



# Senior Newsletter

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## **SPECIAL ALERT!!!**

**Check your license plate renewal sticker on your car and mark your calendar!** Due to the lack of state budget impasse, The Secretary of State's office has suspended mailing vehicle registration renewal reminders. Mark your calendars as to when your sticker is due to avoid getting a ticket. To find out more about vehicle registrations, check out this website, [www.cyberdriveillinois.com/](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/).

**Important Notice**

Sign up for e-mail alerts by registering at <https://www.ilsos.gov/greenmail/>. You will need your registration ID and PIN number that is printed on your current registration card and you will also be able to request a sticker online by paying with a credit card. New stickers will be mailed to you in about 5-10 business days. Be sure to print a receipt when requesting a sticker.

Vehicle emissions test notices will no longer be mailed. Secretary of State, Jesse White, decided not to insist on the emissions test as a requirement for a license plate sticker until the state has a budget or until further notice. You can check when your emissions test is due, but you will need your car's VIN number and go to the Secretary of State website, [www.ilsos.gov/regstatus](http://www.ilsos.gov/regstatus).

Motorists may also contact the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA) at 847-758-3400 or 1-800-635-2380 for additional assistance.

I can't stress enough to please look at your car's license sticker and mark your calendar for your renewal to avoid getting a ticket. The senior department can assist with checking your emissions test if you provide your vehicle information number (VIN). Please contact the senior department to make an appointment or for further information.



**TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG OFFICES  
WILL BE CLOSED ON MONDAY, MAY 30, 2016  
IN OBSERVATION OF MEMORIAL DAY**

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT 847-884-0030**

# SAVE THE DATE

## OLDER ADULT MARKET

The market is a collaborative effort between the Greater Chicago Food Depository and the Village of Schaumburg's Senior Program. Fresh fruits and vegetables are available along with shelf-stable food items for seniors 60 years of age or older.

**WHERE:** 231 S. Civic Drive, Schaumburg

**DATE:** April 8 & 22  
May 6 & 20

**TIME:** 1-2:30 pm or until food is depleted

For further information, contact Marina Lvovich at 847-524-7496 or the Greater Chicago Food Depository at 773-247-3663 or visit their website at [chicagosfoodbank.org](http://chicagosfoodbank.org).

## CASINO TRIP—Tuesday, June 7, 2016

**WHERE:** Four Winds Casino  
New Buffalo, Michigan

**TIME:** 8:00 am sign-in  
Bus leaves at 8:30 am  
and will return about 6:00 pm.

**COST:** \$37

Cost includes bus, 4 hours gambling, \$15 slot card, and \$10 food voucher.

**Reservations will be made with a \$37 check payable to Schaumburg Township. Cash or credit cards are not accepted. No refunds given.**

Contact Caryn at 847-884-0030 for questions.

## SUPER SENIOR PROGRAM—May 13, 2016

**WHERE:** Schaumburg Township  
1 Illinois Blvd  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

**WHEN:** May 13, 2016

**TIME:** 10:00 am—2:00 pm

- Driver's License/State ID Card (Renewal, Replacement, Corrections)
- Vision Screening with License Renewal
- Vehicle License Plate Sticker
- Motor Voter Registration
- Organ/Tissue Donor Information

To renew a current Illinois driver's license or ID card, a valid driver's license or ID card must be presented. To apply for a duplicate or corrected driver's license or ID card, two forms of Identification must be presented.

**For information about acceptable forms of identification, please call 217-782-7044 or visit [www.cyberdriveillinois.com](http://www.cyberdriveillinois.com).**

## PROPERTY AFTER DEATH WORKSHOP

Mario A. Reed, Director of Public Information and Communications at the office of Karen Yarbrough, Cook County Recorder of Deeds, will present a free workshop on how to recognize and avoid fraud against your property after your death. He will give available options to ensure your home goes to the right heirs, with as little work as possible.

