

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES

# ABLEGRAM

July—August 2016

Come Rocking on Over to Schaumburg Township's Disability Services 31st Annual Picnic!!



Schaumburg Township residents with disabilities and their families are invited to join us at our 50s Diner picnic **Saturday, July 30, 2016.**

**11 a.m. at Maple Park** - next to the Schaumburg Township Building

Free Admission Entertainment Lunch Bingo Raffle Prizes

**Sponsored by:**

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC)

Village Tavern & Grill

The Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club

The Schaumburg Township Foundation



**Reservations Required by  
Monday, July 25**

Call 847-884-0030 (V),  
224-520-9763 (VP) or 847-884-1560 (TTY)



For bus transportation to and from the picnic, please call the transportation department at 847-882-1929

A sign language interpreter will be available at the picnic

## Social Security Agency Offices Open Later

Social Security offices are open an extra hour Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Offices still close at noon Wednesday. Visit [socialsecurity.gov](http://socialsecurity.gov) or call 800-772-1213, 7 a.m. to 7 p.m. weekdays.

(Daily Herald 06/01/2016)



## Join Schaumburg Township for Illinois Township Day on Wednesday, Sept. 21, 2016!!

Schaumburg Township will be hosting an Open House from 1-6 p.m. where you can meet your elected township officials and staff! If you're not familiar with all that our township provides, this is the perfect opportunity to learn more! More information to follow in the next newsletter.

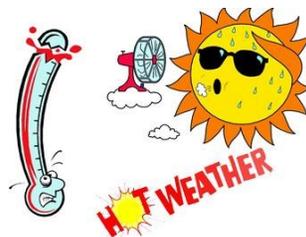
## Cashless Tolling Starts July 5 on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway

Beginning July 5, 2016, cashless tolling will be coming to the Illinois Route 390 Tollway from Lake Street to I-290. Since there are no toll booths or automatic coin machines on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, all customers are driving on an I-PASS Tollway. Drivers with unpaid tolls should make note of the toll collection location by identifying the toll plaza name, number, or the nearest milepost and go online or pay by mail within the 7-day grace period.

### Extended Grace Period for July

For the month of July, drivers with unpaid tolls will have an extended grace period to pay until July 31, 2016. After this date, the 7-day grace period will resume.

To avoid unpaid tolls, the easiest and cheapest way to travel along Illinois Route 390 is with an I-PASS. I-PASS transponders can be purchased at these Jewel-Osco locations: Schaumburg - 1151 S. Roselle Road and 2501 Schaumburg Road



## LIHEAP Cooling Program

At time of this publication, CEDA has not released information about the summer cooling program. If there is a program, we will notify clients by telephone or mail depending on the notice. If you have moved or your phone number has changed, please call our department to update your information.

## Retail Supplier Agrees to Cease Use of Brand Name Shared By Utility

Nicor Advanced Energy has agreed to cease use of the Nicor brand name under a settlement with the Illinois Attorney General and consumer advocates in the Illinois proceeding reviewing their parent AGL's proposed merger with Southern Company.

Under the agreement, Nicor Advanced Energy would be required to market any gas offers under a new name by Jan. 1, 2018. The settlement also covers Nicor Solutions, which has offered a fixed-bill product in Northern Illinois.

For years, customers have complained to Attorney General Madigan and CUB that they had no idea the unregulated Nicor affiliates were different from the regulated utility, Nicor Gas, because the names and logos looked so similar.

Also under the settlement, the companies have agreed to include language on their websites and bills explaining that they are not the same as Nicor Gas and that customers don't have to buy from the affiliates in order to experience good utility service.

(Paul Ring, [EnergyChoiceMatters.com](http://EnergyChoiceMatters.com); Citizens Utility Board (CUB) press release 5/5/16)

