



SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DISABILITY SERVICES

ABLEGRAM

March—April 2020

TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG PRESENTS:

BREAKFAST WITH THE BUNNY

APRIL 4, 2020 | 9:00-11:00 AM

The Township of Schaumburg Disability Services Department invites children with disabilities and their families to meet the Easter Bunny at our building on April 4. The FREE event is open to Township residents. Breakfast and special activities are included. Come meet the Bunny in a sensory-friendly environment without the wait!

Registration is required with Disability Services at 847-285-4541 by March 27. Attendees must allow three weeks' notice for a sign language interpreter. Space is limited. Residents new to our events must complete a registration form to attend.



**TOWNSHIP
OFFICIALS**

SUPERVISOR
Timothy M. Heneghan

CLERK
W. Robert Vinnedge

TRUSTEE
Diane Dunham

TRUSTEE
Jeffrey S. Mytych

TRUSTEE
Nimish Jani

TRUSTEE
Charlotte Kegarise

ASSESSOR
John Lawson, CIAO

**HIGHWAY
COMMISSIONER**
Scott M. Kegarise

**DISABILITY
SERVICES
DEPARTMENT**
847-285-4541
DIRECT NUMBER

847-884-0030
MAIN PHONE

224-520-9763
VIDEOPHONE

**DIRECTOR OF
DISABILITY
SERVICES**
Megan Conway

**DEAF SERVICES
COORDINATOR**
Sarita Phadke

**PR/EVENT
COORDINATOR**
Lauren Ewan

**BENEFIT
SPECIALIST**
Ami-Nell Scurry

**BENEFIT
SPECIALIST**
Sharon DeMarchi-
Belter



schaumburgtownship.org
f @SchaumburgTownship
t @SchaumburgTwp
One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates

Special Events and Programs

Village of Hoffman Estates Commission for People with Disabilities First Friday Events

The Hoffman Estates Commission for People with Disabilities invite you to an evening of Dancing and Dining with friends on Friday, March 6 from 6:30—8:30 p.m. for people with disabilities ages 14 and older at the Hoffman Estates Village Hall.

REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED; please register at <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/first-friday-st-patricks-day-dance-and-dine-march-6-2020-tickets-94421803155>. Each person attending MUST have a ticket per person. Sign up here on Eventbrite for your ticket to attend. Tickets are NOT available at the door. Only 100 tickets are available for this event. Admission is free. This event is sponsored by Project Alex! Check them out at www.Projectalex.org for more information.

The Commission is also hosting the Friday, April 3rd First Friday event. No registration required for this. Pizza will be available for \$2/slice. Come and make a cute spring craft and play on teams for Trivia Game Night!

Second Sense Presentation (formerly Guild for the Blind)

Wednesday, March 18

10 a.m., Free

Learn about the resources and tools that are available to help you adjust to vision loss. Second Sense is trained and certified to help you select the right magnifier, feel more comfortable dining in public, organize your home, etc. Registration required with disability services at 847-285-4541.

Talk Techy Classes

Monday, March 9th

Tuesday, April 14th

10—11 a.m. (Apple Users)

1:30 – 2:30 p.m. (Android Users)

FREE

Join Benefit Specialist Ami-Nell Scurry on learning how to navigate touchscreen smartphones. For more information and to sign up for the class please call the Township at 847-884-0030 and *ask for Ami-Nell Scurry!*



Village of Roselle Complete Count Committee

Celebrate Census Day All Day • April 1, 2020

Enjoy fun activities and refreshments



Library staff will be available to help with completing the Census questionnaire online April 1 and throughout the response period.



www.rosellepld.org

40 South Park Street, Roselle, IL



RTA Group Transit Orientation Presentation

Tuesday, April 6th

10—11 a.m.

Presenters: Linda Chamberlain, RTA

Richard Bascomb, Schaumburg DOT

FREE

Registration Required at 847-285-4541!!

