

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES

ABLEGRAM

January—February 2017



Social Security Announces 0.3 Percent Benefit Increase in 2017

The Social Security Administration announced that monthly Social Security (SSA) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) benefits will increase .3 percent in 2017. The increase for SSI beneficiaries begins on Dec. 30, 2016, and the increased payments to Social Security beneficiaries in January 2017.

PURSUIT Adult Day Program Information Night

Mark your calendar for **Wednesday, January 11!** NWSRA will host an Information Night on the PURSUIT 2 Adult Day Program that will be opening in 2017 at the Hanover Park Community Center. The Information Night will be hosted at the Higgins Education Center from 4:30-6:00 p.m., and all are invited to drop in at any time during the event. Learn about the timeline for the opening of PURSUIT 2, how to get on the interest list, the intake and assessment process and more!

For more information, contact Andrea Griffin at 847-392-2848, ext. 235 or e-mail andrea@nwsra.org. RSVP online at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/pursuit-2-information-night-tickets-30228733957>

Read more about the PURSUIT adult day program expanding to Hanover Park on page 3.

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

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New Public Aid Office Locations

The Illinois Department of Human Services (IDHS) opened a new office at 3501 W. Algonquin Road on the fourth floor in Rolling Meadows. The office's phone number is 847-483-7171. Residents of Schaumburg Township registered with the Transportation Department can schedule a ride to the Rolling Meadows office. Please note the Skokie IDHS office's new address is 8001 Lincoln Avenue.

SNAP Application Assistance

Schaumburg Township can assist you with applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as the Food Stamp program. For an appointment or for more information about which documents you need to apply, call and ask for Maureen Centeno.

CEL is Bringing More Choice to the Northwest Suburbs

The wheels are in motion! In 2017, the Center for Enriched Living will launch the REACH Adult Day Program in the northwest suburbs. CEL's REACH Adult Day Program is a community-based day program where members participate in volunteering, meaningful recreation, socialization and learn vocational skillsets through our community partnerships.

CEL has spent the past few months meeting with families, community leaders and businesses and the consensus is that people with developmental disabilities want more choices. But we still need your help to make this location a reality!

- Join our monthly Parent Task Force
- Introduce us to families, businesses, organizations & leaders in the area
- Support us in this effort – with your time, talent and resources

Contact Melissa Juarez-Ehlers at Melissa@CenterForEnrichedLiving.org or 847-315-9913. Learn more about CEL and our plans at www.CenterForEnrichedLiving.org/Expansion

PURSUIT Adult Day Program Expands to Hanover Park

In 2017, two of the largest service providers for individuals with disabilities in the area, Clearbrook and Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA), will expand its PURSUIT Adult Day Program into the Hanover Park community. NWSRA recently completed its Comprehensive Strategic Plan process, and through its Needs Assessment, the community responded overwhelmingly that additional services are needed for adults with disabilities who have transitioned out of high school.

The current PURSUIT program, hosted at the Rolling Meadows Community Center, has received much fanfare from the community, and currently has a waiting list that highlights the success of program while making the need for additional services evident. Through the expansion of the collaborative PURSUIT Adult Day Program, Clearbrook and NWSRA look forward to providing innovative programming to more adults who require services.

Upon review of the Needs Assessment in the NWSRA Comprehensive Strategic Plan and through various discussions, the Hanover Park District recognized the need for the PURSUIT 2 Adult Day Program, and found facility space to be utilized for the program. The program is approved by the Department of Human Services (DHS) and participants can use Medicaid Waiver funding to help cover costs.

Currently, Clearbrook, NWSRA and the Hanover Park District are working to ensure accessibility of the Hanover Park Community Center, as well as remodeling the program space to accommodate needs. The program will begin intake of applications and performing assessments in Spring 2017, and the program will officially begin operations in Summer 2017.

