Hoffman Estates IL



Got Questions?

Call (847) 781-4850

Sponsored by the Commission for Disabled Citizens  
of Hoffman Estates

## Free Amplified Telephones Available

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified telephones to qualified Illinois residents who have a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a selection center to test the phones. There are five phones to choose from. **Also, every four years you are eligible for an additional free amplified telephone.** Please contact disability services for more information or to verify if you are eligible for your second free phone or to schedule an appointment to test the phones.

## 2016 Medicare Premiums and Deductibles

- Part A Deductible: \$1,288
- Part B Annual Deductible: \$166
- Part B Monthly Premium: \$104.90 – **for beneficiaries subject to the “hold harmless” provision (explained below)**
- Part B Monthly Premium: \$121.80 - for beneficiaries not subject to the “hold harmless” provision

The “hold harmless provision” in the Social Security Act disallows an increase in the Medicare Part B premium for qualifying Social Security recipients if their COLA is not large enough to cover the increase in the Part B premium.

### Who will see an increase in their 2016 premium?

1. **Anyone new to Medicare**
2. **Those with income related premium**
3. **Those not having premiums deducted from Social Security check**
4. **Those who lose their Medicare Savings Program, which is their Part B premium that was being paid for by the state of Illinois (Medicaid).**

\*\*People who qualify for both Medicare and Medicaid can have the Part B premium paid by the state of Illinois.



## Monday and Friday Retail Shopping Trips With the Township Bus

Below is the **January and February Monday and Friday** Retail Shopping Trips schedule for the Schaumburg Township Bus. Reservations are required. Please call the transportation department at 847-882-1929 for your reservation.

### January

Monday - 4th Friday - 8th	Target Barrington
Monday - 11th Friday - 15th	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 18th Friday - 22nd	Target Higgins
Monday - 25th Friday - 29th	Target Higgins

### February

Monday - 1st Friday - 5th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 8th Friday - 12th	Target Barrington
Monday - 15th	Closed
Friday - 19th	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 22nd Friday - 26th	Target Meacham
Monday - 29th	Walmart Elk Grove



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The Ablegram, Deaf Line and Town Crier newsletters are available on our website at:  
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Maureen Centeno— Assistant Director  
Ext. 2022  
Lauren Perschon—PR &Event Coordinator  
Ext. 2025  
Lindsey Kaminsky—Benefits Specialist,  
Ext. 2024

### **Township Officials**

Mary Wroblewski—Supervisor  
Timothy M. Heneghan—Clerk  
Diane Dunham—Trustee  
W. Robert Vinnedge—Trustee  
Jeffrey Mytych—Trustee  
Nimish Jani—Trustee  
John Lawson, CIAO—Assessor  
Scott M. Kegarise—Highway  
Commissioner

### **Reprint Reminder**

We thank other newsletters that have been reprinting our articles with proper credit! Any organization may reprint articles from either of our newsletters if credit is given by name of newsletter and date.  
Any questions? Call 847-884-0030 (V) or 224-520-9763 (VP)

### **Ablegram and Deaf Line Newsletters**

The Ablegram and Deaf Line newsletters are available to Schaumburg Township residents at the disability services office or online at [schaumburgtownship.org/resources/newsletters](http://schaumburgtownship.org/resources/newsletters). They include articles of interest to people who are disabled, deaf, hard of hearing and the agencies we work with. The Ablegram is bimonthly and Deaf Line is monthly and includes a calendar. Agencies should call 847-884-0030 (V) or 224-520-9763 (VP) to request either newsletter.

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January 2016

- Tuesday, Jan. 12 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
- Wednesday, Jan. 27 – Epilepsy Support Group – 7 p.m.

February 2016

- Thursday, Feb. 4 – Alzheimer’s Support Group – 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 9 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 15 – President’s Day Holiday Township Closed
- Wednesday, Feb. 24 – Epilepsy Support Group – 7 p.m.