**WHERE:** Schaumburg Township  
1 Illinois Blvd.  
Hoffman Estates, Illinois

**DATE:** Friday, June 10, 2016

**TIME:** 10:00 am—12:00 pm

**Reservations are required.**

For additional information contact Caryn at 847-884-0030 ext. 2018.

A big thank you to our knitting and crochet group for all their dedication and hard work in 2015. They made and donated approximately 2760 items to various nearby facilities.



# MONTHLY EVENTS

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<i>PINOCHLE-11 RETAIL SHOPPING 11-1  WALKING-9:30-10:30</i>	<i>GROCERY SHOPPING</i>	<i>GROCERY SHOPPING YOGA-10:30-11:15  ZUMBA-4:30-5:30 WALKING-9:30-10:30</i>	<i>** LUNCH/BINGO VETERAN SERVICES 9-4 GROCERY SHOPPING ALZHEIMER'S MTG 7 PM</i>	<i>KNIT/CROCHET 9-11:30 GROCERY SHOPPING</i>
<i>PINOCHLE-11 RETAIL SHOPPING 11-1  WALKING-9:30-10:30</i>	<i>WILLS BY APPT 9-12  GROCERY SHOPPING</i>	<i>GROCERY SHOPPING YOGA-10:30-11:15  ZUMBA-4:30-5:30 WALKING-9:30-10:30</i>	<i>** LUNCH/BINGO VETERAN SERVICES 9-4 GROCERY SHOPPING HEALTH CLINIC-12</i>	<i>KNIT/CROCHET 9-11:30 GROCERY SHOPPING</i>
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**\*\* BY RESERVATION**




## MONDAY RETAIL SHOPPING TRIPS

<u>APRIL</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STORES</u>	<u>MAY</u>	<u>DATE</u>	<u>STORES</u>
	FRIDAY— 1ST	TARGET MEACHAM		MONDAY — 2ND FRIDAY— 6TH	WALMART BARRINGTON
	MONDAY — 4TH FRIDAY— 8TH	WALMART BARRINGTON		MONDAY — 9TH FRIDAY— 13TH	TARGET BARRINGTON
	MONDAY — 11TH FRIDAY— 15TH	TARGET BARRINGTON		MONDAY — 16TH FRIDAY— 20TH	WALMART ELK GROVE
	MONDAY — 18TH FRIDAY— 22ND	WALMART ELK GROVE		MONDAY — 23RD FRIDAY— 27TH	TARGET MEACHAM
	MONDAY — 25TH FRIDAY— 29TH	TARGET MEACHAM		MONDAY — 30TH	CLOSED

## GET A CALL ABOUT HEALTH CARE INSURANCE? DON'T PRESS ONE!

The Federal Trade Commission (FTC) recently highlighted a robo-call phishing scheme on its blog. Here is how the scheme works. You receive a call with a recorded voice that tells you that you need to buy health insurance or else you will have to pay a fine. You are then told to press one for more information.

In this scheme, pressing one or any button does two things. First, it tells the robo-caller that there is a live person at this phone number and you will get more calls like this. Secondly, it connects you to a scammer that wants to “verify” your personal information like your social security number.

This scam plays on the fact that some people without health care insurance are required to pay a fee or a penalty on their taxes. If you are on **Medicare** or **Medicaid**, you have health insurance already and do not pay this fee. More importantly, if you owe this fee it is calculated in your tax return. If you need help filing your taxes, local agencies are available during tax season to help.

Age Options Fraud Alert Feb 19,2016



**Alzheimer's disease? Is their Dementia or  
Alzheimer's creating stress for you?  
We can help!**

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**Please join us for a Care Seminar  
May 19th • Thursday • 10:30 AM – Noon  
Boardroom - 2<sup>nd</sup> floor  
Schaumburg Township**

**One Illinois Boulevard • Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

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Kelly Hutchison, Caregiving Expert, will speak about caring for a loved one with Dementia or Alzheimer's disease and offer tips on coping with aging and memory loss. Topics include managing behavior and promoting engagement with a loved one and finishing with a Q&A.