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Children With Disabilities Holiday Party 2016



Special thanks to our sponsors, Bolger Properties, B & A Plumbing, Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, Carpenters Union Local 839, Sunshine Gutter, and Village Tavern and Grill, for helping with another successful, wonderful party just for children with disabilities and their families. We wish to thank JR Hutson and his Village Tavern staff for volunteering at this party. We thank them for their support because we could not do this event without them!

Many thanks to the following area businesses for their generous donations to this year's Children With Disabilities Holiday Party: *Ala Carte Entertainment, Congo River Golf, Culver's, Hoffman Estates Park District, Improv, Lynfred Winery, Maggiano's, Medieval Times, Palm Court Restaurant, Pinstripes, Port Edward Restaurant, Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center Hotel, Schaumburg Park District, Season's 52, and the Shedd Aquarium.*

Our department wishes to thank all of 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 their help. Thank you.

Bill Eliasek, Carol Ban, Carole Helm, Carole Lindeman, Charlyne St. Leger, Diane Fatouros, JR Hutson and his Village Tavern Staff, Lee and Lucas Vos, Leo Salais, Mary Ann Fleck, Mary Ellen Hyed, Mary Lou Szigeti, Pat Ryan, Rose Szyszka, Susan Giannone, Tina Fatouros, and Tom Sucher.



Senior and Disability Services Holiday Luncheon

The township's annual holiday party held at Chandler's Chophouse was a great way to start off the holiday season! Thank you to our sponsors: Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp., (ITAC), Home Instead, Ms. Bobbi Sloan, Fabbrini's Flowers, and Mr. Robert Schmidt. Jennifer Silk delightfully entertained the attendees with her violin and holiday music. Also, we want to thank the Conant High School Blue Harmony Choir for their standing ovation performance.

Free Amplified Telephones

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified telephones for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township Disability Services is an ITAC selection center to test the five phones. Call for more information, or to test the phones.

Epilepsy Support Group

Starting in 2017, The Epilepsy Support Group will no longer be meeting at Schaumburg Township. They are joining another support group, Special Intentions, for families who have children with disabilities. The Special Intentions/Epilepsy Support Group meets every other month starting in February. For date and time, or other information, please contact Wendy Brandon at wendy-brandon@comcast.net.

AARP Tax-Aide Program

Schaumburg Township will sponsor the AARP Tax-Aide program in 2017. This is the nation's largest volunteer-run assistance program. All tax-aide volunteers are IRS certified to prepare tax returns and answer tax questions at no cost for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Special attention is given to those ages 60 and older and people with disabilities. Couples filing jointly must both be present for their appointment. **Please call senior services the last week in January to schedule an appointment.**

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 for an appointment, or for information.



**Schaumburg Township Offices
will be closed Monday,
February 20, for the
President's Day holiday.**

Township Bus Monday and Friday Retail Shopping Trips Schedule

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

January

Monday - 2nd	Closed
Friday - 6th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 9th Friday - 13th	Target Barrington
Monday - 16th Friday - 20th	Walmart Meacham
Monday - 23rd Friday - 27th	Target Higgins
Monday - 30th	Stratford

February

Friday - 3rd	Stratford
Monday - 6th Friday - 10th	Walmart Barrington
Monday - 13th Friday - 17th	Target Barrington
Monday - 20th	Closed
Friday - 24th	Walmart Meacham
Monday - 27th	Target Higgins



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The Ablegram, Deaf Line and Town Crier newsletters are available on our website at:
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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
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

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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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January 2017

- Thursday, Jan. 5—Alzheimer’s Support Group—7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 10—Committee for Disabled Citizens (CFDC) Meeting—6:45 p.m.
- Tuesday, Jan. 24—Fibromyalgia Support Group—7 p.m.

February 2017

- Thursday, Feb. 2—Alzheimer’s Support Group—7 p.m.
- Tuesday, Feb. 14—Committee for Disabled Citizens (CFDC) Meeting—6:45 p.m.
- Monday, Feb. 20—Township Closed President’s Day Holiday
- Tuesday, Feb. 28—Fibromyalgia Support Group—7 p.m.