

November and December 2019



DECEMBER 18, 2019



MARCH 4, 2020



MAY 27, 2020

Experience Amazing Musicals with the Township

Senior Services is pleased to announce upcoming trips including a buffet lunch, transportation, and admission to an entertaining musical. Each production will be \$65. Deadline to register is one month before the production and payment is due at time of registration.

In December, we will experience the classic fairytale, *Beauty and the Beast*. The enchanted castle comes to life in a holiday extravaganza that will thrill, entertain, and amaze all. Celebrate the holiday at the theater and view the two-story Christmas tree decorated in the lobby as well.

March's trip will be for the hilarious and heartfelt, *Secret of My Success*. This production is a wild look at ambition and making your own way in life. You'll be laughing all the way home.

Finally, we will view *Kinky Boots*, a musical about a shoe factory owner who stumbles upon a drag queen that unexpectedly changes his business and life. Hear the Tony Award-winning score live and in person! View additional details on pages two and three.

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Medicare Part C/D Annual Enrollment Ends December 7

Time is running out to evaluate your Medicare Part C and D insurance coverage. The Annual Enrollment Period will end December 7. Unless you qualify for a special enrollment period, this is your opportunity to review, join, switch, or cancel your Part C or D plans. Senior Services staff provide free, unbiased Medicare counseling. We are pleased to announce that there will also be limited evening hours by appointment. Contact 847-884-0030 today!

Caregiver Support Packages

November is National Caregiver Month! To recognize the time, energy, and effort of family caregivers, the Township would like to say "THANK YOU." If you are caring for a loved one—spouse, partner, adult child, friend, or relative with a disability—we would like to show our gratitude with a special care package. Please come to Senior Services during the month of November to pick up a package. More than 65 million people provide care for a family member or friend. On average, caregivers spend twenty hours every week in caregiving activities. We hope this package brings you joy and reminds you that you are not alone. Packages available while supplies last.

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Day Trips and Programs

Please register for all programs with Senior Services at 847-884-0030 (unless otherwise noted). Any fees are due at the time of registration. We can accept cash, check, or credit card. There is a 4% fee for credit card payments. All programs are held at 1 Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169 (unless otherwise noted). Unfortunately, we are unable to issue refunds unless we can fill your space with another person.

<p>MUSIC NITE FEATURING DANIELA TEREZA Tuesday, November 5 6 PM—8 PM \$15 Back by popular demand! Join us for the music stylings of Daniela Tereza for the last music night of 2019! Fee includes two drinks, entertainment, and snacks. Registration required.</p> 	<p>COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE NURSE Wednesday, November 6 9:30 AM—10:30 AM FREE Nurse Janet hosts this monthly discussion on various health topics. November's session is about CBD Oil. Bring your questions; we'll bring the coffee. Register with the Nurse at 847-285-4551.</p> 	<p>DIY WITH THE DIRECTOR—ETCHED GLASS VASES Wednesday, November 6 11 AM—12 PM \$3 suggested donation We'll try our hands at glass etching during this Thanksgiving inspired hands-on workshop. No experience necessary. Space is limited; Registration required.</p>
<p>ANTIQUE APPRAISAL Thursday, November 7 9:30 AM—11 AM FREE Every wonder if that dusty stuff in your attic is worth anything? Irene Burnett of Jewelry Mart will be on hand to provide free appraisals of two antique items. Appointment required.</p>	<p>END OF LIFE DECISIONS SESSION Tuesday, November 12 10 AM—11:30 AM FREE Nurse Janet will lead this session on planning for the future. We'll discuss living wills, power of attorney forms, DNR, and 5 Wishes. Register with the Nurse at 847-285-4551.</p>	<p>ICE CREAM SOCIAL MEDIA Tuesday, November 12 10 AM (Apple Users) 1:30 PM (Android Users) FREE Benefit Specialist Ami-Nell Scurry will lead a class covering various social media platforms. Bring your questions! Registration required.</p>
	<p>PRESCRIPTION DRUG TAKE BACK PROGRAM Thursday, November 14 10 AM—1 PM FREE Stop by during this special event where the Cook County Sheriff's Office will be on hand to accept unused or expired prescription or over-the-counter medications. No registration required.</p>	<p>END OF LIFE DECISION FOLLOW UP Tuesday, November 19 10 AM—11:30 AM FREE Participants from the November 12 session on End of Life Decisions are invited for assistance on completing documents or answering questions. Register with the Nurse at 847-285-4551.</p>
<p>10 WARNING SIGNS OF DEMENTIA Tuesday, November 19 11 AM—12 PM FREE Staff from the Alzheimer's Association will present on warning signs of dementia. Learn what symptoms to look for and the benefits of early detection. Registration required.</p>	<p>DIY WITH THE DIRECTOR—SHARPIE ART (MAKE UP DATE) Wednesday, November 20 11 AM—12 PM \$3 suggested donation Senior Director Megan will lead this session on making hand-made mugs with sharpie pens. No experience necessary. Space is limited; Registration required.</p> 	<p>HORSE RACING Wednesday, November 20 12 PM—2 PM \$2 suggested donation Do you like horse racing? Join us for the township version and have a blast competing for prizes by betting on your fave filly. Hot dog lunch is provided. Registration required.</p>
<p>BRIDGES TO MEMORY Wednesday, November 20 (please note date change!) 2 PM—3:30 PM FREE Bridges is a unique group intended for people with dementia and their caregivers to attend together. Specialized activities will be provided. Registration required for new members.</p>	<p>ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Monday, November 25 11 AM—12 PM FREE We invite anyone providing care to join us for a general support group. Share with others facing similar situations. Registration recommended.</p>	<p>BREAKFAST SOCIAL—JO JO'S 1935 W GOLF RD, SCHAUMBURG Tuesday, November 26 8 AM—9 AM On your own Join us for a monthly breakfast outing and socialize with others over a delicious meal. Separate checks will be issued. Registration required.</p>