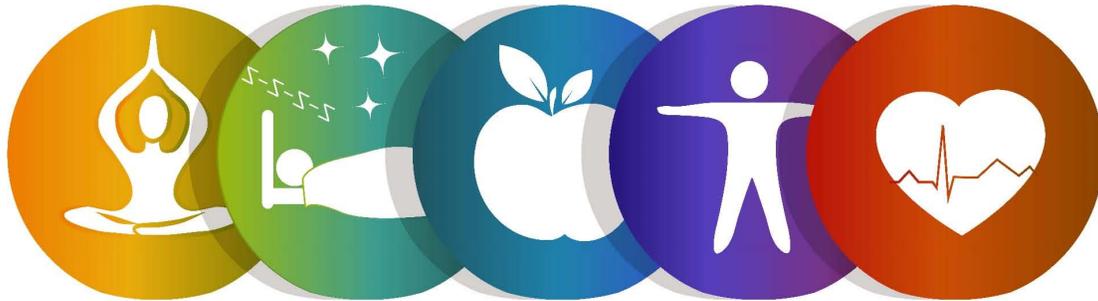
6th Annual

# Schaumburg Township “Fall Into Health” Community Wellness Day

Wednesday, August 17, 2016 • 2 pm to 6 pm

1 Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates • FREE Admission

| Indoor Health Fair Includes:  | FREE Health Screenings:     |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| Raffle Prizes and Giveaways   | Skin Cancer Screening       |
| ASL Interpreters              | Total Cholesterol Screening |
| Meet & Greet NCH Therapy Dogs | Memory Screening            |
| “Ask the Doctor” Forum        | Otoscopic Examination       |
| Breast Health Information     | Fall Prevention Screening   |
| Hand Massages                 | Bone Density Screening      |
| Smoking Cessation Information | Blood Sugar Screening       |
| And more...                   | And more...                 |



### Screenings requiring a small fee or accepting insurance include:

- A1C Glucose Screening - \$12 per person for 90 day reading
- Adult TDAP Vaccination - \$20 administrative fee per person
  - Flu Shot - \$25 fee per person

For general information, call (847) 884-0030 ext. 3016 or visit [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)

Skin cancer and memory screening appointments, call Community Health Nurse Josie Gould, RN, MS (847) 285-4551. Total cholesterol screening appointments, call Melissa Moeller at (847) 884-0030.



## **Call-A-Lawyer**

This program provides an opportunity for the public to call and ask questions to get free legal information. Call 312-554-2001 from 9 a.m. to noon on the following dates:

- Saturday, July 16
- Saturday, Aug. 20

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## **Recent Changes to the Village of Hoffman Estates' Taxi Discount Program**

The Hoffman Estates Village Board has recently approved changes to the village's Taxi Discount Program. Coupon values have been increased from \$5 to \$7 off a one-way fare, and income criteria have been modified to match the Illinois Department on Aging guidelines, making it possible for more residents to qualify for this program.

The Taxi Discount Program is open to all eligible residents who are 60 years or older, have a disability or meet income criteria. Participants can receive 10 coupons at no charge each month, and each coupon is valued at \$7 off a one-way fare.

Taxi coupons can be used for any purpose, such as trips to the doctor, grocery store and airport, as long as the ride begins and ends in Hoffman Estates. Three taxi companies currently accept village coupons.

For more information, or if you are a current participant and have run out of coupons, call 847-252-5800 to speak with the Transportation and Engineering Division. Program details and registration forms are available online at [www.hoffmanestates.org/transportation](http://www.hoffmanestates.org/transportation) under the "Public Transit" section.

(Village of Hoffman Estates' Citizen Newsletter July 2016)

## **Property Fraud Prevention Session Friday, Aug. 12 at the Township**

Attention homeowners! The Cook County Recorder of Deeds is partnering with Schaumburg Township to present a free informational session explaining how homes are stolen and teach you how to prevent property fraud. According to the Cook County Recorder of Deeds, in Illinois, it is easier to steal a home than it is to steal a car. Learn how to prevent fraud from happening to you.

Session is 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. Friday, August 12 at Schaumburg Township. Reservations required; please call senior services at 847-884-0030.

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## **Closed Captions to Be Available for Airline Passengers on In-Flight Entertainment Systems**

Deaf and hard of hearing airline passengers will soon have closed captioned, on-demand in-flight entertainment videos. Gogo, an inflight internet and entertainment company, and the National Association of the Deaf (NAD) announced that the company will provide closed captioning on all of its content. Gogo has already begun sourcing new content with closed caption options for its seatback and personal streaming entertainment systems.

By June 30, 2017, all content from Gogo will be made accessible to passengers who are deaf or hard of hearing. Gogo is the inflight entertainment system onboard 10 major airlines, including American Airlines, Alaska Airlines, Delta Air Lines, United Airlines and Virgin America. For now, the captions will only be available in English and for U.S. domestic flights.