Accessible Metra, Pace and CTA buses and trains are easy to use and the Regional Transportation Authority (RTA) would love to show you how!

Topics Covered Include:

- Local Public Transportation Options
- Accessibility features on CTA, Pace, and Metra
- Planning an Accessible Trip
- Paying Fare
- Ventra Cards
- RTA's Reduced Fare and Ride Free Programs
- Travel Safety Tips
- RTA's Free Travel Training Program
- Q&A sessions with an RTA Representative

United States®
**Census
2020**

Census 2020 Community Presentation

Wednesday, March 18

10—11 a.m.

Join us for an informational presentation on the census! Learn the importance of the census and review how to complete it safely. There will be time for Q&A and computers to complete the census afterward.

Registration required.

Programs/Special Events



This year's Summer Celebration will be on Saturday, July 25th!!

Too Much Stuff? Clutter Taking Over? Buried in Treasures Workshop COMING SOON!



Do you have a hard time managing your possessions but are overwhelmed by the idea of getting rid of things?

Is it difficult to resist the temptation to buy too much or collect free things?

Do you feel misunderstood by family or friends who don't understand why you hold on to things?

Has the volume of possessions 'taken over' your house, workspace or car?

If you want to overcome clutter but are not sure where to start, **Buried in Treasures Workshop** may be the perfect self-help action group to get you started. **Buried in Treasures Workshop** will begin in July and run through October 2020. Learn how to take control and decide what items to save. Understand how to organize your items and create a living space you can use effectively. **Watch for Buried in Treasures Workshop details to come in the May/June newsletter.**

Tickets Available at Schaumburg Township!!



32nd Annual Senior Celebration Day

**Tuesday, March 24, 2020
10 a.m. to 2 p.m.**

**This FREE EVENT will be held at the Forest View Educational Center
2121 S. Goebbert Road, Arlington Heights, IL (Enter at Door 1)**

- Free Health Screenings
- Secretary of State
- Mount Prospect Lions Club Hearing Van
- Informative exhibitors
- Bingo - Play FREE
- Entertainment, giveaways and more!

Admission ticket is required for entry. Free tickets are available at your local senior centers, Elk Grove and Wheeling Township offices, park districts within District 214 boundaries, District 214 Community Education or on the day of the event at the door. Call 847-718-7700 for more information.

\$6 Lunch by Tailgate Catering (Bring cash)



Featuring **Rosie & The Rivets** performing the hits of the 1950's and early 1960's.

We love our VOLUNTEERS!

Thank you, Volunteers!

Every April, we recognize the impressive work our volunteers do to support the Township and our residents. From everyone at the Township, we want to say "THANK YOU" for the hard work, dedication, time, and talent provided!

Volunteers support the Township in a variety of ways. We have numerous opportunities available if you are interested. Contact us at 847-285-4541 if you would like a volunteer application and for info.

Volunteers in the disability department have assisted at our annual events with serving, helping guests and more.



PATH & MAPS: Person-Centered Ways to Build Community

Join us for this three-day hands on workshop on **April 28-30 from 9 a.m.—4 p.m.** at the Township to learn how to facilitate PATH (Planning Alternative Tomorrows with Hope) and MAPS (Making Action Plans). PATH and MAPS are useful tools to help streamline and set goals for IEPs and Personal Plans.

This dynamic training is for educators, case managers, self-advocates, family members, therapists, advocates, or anyone working with persons with disabilities (adults and children), in mental health, life coaching or with anyone dealing with a life transition. The workshop is facilitated by the Illinois Association of Microboards and Cooperatives (IAMC).

Discounted fees for the 3-day training for Schaumburg Township residents, businesses and organizations, including supplies, books, meals, and follow up:

- Professionals (therapists, teachers, includes CE) \$700
- Non-Profit organizations \$550
- Family, self advocate, students \$400

Space is limited so register early! Attendees are encouraged to apply for up to a \$400 stipend from the Arc of Illinois Consumer Stipend Fund if necessary.

