

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES

# ABLEGRAM

November—December 2015

Schaumburg Township's Children With Disabilities Holiday Party!

**When:** Saturday, December 12, 2015

**Time:** Noon—2:30 p.m.

**Where:** Schaumburg Township Hall  
One Illinois Boulevard  
Hoffman Estates

Come and join us for an afternoon filled with fun, food, entertainment and meet Santa! All children with disabilities and their siblings ages 16 and under who are in attendance will receive a gift!

Registration is required; RSVP to disability services at 847-884-0030 (V) or 224-520-9763 (VP). **Must have three gift ideas for each child attending when calling to RSVP.**

**Space is limited for this event. We are accepting RSVP's until November 25, or until space is full. Reservations are accepted on a first-come, first-served basis.**

\*\*A sign language interpreter will be provided upon three weeks notice.

**Tear out and save!!**

# 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

## 2015-2016 Event Calendar



### November 6 Fall Sock Hop\*\*

Sock Drive begins for Veteran's Home

### December 4 Holiday Party

Under \$5 gift exchange

### 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

## 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



**Got Questions?**

**Call (847) 781-4850**



Sponsored by the Commission for Disabled Citizens  
of Hoffman Estates



### Medicaid Redetermination

The Illinois Medicaid Redetermination Project (IMRP) will be reviewing Medicaid recipients benefits yearly to ensure they are still eligible for benefits. Many individuals on Medicaid will receive a letter and a redetermination form explaining that they need to renew their Medicaid coverage. The letter may request additional documentation to support the individual's redetermination. **It is very important to respond to this as soon as possible. Failure to respond, could result in losing Medicaid benefits.**



### ComEd CARE Funds Exhausted

As of Sept. 30, 2015, the ComEd Customer Assistance CARE program funds have been exhausted. We will not be accepting any new applications for Residential Special Hardship, CHAMP or Nonprofit Special Hardship for the remainder of 2015. New CARE program funds will be available Jan. 1, 2016.

### Medicare Part D Annual Open Enrollment

Open enrollment for Medicare Part D drug plans ends Dec. 7 for Medicare beneficiaries to make changes to their drug coverage. Because your health needs may have changed in the past year and because plans sometimes change the way they cover your drug costs, it is always a good idea to compare your current coverage to see which plan may fit best for you. During this time, you may change your plan or keep your current plan. Part D plans were required to advise participants of any changes to their plans by Oct. 1, such as drug formulary, tier changes, premium increases, etc. Any changes to your Part D plan will be in effect Jan. 1, 2016. Call disability services for an appointment.



Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following holidays:

- Thursday, Nov. 26
- Friday, Nov. 27
- Friday, Dec. 25
- Friday, Jan. 1

### Weatherization Program

Do you want to save 20-30 percent of your current energy use? CEDA's Weatherization program is available for qualifying low-income homeowners who would like to improve the energy efficiency for their homes. Weatherization may provide repair or replacement of an older furnace, install insulation, repair windows or other necessary work. Income guidelines follow LIHEAP's requirements; gross income must be less than \$1,471 for a household of one and \$1,991 for a household of two. Call disability services for a complete list of required documents, more information or to schedule an appointment to apply for Weatherization.

### LIHEAP Heating Program

If you have not yet applied this year for LIHEAP, households that meet the income eligibility guidelines below will receive a one-time grant paid directly to your gas and electric utility companies. Applicants can only apply once a year.

#### Required Documentation:

- Social Security cards for all household members
- Current Nicor and ComEd utility bills
- Proof of total monthly income for every household member, **30 days from your appointment date.** (Paycheck stubs, 2015 Social Security Benefit Letter, unemployment, pensions, TANF, child support, etc.)

#### Income Guidelines

Household Size	Monthly Income
1	\$1,471
2	\$1,991

The Disability Services Department would like to express our sincerest condolences on the passing of Richard Zagorski. Rich was a wonderful person and it was a privilege to have known him. He will be missed dearly.

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### **5th Annual Mobility Expo**

Join Mobility Works for the 5th annual Mobility Expo Saturday, Nov. 14, from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the Tinley Park Convention Center, 18451 Convention Center Drive. Join Mobility Works as they bring together a unique blend of personal wellness advocates, mobility experts and transportation solutions under one roof. Featuring: nonprofit organizations, home modifications, vehicle conversions, service dogs and funding sources. Register online at [www.http://www.mobilityworks.com/mobility-expo-chicago.php](http://www.mobilityworks.com/mobility-expo-chicago.php) to receive free tickets to the expo.

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### **Holiday Musicale**

Schaumburg Township senior and disability services is hosting the annual holiday musicale Thursday, Dec. 10, at 6 p.m. at the township. Contact the senior department at 847-884-0030 to register to attend this free social event. Entertainment will be provided by the Notables, a choral group from the Hoffman Estates Park District who will sing a variety of favorite holiday classics. There will be sandwiches as well as holiday cookies, hot cocoa, flavored coffees and teas that Highway Commissioner Scott Kegaris and his wife Char are bringing to this special event. Bus transportation is available to this event by calling 847-882-1929.