(mashable.com; 1/29/2016)

**Schaumburg Township will be closed  
Monday, July 4, in observance of  
Independence Day.**

**SHIP Program in Jeopardy!**

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is in jeopardy of being eliminated by Congress! 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 anyway with Medicare, Medicaid, and prescription drugs issues. Please call your senators and Congressmen to oppose eliminating the SHIP Program! We appreciate your help!

**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 five phones to choose from and **every three 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.



**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.**



**Monday and Friday Retail Shopping  
Trips Schedule  
with the Township Bus**

Below is the **Monday and Friday** retail shopping trips schedule for July and August. Reservations are required by calling the transportation department at 847-882-1929.

**July**

|                                |                    |
|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| Friday - 1st                   | Target Meacham     |
| Friday - 8th                   | Walmart Barrington |
| Monday - 11th<br>Friday - 15th | Target Barrington  |
| Monday - 18th<br>Friday - 22nd | Walmart Elk Grove  |
| Friday - 29th                  | Target Meacham     |

**August**

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

## Low Cost Internet Service

AT&T is offering low-cost internet service for individuals who are receiving SNAP benefits. **This service is not through the Lifeline program; it is through the Access program.** It provides a low-cost option for home internet access to low-income households in 21 states where AT&T offers wireline home internet services. Illinois is included in the 21 states.

### Eligibility requirements:

- At least one person in the household must be a participant in the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP)
- Must reside in a state and in a service area where AT&T offers wireline home internet service
- Can't have outstanding debt for AT&T fixed internet service within the last six months or outstanding debt incurred under the Access program.

AT&T is touting the following in regards to the program:

- No commitment
- No deposit
- No installation or equipment fees
- In-home Wi-Fi gateway and access to the nationwide Wi-Fi Hot Spot network included at no extra cost

Please go to <https://www.att.com/shop/internet/access/#/> to find out more information about the program. On the home page, you can check service availability and apply for the program. If you are having difficulty with the application, call 1-855-220-5211.

AT&T will automatically assign the customer a speed tier. The highest speed tier available at the customer's address will be assigned. The speed dictates the cost of service. If the customer goes over the monthly data plan allowance, he/she will be charged.

(Age Options)

## CEDA'S Department of Family Support and Community Engagement Programs

CEDA's Department of Family Support and Community Engagement (FSACE) offers a range of services to Suburban Cook County residents, which assists low-income people in attaining skills, knowledge and the resources necessary to achieve self-sufficiency. The program may also provide direct client assistance to help remove barriers to self-sufficiency. Clients must sign and comply with a service agreement to be eligible for direct client assistance.

Contact CEDA FSACE representative Luz Avila at 312-285-6446 to verify eligibility/schedule an appointment at the township on Tuesdays.

### Eligibility Requirements:

1. Must be a resident of Cook County
2. Must meet income guidelines listed below
3. Must be able to provide documentation of need: bills, estimates for service, loss of income, etc.

### Programs Offered:

- Dental
- Auto Repair
- Vision
- Family Nutrition
- Trade Skills
- Employment
- Family Support and Case Management
- Housing Financial Counseling and Information and Referral

### 2016 FSACE Income Eligibility Guidelines

\*\*Gross Income\*\*

| Family Size | 3 Months   | 1 year   |
|-------------|------------|----------|
| 1           | \$3,712.50 | \$14,850 |
| 2           | \$5,006.25 | \$20,025 |
| 3           | \$6,300.00 | \$25,200 |
| 4           | \$7,593.75 | \$30,375 |



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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)

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Sarita Phadke—Deaf Services Coord.  
224-520-9763 (VP)  
847-884-1560 (TTY)  
Maureen Centeno— Asst. Director—2022  
Lauren Perschon—PR &Event Coord.—2025  
Sharon Belter—Benefit Counselor—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 bimonthly 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.

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**July 2016**

- Thursday, July 7 - Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 26 - Fibromyalgia Support Group - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 27 - Epilepsy Support Group - 7 p.m.

**August 2016**

- Thursday, Aug. 4 - Alzheimer's Support Group - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 17 - Community Wellness Day - 2—6 p.m.
- Tuesday, Aug. 23 - Fibromyalgia Support Group - 7 p.m.
- Wednesday, Aug. 31 - Epilepsy Support Group - 7 p.m.