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OF SCHAUMBURG**

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Illinois Township Day



On September 21, Schaumburg Township participated in "Illinois Township Day," a statewide initiative to draw attention to the services Illinois townships provide their residents. Most people are surprised to learn that townships are different from villages. Townships provide social services to those most in need, such as seniors, disabled, youth, low-income, and typically cover larger areas, whereas village services are police, fire, public works and cover a smaller population.

By law, Illinois townships must have three basic functions: general assistance for the indigent, the assessment of real property for the basis of local taxation and maintenance of all roads and bridges outside federal, state and other local jurisdiction (TOI, 2016). But over time, townships have taken up other causes that effectively help residents meet their needs in an easy and convenient way.

Schaumburg Township has transportation available for seniors aged 60 and older and people with disabilities who are aged 18 and older to doctor's appointments, grocery stores, and even social gatherings. Our senior and disabled departments assist with applying for federal and state programs, navigating Medicaid and Medicare application process and referrals for other needs.

General assistance assists residents in qualifying for federal and state services to help pay for rent, utilities, food

and medical needs. General Assistance also helps those with immediate life-threatening needs, such as food from the Food Pantry and emergency assistance for shelter.

In the Assessor's office are Certified Illinois Assessing Officers who are available to assist with understanding reassessments and property tax bills as well as appealing assessments and property taxes, filing certificate of errors and applying for various available homeowner's exemptions.

The Road and Bridge Department provides services for unincorporated Schaumburg Township, not to residents within the jurisdiction of a village. These areas have surfaced roads and maintenance needs of the roads, culverts and easements. The department will resurface roads, remove trees, fix signs and deploy measures to increase the safety.

Additionally, Schaumburg Township offers a variety of services in conjunction with other community agencies funded by the township. The township offers a Community Health Nurse from NCH (Northwest Community Healthcare) to perform A1C 90-day blood sugar screenings, blood pressure screenings, various group meetings for diabetes and early pregnancy loss, medication information and nutritional advice. The Employment Support Center helps with resumes, job searches and

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Disability Services Annual Picnic



Schaumburg Township Disability Services hosted their annual picnic for people with disabilities and their families on Saturday, July 30, with a '50s theme. For the last several years, Illinois Telecommunications Access Corp. (ITAC), Village Tavern and Grill, the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club, Culver's and the Schaumburg Township Foundation have generously sponsored the picnic. Special thanks to all the volunteers, the Schaumburg Township Highway Department, Sheriff's Work Alternative Program (SWAP) and the Schaumburg Park District for their support without which, the picnic would not have been a success. ■

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Smart Savings for Township Residents

Want to save money on your electric bill? Join Cook County's Department of Environmental Control, Schaumburg Township and the Citizens Utility Board (CUB) for an informative presentation about the new programs available to help you save money and energy with your smart meter and the energy efficiency programs. This free presentation is Friday, Oct. 28, 10 AM to NOON with a question and answer session. Call the senior department at (847) 884-0030 to attend.

For questions about the event, contact Cook County Energy Efficiency Outreach Coordinator Sarah Edwards at Sarah.Edwards@cookcountyil.gov or (312) 603-3459. For more information on the smart grid, smart meters and energy efficiency programs visit www.cookcountyil.gov/service/energy-efficiency. ■



Job Help Is Only a Phone Call Away

Career Center Information:

Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday – 9 AM to 1 PM
(847) 285-4553 RPPE.Careering@gmail.com

It's not unusual for a person who is seeking a new job to feel a little lost and perhaps bewildered by today's complicated employment process. This is why the Schaumburg Township Employment Support Center is available and ready to assist you with your job search. There are counselors to help with your job search or resume, computers, a list of current jobs available from employers as well as upcoming job fairs. We are just a phone call away, so call and make your appointment or simply walk in.

Upcoming Career Seminars:

- Tuesday, Nov. 15 - *How to Get a Search Firm to Call You*
- Tuesday, Jan. 17 - *What Those Help Wanted Ads Tell You*

SNAP Application Assistance Available

The Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) assists people with limited income purchase food. A township staff member is available to help with your SNAP application by appointment only. Please call Diana Nelson at (847) 884-0030 ext. 1014 for an appointment and to determine what documentation is needed to apply. ■

Medicaid Presentation

Speaker Alison Stevens, SNAP (Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program) Outreach Coordinator with the Illinois Hunger Coalition, will be at the township on Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30 to 8:30 PM, for a presentation about the many different aspects of Medicaid for people with disabilities. Learn about the rules that are used to determine Medicaid eligibility, the application process and redeterminations for people with disabilities. This presentation is mainly for parents of children/adults with disabilities, but all are welcome. Seating is limited; please register with the Disability Services Department to attend. ■

Join Us for Our Senior Holiday Program

Supervisor Mary Wroblewski and the Board of Trustees invite township seniors to the Holiday Musicale on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 6 PM, in the township's activity center. The Noteables, the popular chorus sponsored by the Hoffman Estates Park District, will sing seasonal carols.