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

#### Eligibility Requirements:

- Must be a Suburban Cook County resident
- Meet income guidelines (below)
- Must provide documentation of needs: bills, estimates for services, loss of income, etc.

#### Income Requirements:

##### **Family Size—3 Months Income**

1—\$3,678.13

2—\$4,978.13

3—\$6,278.13

4—\$7,578.13

## SHIP Program

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) provides free health insurance counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois. Schaumburg Township is a SHIP site that has several trained counselors who can assist you in any way with Medicare, Medicaid and prescription drugs issues. ***SHIP does not affiliate with any insurance company and does not sell or solicit any type of insurance.*** Please call us at 847-884-0030 for an appointment or for information.

## Free Amplified Telephones

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified telephones for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Disability Services is a selection center to test the phones. There are four phones to choose from and **every four years you are eligible for an additional free amplified telephone.** Please contact disability services for more information, or for an appointment to test the phones.

## Vehicle Registration Notices Will Not Be Mailed

Due to the state budget crisis, the Secretary of State's Office is not mailing vehicle registration renewal reminder notices. By suspending this service, which will save approximately \$450,000 per month, the office will be able to prolong the ability to mail vehicle registration renewal stickers, titles and license plates to vehicle owners for a few months longer before the postage account is depleted. Vehicle owners are encouraged to be mindful of their vehicle registration status. Motorists can sign up to receive reminder notices electronically by email at [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).

**Schaumburg Township Disability Services wishes everyone a wonderful holiday and a Happy New Year!!**

## Township Bus Monday and Friday Retail Shopping Trips Schedule

Below are the **Monday and Friday** retail shopping trips schedule in November and December. Reservations are required. Call the Transportation Department at 847-882-1929.

### November

Monday - 2nd Friday - 6th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 9th Friday - 13th	Target Barrington
Monday - 16th Friday - 20th	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 23rd	Target Higgins
Friday - 30th	Target Higgins

### December

Friday - 4th	Target Higgins
Monday - 7th Friday - 11th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 14th Friday - 18th	Target Barrington
Monday - 21st	Walmart Elk Grove
Monday - 28th	Target Higgins



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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

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224-520-9763 (VP)  
847-884-1560 (TTY)  
847-884-0039 (FAX)

The Ablegram, Deaf Line and Town Crier  
Newsletters are available on our website at:  
[www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org)

Disability Staff Email:  
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Disability & Deaf Services-  
847-884-0030 (V)  
Gerry Bartnicke—Director—Ext. 2020  
Sarita Phadke—Deaf Services Coord.  
224-520-9763 (VP)  
847-884-1560 (TTY)  
Maureen Centeno— Asst. Director—2022  
Lauren Perschon—PR &Event Coord.—2025  
Lindsey Kaminsky—Benefits Specialist—  
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, which 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), 224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY).

### **ABLEGRAM AND DEAF LINE**

The Ablegram and Deaf Line Newsletters are available to Schaumburg Township residents at the disability services office or by calling 847-884-0030 (V), 224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY). They include articles of interest to people who are disabled, deaf or hard of hearing or agencies working with them. The Ablegram is bi-monthly and Deaf Line is monthly and includes a calendar. Agencies should call 847-884-0030 (V), 224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY) to request either newsletter.

Please mail completed form to: Schaumburg Township  
1 Illinois Blvd.  
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169  
Attn: Disability Services Department  
**Senior & Disability Holiday Party**  
**December 2, 2015**

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_  
SPOUSE: \_\_\_\_\_  
ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_  
CITY/STATE/ZIP CODE: \_\_\_\_\_  
PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

*Schaumburg Township Supervisor, Mary Wroblewski  
and  
The Township Officials cordially invite you to the  
Senior/Disability Services Holiday Party  
Wednesday, December 2, 2015  
CHANDLER'S CHOPHOUSE  
401 N. Roselle Road  
Schaumburg, IL 60194  
11:00 a.m.*

*Reservations will only be accepted by mail and only for the individual and their spouse. No walk-ins or phone calls will be accepted. Due to limited space, a lottery system will be used to draw the reservations. A confirmation letter will be mailed to the selected attendees.*

*If unable to attend, please notify the Disability Services Department at 847-884-0030. Duplication of this invite will forfeit your reservation.*

*\*\*Mail-in reservations must be received by the Nov. 16 deadline—no exceptions.*

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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

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November 2015

Thursday, Nov. 5 – Alzheimer’s Support Group – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 10 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Nov. 24 – Fibromyalgia Support Group – 7 p.m.

Thursday, Nov. 26 – Township Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

Friday, Nov. 27 – Township Closed – Thanksgiving Holiday

December 2015

Thursday, Dec. 3 – Alzheimer’s Support Group – 7 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 8 – CFDC Meeting – 6:45 p.m.

Tuesday, Dec. 22 – Fibromyalgia Support Group – 7 p.m.

Wednesday, Dec. 23 – Epilepsy Support Group – 7 p.m.

Friday, Dec. 25 – Township Closed – Holiday