**Please register in advance by calling 847.894.3511.**

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## PAINT-A-THON PROGRAM

Applications are available at the township for the Community Paint-a-Thon scheduled for Saturday, Sept. 17. This program provides the painting of exterior single-family homes at no cost to those who meet the criteria. To qualify, homeowners must own and occupy the home, have limited resources, are 60 years of age, or a veteran, or have a permanent disability that hinders them from doing the work themselves. The application deadline is June 15th.

**Contact Catholic Charities at 847-253-5500 for questions.**



**Join us for a free presentation designed to provide awareness of scams that target senior citizens.**

**Date:** Tuesday, May 10

**Time:** Presentations will be offered at 10:30 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

**Place:** Rasmussen Room South, Schaumburg Township District Library, 130 S. Roselle Rd., Schaumburg

Vendor tables and refreshments will be provided one hour prior to the presentation. Caregivers and family members of senior citizens are encouraged to attend. Speakers include detectives from the Schaumburg Police Department Investigations Division. Participants are also eligible to win raffle prizes.

Seniors who need transportation to the daytime presentation can call **Dial-A-Ride at (847) 352-8097** or **Schaumburg Township at (847) 882-1929**.

Rides must be reserved prior to the event.

***Space is limited. Participants are required to RSVP to the event by contacting the Schaumburg Township District Library at (847) 923-3347.***

Village of Schaumburg Police Department  
1000 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg, IL 60194-4198  
847.882.3586 / [www.villageofschaumburg.com](http://www.villageofschaumburg.com)

## SMART IDEAS—Ways to Save with the ComEd Energy Efficiency Program

There are opportunities to save money and energy in nearly every home. Unwrap unexpected savings with a free home energy assessment. ComEd and your local natural gas utility can help you discover those savings with a free home assessment. You'll receive FREE products, installed for FREE by an energy advisor, and a personalized report identifying additional ways to save.

**Products may include:** ENERGY STAR certified CFLs

Smart power strips

Programmable thermostats

Hot water pipe insulation

WaterSense certified showerheads and more

Discounted smart thermostats and ENERGY STAR LEDs are also available for purchase.

Call **855-433-2700** to schedule an assessment. Certain program restrictions apply. Program details are subject to change or cancellation due to funding limits. Smart Ideas Energy Efficiency Program is funded by ComEd customers in compliance with Illinois law.

## DOES MEDICARE PAY FOR SECOND OPINIONS?

Medicare Part B covers a second opinion in some cases for surgery that isn't an emergency or a major diagnostic or therapeutic procedure. Medicare will pay for a third opinion if the first and second opinions are different. The second and third opinions will be covered even if the surgery or other procedure is determined not to be covered.



If you want a third opinion but the first and second opinions were the same, you may be able to see a third doctor for a confirmatory consultation. Your insurance company may consider a consultation different from a third-opinion visit because it is done at the request of the patient.

If you are in a Medicare Advantage plan, your plan may have different rules about second and third opinions. The plan may only cover second and third opinions if you see doctors that are in network, or if you have a referral from your Primary Care doctor. Call your plan to find out the rules for getting second opinions.

Medicare Interactive

## SPRING CLEAN UP—April 30, 2016

Schaumburg Township Senior and Disability Departments will be sponsoring a "Spring Clean Up Day" for township resident seniors and people with disabilities who are unable to do yard work. If you are in need of trash clean-up or raking, please call Kim at 847-884-0030 ext. 2014.



**Volunteers are needed.** Teams will meet at the township at 9:00 am and should finish by noon. Transportation will be provided to the selected homes. Drinks and snacks will also be provided. All children must have adult supervision.

Please bring your own rake, gloves and gardening supplies.

## TOWNSHIP & OTHER LOCAL SERVICES/EVENTS

**SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP MINI BUS**—Buses are available for seniors age 60 and over and disabled residents 18 and older who provide proof of permanent disability. Hours are 9:30 a.m.—3:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. A \$1 per ride is required. Buses are lift equipped. Contact the Transportation Department at **847-882-1929** for further information.