Highway Commissioner Scott Kegarise will provide hot cocoa and Char Kegarise will bake homemade cookies that will make this a warm, cheery holiday event. Transportation to and from this event is available through the Transportation Department. Reservations required; please call Senior Services. ■

Mobile Dental Services



Thank you to Northwest Community Healthcare and the Mobile Dental Clinic for the services provided to our township residents. Congratulations on the new clinic.

In collaboration with Northwest Community Healthcare, Schaumburg Township offers dental services to residents who are without dental insurance and are income eligible. Dental services include preventive treatment, simple restorative, fillings, extractions and oral health education. Please contact General Assistance to apply or for additional information. ■

ABLE Accounts Presentation

A presentation on the ABLE (Achieving a Better Life Experience) Accounts for people with disabilities, by Special Needs Legal and Future Planning attorneys Brian and Benji Rubin, will be at the township on Monday, Nov. 21, from 6:30 to 7:30 PM in room 114. Learn about the 529 Savings Accounts for individuals with disabilities, how they impact SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and Medicaid, how they are different than special needs trusts and more! Seating is limited; call the Disability Services Department to register. For more information, contact Rubin Law at (847) 279-7999. ■

Thank you Gardeners

Schaumburg Township wants to send a great big thank you to all who have provided fresh produce for our pantry this year. Food pantry shelves are typically filled with shelf-stable food items, but the pantry also provides a variety of fresh produce during growing season. We were able to supply these because of the generous donations received from the Hoffman Estates Garden Club, the Schaumburg Garden Club, local Boy Scout Troops, District 54 School Gardens, local church gardens and neighbors in our community. Without these generous donations, the pantry would not be able to provide healthy fresh fruits and vegetables to our residents. Thank you for all your hard work and generosity. ■



The village of Hoffman Estates organized a food drive that collected almost 6,000 pounds of donations for the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry. The food drive was held at the Hoffman Estates Mariano's and included support from local scouts, Army personnel and volunteers. It takes a village, thank you!



LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides financial assistance to help those with limited income pay their utility bills. Eligibility for this program is based on household income and size. Enrollment dates:

Sept. 1: Households with a senior age 60 or older and residents with disabilities. Documentation of disability is required.

Oct. 3: Households with children 5 years of age and younger

Nov. 1: Open enrollment

Applications are by appointment only. Call (847) 884-0030. ■

TRIP

The Township Riders Initiative Program (TRIP) transports township senior citizens who are 60 years of age or older and people with disabilities who are 18 years of age or older to medical appointments outside of Schaumburg Township. In a cooperative effort with Pace buses, TRIP will transport residents to medical appointments within the boundaries of Elk Grove, Hanover, Maine, Schaumburg, Palatine and Wheeling Townships as well as the medical campuses of Stroger Cook County Hospital, Northwestern Hospital, UIC Medical, Rush -Presbyterian Hospital and Lutheran General Hospital. TRIP also transports to Hines, Lovell Federal Healthcare and the Veterans Health Administration Clinic in Hoffman Estates. Please contact dispatch at (847) 882-1929 for questions and to register. ■



Danette Mullin, Drew Scheidenhelm, Donna Batchen, Marian Colliander, Steve Larson, Barb Baczowski, Shirley Palmer, Max Khaksari, Donna Salamone and Delores Potter.

Notes From the Nurse Josie Gould, RN, MS



Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH)

Office hours: Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays
8:30 AM – 4 PM (847) 285-4551

November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Please join us for a free memory screening on Tuesday, Nov. 1, from 12:30 to 4:00 PM at Schaumburg Township. The Village of Schaumburg

Nurses trained by the Alzheimer's Foundation of America will be conducting the screenings. Please call for an appointment.

A1C Diabetes Blood Test

The A1C is a finger stick, non-fasting blood test that measures your average blood sugar level over the past three months. Get your results in 10 minutes. The cost is \$12, by appointment only.

Support Groups

Please check the township calendar for the dates and times of our health-related support groups.