To register and for more information contact Kish Pisani at kish@iambc.org.

Programs/Other Information

Benefit Access Increase Income Guidelines

The Illinois Department on Aging (IDOA) has implemented new annual income limits, making it possible for more individuals to qualify for the Secretary of State License Plate Discount, Seniors Ride Free Transit Benefit, and Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride. **Any application submitted January 1, 2020 through April 15, 2020 will continue to use 2018 income but will be subjected to the new income limits.**

Applications submitted on or after April 16, 2020 must use 2019 income to file. Therefore, if an applicant applied in 2019 and was denied based on 2018 income using the current income limits, they have another opportunity to re-apply. Once approved, benefits are valid for two years.

Household Size	Income Guidelines
1 person household	less than \$33,562
2 person household	less than \$44,533
3 person household	less than \$55,500

Township staff are trained to help file Benefit Access applications. Please call 847-285-4541 for an appointment and a list of documents you will need to bring to your appointment. Applications can only be done online; no paper applications available.



Connect to Community's Transit Summit 2020: Money Matters

Connect to Community, in partnership with the Village of Hoffman Estates Commission for People with Disabilities and the Northwest Suburban Special Education Organization (NSSEO), announces its sixth annual Transition Summit on Saturday, April 18, 9 a.m.—3 p.m. at the village of Hoffman Estates. Topic is finance; guest speakers throughout the day.

Families, educators, service providers and community members are welcome. CEUs/PDs will be offered upon request. \$20 registration fee includes morning refreshments, lunch and seminar materials. Register online at ctc2019summit.eventbrite.com

For more information, contact Connect to Community at ConnectToCommunityInc@gmail.com

Career Coach

The Township of Schaumburg can help through career coaching. The Career Coach is available by email and phone with interviewing, resume review, and more. In-person meetings can also be arranged if needed.

Email the career coach at emperservices@schaumburgtownship.org

Museums for All

Through Museums for All, those receiving food assistance (SNAP benefits) can gain free or reduced admission to more than 500 museums throughout the United States simply by presenting their SNAP EBT card. This reduced rate is available during all normal operating hours to up to four individuals per EBT card. Many Illinois museums participate in the program. More info at museumsforall.org.

NWSRA Sibshops Program

Date: Friday, April 17, 2020 / 4:30—6:30 p.m.

Where: Hanover Park Community Center
1919 Walnut Ave., Hanover Park

Sibshops provides opportunities for siblings of children with special needs to meet other siblings and engage in peer support in a recreational setting. Siblings of children with special needs ages 5-12 are invited to play games, get creative with crafts and have fun! To register, contact Lauren "LJ" Jevaney at ljevaney@nwsra.org or 847-392-2828 ext.246.

Note: There is a \$5 fee to participate in the program.

CEDA'S Department of Family Support and Community Engagement Services

Are you in need of assistance with any of the services below?

- Family Support and Case Management
- Dental Care Program
- Auto Repair Program
- Vision Care Program
- Family Nutrition Program
- Trades Skill Program
- Employment Program
- Youth Services Program

To receive FSACE services case management services you MUST be first determined eligible and will NEED the following:

- Current IL driver's license or State issued-ID, or passport, Consular ID card also accepted
- Social Security cards for each person in the household
- Proof of income for the previous 3 months prior to intake date for all household member 18 years and older
- Must be low-income (125% of the 2020 poverty level or lower)
- Lease or current utility bill as proof of residence if ID does not match
- Must live in **Suburban Cook County**

Contact Rosamaria Davila at 312-285-6446 to verify eligibility and schedule an appointment at the Township on Tuesdays.

Services and Programs

SNAP Income Guidelines

SNAP provides monthly assistance toward your grocery bill that can be used at most area grocery stores.

To qualify, households with a person over the age of sixty or with a disability, income guidelines are as follows:

Gross Monthly Income Guidelines	
1 person household	\$2,082
2 person household	\$2,818

Township staff are trained to help file SNAP applications. Benefits are available on a Link card and reloaded automatically each month. Call 847-285-4541 to schedule your appointment.

Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club Hearing Aid and Eyeglasses



The Lions of Illinois Foundation and the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club can assist Township residents 18 years and older obtain reconditioned over-the-ear style hearing aids and exams at a discounted price. Applicants can apply in the disability services department with Lauren Ewan at 847-884-0030 or lewan@schaumburgtownship.org.

Applicants will be screened for the program by appointment only. There is no income limit for the program. Staff can now screen potential residents with obtaining eyeglasses through the Lions Club who show financial hardship. **Approved applicants must go to the Pearle Vision in Lake Zurich for the eye exam and eyeglasses—no exceptions.** For more information please contact our office.

CEDA Accepting Weatherization, Furnace and ComEd Hardship Applications

Furnace Assistance

Furnace Assistance is designed to restore the home's heating system back to a safe and effective operation. Assistance is only available to approved households that have or are eligible to receive a LIHEAP benefit and whose heating systems are not operational or have been red-tagged by their utility company. The services are free of charge for income qualifying households. **Renters are not eligible to apply. Deadline to apply is March 31, 2020!**

Weatherization Program

Weatherization provides health and safety improvements to enhance indoor air quality and ventilation; replacement or repair of heating systems; sealing drafty areas; and insulation for attic, wall, basement, and crawl spaces. These services will save energy for customers and help to keep homes warmer in winter and cooler in summer.

Households must meet the income guidelines identified by the program and be able to provide supporting documentation. The home must be structurally suitable to receive energy efficiency work.

ComEd Hardship Hardship Program

Are you past-due on your electric bill and have a financial hardship due to disability or as a senior citizen? If so, you may be eligible for assistance through ComEd's Residential Hardship Program. Income-eligible customers can only apply once every two years for grants up to \$500 based on need and availability of program funds.

Contact 847-285-4541 for more information or to schedule an appointment to apply for these programs.

Kids Equipment Network

The Kids Equipment Network (TKEN) is a 501c3 charity dedicated to connecting children with special needs, from birth to 21 years of age whose families have insufficient or no funding, with needed durable medical and adaptive equipment at no cost.

Adaptive Equipment Matched to Your Child

To apply, fill out the form at <https://tken.org/access-equipment/> so we can get a better idea of who you are and what equipment may benefit your child most. You may know exactly which piece of adaptive equipment your child needs to make life more accessible or you may be able to describe some of your challenges to us, so we can guide you in finding the equipment that will make your lives easier.

After submitting the form, someone from our organization will call you within 7 business days to learn more about your child and set up a time for you to attend our monthly clinic.

TKEN was founded in 2005 and since its inception, TKEN has provided over 4000 pieces of durable medical equipment to greater than 1000 children.

33rd Annual Paint-A-Thon

If the exterior of your home needs painting consider applying for the Paint-A-Thon program. Contact Lauren Ewan at 847-884-0030 for more information and/or to be added to the interest list as soon as applications are available (usually in early May). Applicants must be age 60, or have a permanent disability or a veteran. There are income and other qualifying criteria, but all are encouraged to apply.

There is no cost to the homeowner and volunteer groups complete all the work.