Day Trips and Programs

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<p><i>The longer I live, the more beautiful life becomes.</i> ~Frank Lloyd Wright</p>	<p>STAYING ACTIVE INFO SESSION Tuesday, December 3 10 AM—11 AM Free Join us for this interactive presentation from Physical Therapist Seema Bhagwakar with Team Rehab. She will present valuable info on staying active as we age. Registration required.</p>	<p>COFFEE AND CONVERSATION WITH THE NURSE Wednesday, December 4 9:30 AM—10:30 AM FREE Nurse Janet hosts this monthly discussion on various health topics. Bring your questions. We'll be discussing how to prevent overeating around the holidays! Register with the Nurse at 847-285-4551.</p>
<p>DIY WITH THE DIRECTOR—MASON JAR MADNESS!!</p>  <p>Wednesday, December 4 11 AM—12 PM \$3 suggested donation No experience necessary for this crafty good time! All supplies provided as we decorate mason jars for the holidays! Space is limited; Registration required.</p>	<p>SOUNDS OF THE HOLIDAYS</p>  <p>Tuesday, December 10 6:30 PM—7:30 PM FREE Join us to kick off the holidays with festive entertainment from Denise Armour, coffee and cookies! Transportation will be available. Doors open at 6:30 PM. Registration Required.</p>	<p>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON AT CHANDLERS Thursday, December 12 11:00 AM—1:30 PM \$15 See page seven for more details. Celebrate the holiday season with a delicious luncheon, games, raffles, entertainment, and more! Registration required.</p>
<p>ALZHEIMER'S ASSOCIATION CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP Monday, December 16 (please note date change) 11 AM—12 PM FREE We invite anyone providing care to join us for a general support group. Share with others facing similar situations. Registration recommended.</p>	<p>BEAUTY AND THE BEAST AT THE PARAMOUNT Wednesday, December 18 10:30 AM—4 PM \$65 The Disney classic comes to life in this enchanting musical. Ticket, lunch, and transportation included. HURRY—Space is limited! Registration required by November 18!</p>	
<p>HORSE RACING Wednesday, December 18 12 PM—2 PM \$2 suggested donation A day at the Township races. Join us for this energetic event and cheer for your lucky horse as you compete for prizes. Hot dog lunch is provided. Registration required.</p>	<p>BRIDGES TO MEMORY Wednesday, December 18 (please note date change) 2 PM—3:30 PM FREE <i>Bridges</i> is a unique group intended for people with dementia and their caregivers to attend together. Specialized activities will be provided. Registration required for new members.</p>	<p>COFFEE AND CONVERSTAION WITH THE NURSE Wednesday, January 8 9:30 AM—10:30 AM FREE Nurse Janet hosts this monthly discussion on various health topics. January's session is on "Why am I SO tired!?" Register with the Nurse at 847-285-4551.</p>
<p>ANNUAL INCOME TAX SEMINAR Tuesday, January 14 9 AM—12PM FREE Join us for a review of income tax updates in advance of the 2019 income tax filing season. There will be time for Q&A. Registration required.</p>	<p>SECRET OF MY SUCCESS AT THE PARAMOUNT Wednesday, March 4 10:30 AM—4 PM \$65 This side-splitting musical about ambition in corporate America will be a blast. Ticket, lunch, & transportation included. HURRY—Space is limited! Registration required by February 4!</p>	<p>KINKY BOOTS AT THE PARAMOUNT Wednesday, May 27 10:30 AM—4 PM \$65 Enjoy this Tony award-winning musical about a drag queen who meets a business owner. Ticket, lunch, & transportation included. Registration required by April 27!</p>