**Reservations are required.**

**TRIP (Township Riders Initiative Program)**—This program provides transportation across township lines for medical reasons for seniors age 60 and older and persons with disabilities over 18 years of age. TRIP is limited to residents of the following townships: Elk Grove, Hanover, Palatine, Schaumburg and Wheeling. **Registration is required.** The cost is a max of \$20 round trip. Contact the Transportation Department for hours and days at **847-882-1929**.

**ITAC (Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation)**—The program distributes free amplified phones to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township is an area phone selection center where residents may test and select the best phone for their individual hearing loss. For information, applications and availability, call the Disability Services Department at 847-884-0030.

**SCHAUMBURG BARN (Senior Center)**—Why cook when you can join friendly seniors for a nutritious lunch for a nominal fee? Special activities include: Bingo, Cards, Health Clinic, Book Club, and much more. Home delivery of meals is available weekly at a reasonable cost. For information or lunch reservations please call **Marina** at **847-524-7496**.

**PASSPORTS**—Applications for passports, passport correction forms, mail in passport applications, etc., are available in the Clerk's Office.

For further information, call 847-884-0030 ext. 3015.

**Benefit Access Program**—You **may** qualify to receive a discount for your license plates and ride the CTA, Metra or PACE for free. Contact senior services for information.

**SHIP**—The Senior Health Insurance Program is a free counseling service for people with Medicare and their caregivers. (Appointments are required.) SHIP is sponsored by the Illinois Department of Insurance. Our counselors are happy to help our community members with the often complex issues and questions that may arise when dealing with Medicare and related information. For information or an appointment call the Senior or Disability Services Department at 847-884-0030.

**TEMPORARY DISABLED PLACARDS**—Temporary parking placards for the disabled are available through the Disability Services Department. If a placard is needed for more than three months, apply at the Department of Motor Vehicles, 1227 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, or mail an application to the Secretary of State's office in Springfield.

For further information call Disability Services at 847-884-0030.

**SENIOR WEEKLY SOCIAL**—The Township of Schaumburg sponsors a weekly luncheon every Thursday for **township residents only**. The lunch is free of charge and served at approximately 11:30 a.m. Guests generally start arriving between 10:00 a.m.—10:30 a.m. for coffee and donuts, and arrival by 11:00 a.m. will reserve your seat. **Reservations are required** and are taken beginning the Friday before the next Thursday's event. Transportation is also available.

Please call the Senior Services Department at 847-884-0030.

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**\*\*IMPORTANT\*\* NEWSLETTER ATTENTION !!!!!!!**

If anyone knows of a senior who has moved out of the Township, is deceased, or receives more than one newsletter, please call us with this information.

**SENIOR DEPARTMENT 847-884-0030**

**TRANSPORTATION DEPARTMENT 847-882-1929**

**YELLOW DOT PROGRAM**

The Illinois Yellow Dot Program is a statewide initiative designed to provide vital medical information on vehicle drivers/passengers. Information on the medical card can assist first responders immediately following a serious crash. This can mean the difference between life or death. Information packets may be obtained from the Village of Hoffman Estates, Schaumburg Police Department, Schaumburg Township Senior Department or visiting the website at [www.YELLOWDOTILLINOIS.org](http://www.YELLOWDOTILLINOIS.org).

**DEPARTMENT CLOSING**

The Senior Department will close at **4:00 p.m. daily** so that the staff can return phone calls and process necessary paperwork.

**APPOINTMENTS ARE NECESSARY**

**MEALS ON WHEELS**

Are you unable to cook for yourself or need help with shopping?

Contact Kenneth Young at 847-524-8800.

**REPRINT REMINDER**

We thank other newsletters, which have been reprinting our articles with proper credit. Any organization may reprint articles from any of our newsletters provided that proper credit is given by name of newsletter and date. Any questions? Call 847-884-0030 ext. 2015.