Adopt-a-Family

Each year, residents and businesses share holiday cheer with neighbors in need by participating in the holiday program at Schaumburg Township. You can share the holiday spirit by "adopting" income-eligible families, seniors and disabled



adults by giving gifts, gift cards or other necessities. Last year, we assisted 435 households. If you wish to donate, please contact Diana Nelson at dnelson@schaumburgtownship.org or call (847) 884-0030 ext. 1014 by Nov. 1, 2016. We are always in need of gift cards. With community support, families in need may have a brighter holiday season.

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interview skills. Kenneth Young Center at Schaumburg Township has on-site individual and group counseling programs with therapists for children, young adults and their families.

The Clerk's office can help you apply for a U.S. Passport, register to vote, free notary public service and respond to FOIA (Freedom of Information Act) requests. This office houses the finance department and administrative staff to oversee the daily operations of the building and assist the elected officials with reaching other community agencies and their constituents.

All of these services are available to township residents who reside in parts of Elk Grove, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg and Streamwood villages.

Recent Veteran Honorees



The Schaumburg Township Board of Trustees honored Sergeant Frank J. Sedlasek for his service to our country at the July board meeting.

Honored July 27, 2016

Sergeant Frank J. Sedlasek
U.S. Marines 1963 – 1967

Honored Aug. 24, 2016

Sergeant Harold L. Bray
U.S. Marines 2001 – 2012

Petty Officer Second Class
Paul E. Barrath
U.S. Navy 1971 – 1974

The Township of Schaumburg would like to honor all township veterans. If you or someone you know is interested in being recognized for our Veterans Honor Roll, please call the Clerk's office.

Holiday Benefit Concert

The Spring Valley Concert Band will be presenting its annual holiday concert, "Happy Holly-Days," Sunday, Dec. 11, at 4 PM. Make plans to attend this holiday musical celebration at Schaumburg Township for a \$5 minimum

donation (children under 18 are free). Donations of nonperishable food items or paper products are also welcome. All proceeds benefit the township's food pantry and the General Assistance Department.



Zumba Gold

Schaumburg Township has Zumba Gold classes on Monday from 10:30-11:30 AM and on Wednesdays from 4:30-5:30 PM. The cost is \$20 for 5 classes or \$5 per class.

Get energized, fit and have fun with Sue Mayeda. Zumba Gold is open to all ages. Wear comfortable clothes and shoes and get ready to dance! Registration is not required. ■

Community Blood Drives

Call LifeSource at (877) 543-3768 to schedule an appointment or register online at lifesource.org and use sponsor code SH98

Wednesday, Nov. 30

3:30 – 8:30 PM

The Barn
231 South Civic Drive
Schaumburg (847) 923-3766

Assistance for Arabic-Speaking Seniors

Najwa Saleh with Arab American Family Services is available to help Arabic-speaking seniors with assistance in completing a benefit checkup and/or applying for public and federal assistance programs. Ms. Saleh will be at the township the last Monday of each month. Contact (708) 599-2237 to schedule an appointment. ■

Township Calendar

Community	Memory Screening Employment Support Center Seminar	Tuesday, Nov. 1, 12:30 – 4:00 PM, page 4 10:30 AM – NOON, ROOM 114, page 2 Tuesday, Nov. 15 – <i>How to Get a Search Firm to Call You</i> Tuesday, Jan. 17 – <i>What Those Help Wanted Ads Tell You</i>
	Holiday Benefit Concert Community Nurse Blood Pressure Screenings Smoking Cessation Support Group NW Suburban Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group	Sunday, Dec. 11, 4:00 PM, \$5 min. donation Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 8:30 AM – 4 PM Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, 8:30 AM – 4 PM 1 st and 3 rd Thursdays, 6:30 PM, Room 102 2 nd Tuesday of the month, 7 – 8 PM
	Diabetes Support Group Employment Support Center	2 nd and 4 th Wednesdays of the month, 10:30 AM, Room 102 Mondays – Wednesdays, 9 AM – 1 PM
Disability Services	Medicaid Presentation ABLE Accounts Presentation Deaf Support Group Fibromyalgia Support Group Epilepsy Support Group	Wednesday, Nov. 2, 6:30 – 8:30 PM, by registration , page 2 Monday, Nov. 21, 6:30 – 7:30 PM, by registration , page 2 3 rd Tuesday of the month, 11:30 AM 4 th Tuesday of the month, 7 PM
Senior Services	Smart Savings Seminar Senior Holiday Program Pinochle Club Lunch and Bingo Social Crochet Group VA Benefits and Services Alzheimer’s Support Group Legal Assistance: Affordable Wills Arab American Family Services	Last Wednesday of the month, 7 PM Friday, Oct. 28, 10 AM – NOON, Free Tuesday, Dec. 13, 6 PM Mondays, 11 AM – 2 PM Thursdays, by reservation Fridays, 9 – 11:30 AM Thursdays, 9 AM – 4 PM 1 st Thursday of the month, 7 PM 2 nd Tuesday of the month, 9 AM – NOON, by appointment Last Monday of the month, by appointment