DROP-IN Programs

MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
<p>VETERAN SERVICES 9 am—4 pm (appointment required after 12 PM)</p> <p>CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP 11 am—12 pm 4th Monday</p> <p>CHAIR YOGA 12 pm—1 pm \$5 per class</p> <p>SENIOR CITIZENS SERVICES COMMITTEE 7 pm 3rd Monday</p>	<p>TAI CHI 1 pm—2 pm \$5 per class</p> <p>BONE DENSITY SCREENINGS 2nd Tuesday (register with Nurse Janet at 847-285-4551)</p> <p>SENIOR WILLS 2nd Tuesday (appointments required)</p> <p>FIBROMYALGIA SUPPORT GROUP 7 pm—8 pm 4th Tuesday</p>	<p>COFFEE AND CONVERSATION 9:30 am—10:30 am 1st Wednesday</p> <p>DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP 10:30 am—11:30 am 2nd & 4th Wednesday</p> <p>DIY WITH THE DIRECTOR 11 am—12 pm 1st Wednesday</p> <p>BRIDGES TO MEMORY 2 pm—3:30 pm 4th Wednesday</p>	<p>VETERAN SERVICES 9 am—4 pm (appointment required after 12 PM)</p>	<p>KNIT/CROCHET 9 am—11 am</p> <p>CHAIR YOGA 12 pm—1 pm \$5 per class</p> <p>AT THE MOVIES 12 pm 3rd Friday \$2 donation</p>
<div style="border: 1px solid black; padding: 10px; width: fit-content; margin: 0 auto;"> <p>Interested in one of our drop-in activities? There is no need to register (unless noted)! Just come on by! Questions? Call Senior Services at 847-884-0030.</p> </div>				

Monthly Movies

Enjoy a movie, beverage, and freshly popped popcorn during our "Friday at the Movies." Movie starts at 12:00 pm and we request a \$2.00 donation.

November 22

Isn't It Romantic
(PG-13 Comedy/Romance)

A young woman (Rebel Wilson) disenchanted with love, mysteriously finds herself trapped inside a romantic comedy.



December We're taking a break in December due to the holidays! Happy Holidays!

Transportation Services

There is a \$1 fee per ride when using the Township bus. Reservations Required. Please call 847-882-1929 for a reservation, to register, or for more information.

November DATES	STORES	December DATES	STORES
FRIDAY—1ST	TARGET 1235 Higgins Rd Schaumburg	MONDAY—2ND FRIDAY—6TH	WALMART 850 S Barrington Streamwood
MONDAY—4TH FRIDAY—8TH	WALMART 850 S Barrington Streamwood	MONDAY—9TH FRIDAY—13TH	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Schaumburg
MONDAY—11TH FRIDAY—15TH	TARGET 2621 Schaumburg Schaumburg	MONDAY—16TH FRIDAY—20TH	WALMART 801 Meacham Elk Grove
MONDAY—18TH FRIDAY—22ND	WALMART 801 Meacham Elk Grove	MONDAY—23RD FRIDAY—27TH	TARGET 1235 Higgins Rd Schaumburg
MONDAY—25TH	TARGET 1235 Higgins Rd Schaumburg	MONDAY—30TH	WALMART 850 S Barrington Streamwood

Township News

Holiday Donors Still Needed!