Programs and Services

<p style="text-align: center;">SHIP Program</p> <p>Township of Schaumburg Disability Services provides free health insurance counseling through the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). Our department has trained counselors who can assist you with Medicare, Medicaid, and prescription drug problems. <i>SHIP does not affiliate with any insurance company and does not sell or solicit any type of insurance.</i> Please call for an appointment or for information.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Referral Binder</p> <p>The department recently updated the referral binder that lists community resources for support groups, events, social service programs, recreational activities, transportation and more!</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">Medicaid Redetermination</p> <p>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. The Disability Department can assist you with your Medicaid paperwork at 847-285-4541. We look forward to assisting you!</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday and Friday Retail Shopping Trips Schedule With the Township Bus</p> <p>Below are the Monday and Friday retail shopping trips schedule for March and April. <u>Reservations are required</u> by calling the transportation department at 847-882-1929.</p>										
<p style="text-align: center;">Free Amplified Telephones and Cell Phone Amplifiers</p> <p>The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified telephones and two cell phone amplifiers 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 another free amplified telephone and/or cell phone amplifier. Please contact disability services for more information, or for an appointment to test the phones and/or cell phone amplifiers.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">March</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Monday—2nd Friday—6th</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—9th Friday—13th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—16th Friday—20th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—23rd Friday—27th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—30th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood</td> </tr> </table>	Monday—2nd Friday—6th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	Monday—9th Friday—13th	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg	Monday—16th Friday—20th	WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village	Monday—23rd Friday—27th	TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg	Monday—30th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood
Monday—2nd Friday—6th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood										
Monday—9th Friday—13th	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg										
Monday—16th Friday—20th	WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village										
Monday—23rd Friday—27th	TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg										
Monday—30th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood										
<p style="text-align: center;">Collection Spot</p> <p>Our department is a collection site for various household items. Please drop off items between 8:30 a.m.—5 p.m., Monday through Friday.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Eyeglasses, sunglasses, hearing aids and hearing aid batteries for the Lions Club • Pop can tabs for Ronald McDonald House Charities • Small electronics: VCR, DVD, cords, cell phones, etc. for Avenues to Independence • Calendars and greeting cards (new or used) for Connect to Community 	<p style="text-align: center;">April</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <tr> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">Friday—4th</td> <td style="width: 50%; text-align: center;">WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—6th Friday—10th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—13th Friday—17th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—20th Friday—24th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg</td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: center;">Monday—27th</td> <td style="text-align: center;">WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood</td> </tr> </table>	Friday—4th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood	Monday—6th Friday—10th	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg	Monday—13th Friday—17th	WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village	Monday—20th Friday—24th	TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg	Monday—27th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood
Friday—4th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood										
Monday—6th Friday—10th	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Road Schaumburg										
Monday—13th Friday—17th	WALMART 801 Meacham Road Elk Grove Village										
Monday—20th Friday—24th	TARGET 1235 Higgins Road Schaumburg										
Monday—27th	WALMART 850 S. Barrington Road Streamwood										

Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a Proud Organizational Sponsor of the 2020 Abilities Expo!

Yes, You CAN!

Abilities
EXPO

*Serving the Community
Since 1979*

At Abilities Expo, you can...

- Build independence with the latest products
- Learn tips and life hacks at workshops
- Improve fitness with adaptive sports
- Open doors with service animals
- Change the game with new tech
- Get answers from the experts
- Embrace your abilities through dance
- Access facts on therapeutic cannabis
- And so much more!

**FREE
ADMISSION**

Chicago • June 12-14, 2020

Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center

1551 Thoreau Drive North • Schaumburg, IL 60173

Fri. 11 am - 5 pm • Sat. 11 am - 5 pm • Sun. 11 am - 4 pm



Follow Us!
#AbilitiesExpo

www.AbilitiesExpo.com
Register online today. It's free!



**Township of Schaumburg
Disability Services Department
1 Illinois Boulevard
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169**

Phone: 847.884.0030

Direct Dial: 847.285.4541

Deaf Services Videophone: 224.520.9763

www.schaumburgtownship.org

 [@SchaumburgTownship](https://www.facebook.com/SchaumburgTownship)

 [@SchaumburgTwp](https://twitter.com/SchaumburgTwp)

**PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 154
SCHAUMBURG, IL**



Schaumburg Township Disability wishes to thank Katy Garcia for her wonderful sponsorship and donation of the delicious Riccardo's pizzas for our Valentine's Day Ice Cream Social and Dance.

Katy Garcia is a proud supporter of our programs and we are fortunate to have her ongoing support.