Please Note: Schaumburg Township will be closed Thursday and Friday, Nov. 24 and 25, in observance of Thanksgiving, Monday, Dec. 26, in observance of Christmas and Monday, Jan. 2, in observance of New Year’s Day.

Schaumburg Township Contact Information

Main Contact:	(847) 884-0030 information@schaumburgtownship.org	Employment Center	(847) 285-4553 RPPE.Careering@gmail.com
Disability Services:	(847) 884-0030 ext. 2025 disabledservices@schaumburgtownship.org	Highway Department:	(847) 884-1727 roaddistrict@schaumburgtownship.org
General Assistance:	(847) 884-0030 ext. 1013 generalassistance@schaumburgtownship.org	Community Nurse:	(847) 285-4551 jgould@nch.org
Senior Services:	(847) 884-0030 ext. 2014 seniorservices@schaumburgtownship.org	Transportation Dispatch:	(847) 882-1929 dispatch@schaumburgtownship.org
Kenneth Young Center:	(847) 884-6212 kennethyoung.org	Town Clerk:	(847) 884-0030 ext. 3015 clerk@schaumburgtownship.org

**Scott M. Kegarise
Highway Commissioner**

**Serving Unincorporated
Schaumburg Township**

The construction of 390 on the western end is now complete with tolls being collected. The change over from a freeway to a toll way has had an impact on local roads. Motorists trying to avoid the tolls have taken to the surface streets and some are cutting through unincorporated subdivisions in an effort to avoid traffic lights. In particular, residents of the subdivision north of Nerge Road and east of Roselle Road have seen a dramatic increase in local street traffic. Please be reminded to observe that there are pedestrians on the roadway and there is no reason to speed through these residential areas. We anticipate that the traffic patterns should return to normal after about three months. Until then, please drive safely, observe speed limits and remember you're in someone's neighborhood and children are playing.



Autumn is crisp nights with falling leaves and football on Friday nights as well as changing weather patterns. Leaf clogged drainage ditches can equate to flooded property. Therefore, please help us and your neighbors by keeping swales clear of debris so that water will follow its natural course and not end up flowing onto roadways or flooding your neighbor's properties.

Snow will soon signal another Winter season has arrived. Please be reminded that blowing or plowing your driveway snow into the street is a traffic hazard for your neighbors and emergency responders, not to mention that it is illegal. Drive safely after and during snowstorms, and please ensure that you give our snow plow drivers plenty of room to accomplish their task and do not follow them too closely. The accident you avoid by taking that extra moment may be the difference maker in your journey. Have a safe day. ■

Veterans Services

Veterans who need service information or assistance applying for benefits and services can contact Veterans Administration Representative Jim Lopez at the township every Thursday from 9 AM – 4 PM. No appointment is necessary. Call (847) 884-0030 ext. 2019. ■

**A Message From Assessor
John R. Lawson, M.S., C.I.A.O.**

Township Assessor

The purpose of your Township Assessor is to provide our residents with information and services that are accessible, prompt and accurate. Services the Assessor's office provides are: filing Senior, Senior Freeze, Homeowner, Disabled and Disabled Veterans Exemption applications, filing appeals and name changes. The Assessor's office provides assistance to taxpayers, attorneys, real estate agents, appraisers and other governmental bodies on real estate and property tax related matters.



Exemptions/Tax Bills

Residents born on or before 1951, and who are 65 years of age or older in 2016 can apply for senior exemptions at our office. Senior exemptions applications will be mailed in January 2017 to those who filed their exemptions the previous year. Seniors must apply every year, and can apply for their exemptions in March 2017. Exemptions are applied only on the second installment of the property tax bill.