Every year, the Township works with numerous people, businesses, and agencies to serve those in-need during the holiday season. The Township sponsors an "adoption" program which provides care packages and essentials to older adults, persons with disabilities, and families facing a tough time.

We are still looking for donors who are interested in "adopting" an older adult this holiday season. Please contact Amy Fillmore in Welfare Services at 847-884-0030 or afillmore@schaumburgtownship.org.

Each donor is matched with an older adult in need and purchases care package essentials for the person. All applicants are screened by Township staff.

We appreciate any and all support you can provide this program. If you prefer, we are also extremely grateful for any cash or gift card donations which can also be used to assist our neighbors. Help your neighbors and consider donating today. We greatly appreciate the generosity of our caring community.



Congratulations!

Recently, the Township was recognized at the Township Officials of Illinois (TOI) Annual Conference with two special awards. *Bridges to Memory* was recognized as the "Innovative Senior Program of the Year" by the Illinois Township Association of Senior Citizens Services Committees (ITASCSC). *Bridges to Memory* brings people with memory loss and their caregivers together for a monthly program featuring reminiscence, activities, and other tailored programming.



ITASCSC also recognized Deaf Services Coordinator, Sarita Phadke, as the "Senior Staff Member of the Year." Sarita coordinates a monthly Deaf Social/Support meeting, supervises volunteers in a variety of tasks, edits the monthly *Deafline* newsletter, and meets with clients to screen for benefits and help with Medicare issues. She has worked for the Township for 27 years and works tirelessly for her clients.

Congratulations! We are so proud of these accomplishments!

AARP Foundation Tax Aide: Save the Date

The Township is once again partnering with the AARP Foundation Tax Aide program to provide free income tax filing for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Appointments will be available from early February through mid-April. Residents can call 847-285-4597 to schedule an appointment starting **Monday, January 27, 2020**. Appointments are available on a first come, first served basis. AARP Tax Aide would not be possible without volunteer support—if you are interested in volunteering, please call 847-884-0030.



GET YOUR PASSPORT AT THE TOWNSHIP!

Passport Reminders:

- 1 Bring a check or money order for each application.
- 2 Bring an original birth certificate listing both parents or original naturalization papers.
- 3 Bring a photo ID.

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

The Township will be closed at noon on Wednesday, November 27, and all day on Thursday, November 28 and 29 for Thanksgiving.

The Township will also be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 24 and all day on Wednesday, December 25 for Christmas.

The Township will be closed at noon on Tuesday, December 31 and all day on Wednesday, January 1 for New Year. Wishing you and your family all the best!



Visit the Clerk's Office for passport services, and our website for more information.

Social Services

LIHEAP Available October 1

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program began October 1, 2019. The program provides credit toward Nicor Gas and/or ComEd accounts. Call 847-884-0030 for required documents and to make an appointment. The program will end May 31 or earlier if funds are exhausted.

LIHEAP may also be able to help if your furnace is no longer working. To qualify, you must meet income and household guidelines. If approved, the Furnace program will repair or replace the existing unit.

Gross Monthly Income Guidelines

- 1 person household \$1,562
- 2 person household \$2,114
- 3 person household \$2,666

Telephone Check In Program

Between the Polar Vortex, tornadoes, and extreme heat, the weather in our area is unpredictable to say the least. We maintain a list of people in our community who would like to be contacted in case of emergency or extreme weather. In the event of extreme weather or other situation, staff or volunteers would reach out and touch base with the resident. Township staff will then work with other providers or departments to establish services, if needed. If you would like to be added to our call list, please contact 847-884-0030 and we will get the necessary info!

Benefit Access Program

The Benefit Access Program is a program available to Illinois residents who meet income guidelines. Eligible applicants must also be over the age of 65 or 16 and older with a disability. To qualify, a single household must have gross income from the previous tax year less than \$27,610; for a two-person household, the limit is \$36,635.

Benefit Access provides two benefits—a discount off the annual license plate registration fee and eligibility for the Free Ride Transit Pass which provides free transportation on all public, fixed route transportation. To see if you qualify or to schedule an appointment, call 847-884-0030.

SHIP Trained Staff Ready to Help

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) is a free service to help people with Medicare. Township staff are trained in SHIP and available to help explain benefits, troubleshoot issues, or clarify information. Appointments are required by calling 847-884-0030. SHIP is sponsored by the Illinois Department on Aging. Our staff are happy to help with complex issues and questions related to insurance.

SSA Announces COLA Increase

Social Security Administration recently announced the Cost of Living Adjustment (COLA) for 2020 benefits. Starting in 2020, Social Security payments will increase 1.6%. The maximum benefit a person retiring at full retirement age can receive is \$3,011 per month. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) amount will be \$783 for an individual and \$1,175 for a couple. The average social security payment for all retired workers will be \$1,503 per month. At the date of our printing, the Medicare premium cost have not been announced. The final amount may be announced as late as December. Call 847-884-0030 with any questions.

SNAP Issues New Income Guidelines

The State of Illinois recently announced new income limits for the SNAP program. SNAP provides monthly assistance toward your grocery bill. SNAP benefits can be used at most area grocery stores to purchase things like fresh produce, dairy, canned goods, meat, and more. For 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
- 3 person household \$3,555

Township staff are trained to help file SNAP applications. Benefits are available on a Link card and reloaded automatically each month. SNAP benefits are available to all who qualify—you would not be “taking” from someone else if you apply. The process is simple and we are happy to help! Call 847-884-0030 to schedule your appointment.

Free Energy Assistance Programs

There is a free energy efficiency program available to Nicor customers. The Nicor EnergySmart program will send a kit of easy-to-use products at no charge.

There is no income requirement, but eligible households must have a Nicor account. Kits will be mailed directly to homes within 4-5 weeks.

ComEd customers may qualify for a program called “Savings for Income Eligible Seniors.” A technician will install energy efficiency products at no charge to eligible customers.

To qualify, you must have ComEd service, be 60 and older, reside in suburban Cook County, and meet income guidelines. The income limit for a single family household is \$47,400. If you have questions or would like an appointment, call 847-884-0030.

Holiday Party

Thursday, December 12, 2019
11-1:30pm | \$15

Chandler's Chophouse
401 N. Roselle Road
Schaumburg, IL 60194

RSVP by
Dec. 2

Name: _____

Date of Birth: _____

Address: _____

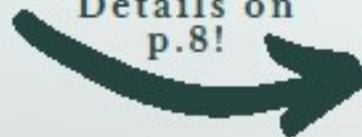
City/State/Zip Code: _____

Phone Number: _____

Please submit the completed form and
payment to:

Township of Schaumburg
1 Illinois Blvd.
Hoffman Estates, IL, 60169
Attn: Senior Services

Registration
Details on
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Department of Senior Services
 1 Illinois Boulevard
 Hoffman Estates, IL 60169
 Phone: 847-884-0030

Senior Services Direct: 847-285-4541
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- CEDA Energy Services (LIHEAP, Furnace, Weatherization, & more)
 - Day Trips
 - Disability parking placards
 - Employment Services
 - Illinois amplified phone program
 - Income tax return assistance
 - Notary public services
 - Home visits
 - Information and referrals
 - Medicare counseling
 - Recreation programming
 - RTA Reduced Fare and Free Ride Transit Passes
 - Senior citizen will program
 - Social events and parties
 - Support groups
 - Transportation
 - Veterans Services, and MORE

Holiday Party

RSVP by Dec. 2

Join us for raffle prizes, games, a 3-course lunch and musical entertainment!

New this year, the Holiday Party is first come first served. To RSVP, each guest must return a completed form and submit payment (\$15) by December 2nd. Additional registration forms can be found in Senior Services or on our website. Once we submit a final count, we will be unable to issue a refund.

Please note, if you are under the age of sixty and have not previously registered with Disability Services, you will need to attach proof of disability as well. We look forward to celebrating with you!

Party Details and Registration on p.7!