Coffee with the Assessor

Coffee with the Assessor allows township residents to host their own private seminar in their own home for 5-15 guests who cannot attend the Assessor's regular seminars. This program gives Schaumburg Township residents the opportunity to address property tax related issues and questions, and to discuss the appeal process. To host your own Coffee with the Assessor or for assistance in regards to any of these tax matters call (847) 884-0030 ext. 3023. ■



Timothy M. Heneghan, Township Clerk

Schaumburg Township Veteran Honorees

At the board meetings, Schaumburg Township honors veteran residents for their service to our country. Each year, we invite our veterans and a guest for an evening dinner at Chandler's Banquets in recognition and honor with the Schaumburg Township Board and local and state officials. A presentation is given honoring them and their service.

As we approach Veterans Day, we are reminded that it is a time to pause and reflect, to show honor and respect and to say thank you to all our veterans who have served or are still serving our country. It is a time to recognize the sacrifice and courage of our service men and women by taking a moment to pay our respects, shake their hand and say thank you for fighting for our freedom and freedom of others. We owe the freedoms we enjoy today and every day, and at times take for granted, to all our country's veterans. With a deep gratitude and respect from all of us at Schaumburg Township, THANK YOU!

If you or someone you know is a veteran, you can apply for the Schaumburg Township Veteran's Honor Roll by contacting the Clerk's office at (847) 884-0030 ext. 3015. See page 4 for recent honorees.

Need a US Passport Book or Card?

The Clerk's office can process your U.S. Passport book and/or U.S. Passport card application Monday through Friday from 9 AM – 4 PM. No appointment is necessary. Check our website at schaumburgtownship.org or travel.state.gov for more information.



2016 Presidential Election – November 8

To register to vote, you must be a U.S. citizen and at least 18 years of age by the general election. Residents have the option to register to vote by mail, online, in-person or on the day of election at their home precinct only.

- 10/23: Last day to register to vote by online application
- 10/24: First day of early voting
- 11/03: Last day to request a mail ballot, including military and overseas voters
- 11/07: Last day of early voting
- 11/07: Last day of grace period registration and voting
- 11/08: Last day mail ballots can be postmarked
- 11/08: Election Day – Polls open at 6 AM

Visit www.cookcountyclerk.com/elections for more information on the candidates and voting.

Community Wellness Day



Schaumburg Township hosted their sixth annual Community Wellness Day on August 17. Over 35 health vendors and agencies attended, and provided free health screenings, information and resources to over 300 attendees. Thank you to all our wonderful vendors for your commitment to health by providing essential health screenings, such as skin cancer, memory and cholesterol, and to our numerous sponsors who contributed with monetary donations to our 501(c)3 nonprofit organization, Schaumburg Township Foundation. ■



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Schaumburg Township is in compliance with Section 504 of the Rehabilitation Act. Equal Opportunity Employer Male/Female/ Handicapped/Veterans. Schaumburg Township meets all ADA accessibility requirements.

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The Township of Schaumburg serves residents living in parts of the following communities: Elk Grove, Hanover Park, Hoffman Estates, Rolling Meadows, Roselle, Schaumburg, Streamwood and unincorporated Schaumburg Township.

A Message From the Supervisor



Signing Memorandum of Understanding to collaborate on heart health education and outreach to the Southeast Asian community. (Pictured left to right, back row: Medical Director of the SACC Shoeb J. Sitafalwalla, MD; State Representative Dave Harris; Illinois State Senator Laura Murphy; Township Trustee Diane Dunham; Township Trustee Nimish Jani. Front row: President of ALGH Rick Floyd; Township Supervisor Mary Wroblewski.)

As another year is rapidly ending, I always like to take the time to reflect back over another busy year when Schaumburg Township was able to assist thousands of residents in our community. A big thank you is deserving to the following:

- *To all the families, businesses, organizations and individuals who so generously donated to the food pantry throughout the year. A special thanks to the Schaumburg Garden club who maintained the Heritage Garden and contributed fresh produce to the pantry every summer.*
- *To the members of the township committees who helped determine the course of the township.*
- *To the veterans we honored every month for their service to protect our country and the freedom we enjoy.*
- *To our township employees who assisted residents every day.*
- *To your elected township officials who worked to have another balanced budget and a financial audit with no recommendations from the auditors despite serving more and more people each year.*

One of our greatest responsibilities as an American citizen is the privilege and freedom to vote. As citizens, we need to educate ourselves and cast our ballots for the candidates who we feel will best serve the citizens of our community, our state and our country. Please vote in the November elections. By voting, you honor the many men and women who died defending our democracy and the right to elect our leaders.

Mary Wroblewski, Schaumburg Township Supervisor