

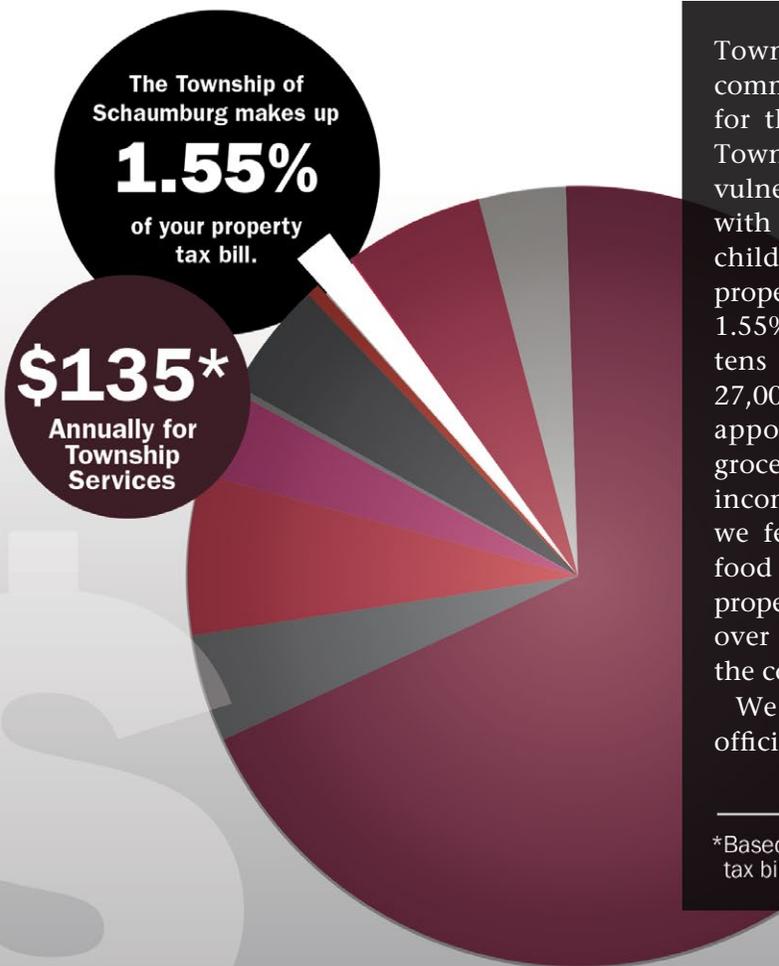


**TOWNSHIP OF  
SCHAUMBURG**

A HISTORY OF SERVICE . . .  
A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

# The Town Crier

## A MESSAGE FROM THE SUPERVISOR



Townships are an essential part of our community's fabric and should be protected for the unique services they provide. The Township of Schaumburg serves the most vulnerable among us – older adults, people with disabilities, food insecure families and children – for only about 1.55% of your property tax bill. We make the most of that 1.55%. In the last fiscal year alone, we saw tens of thousands of people; made nearly 27,000 low-cost rides to places like doctor's appointments, dialysis treatments and grocery stores; and assisted with Medicare, income taxes, heating and more. In 2018, we fed over 600 families a month in the food pantry, saw nearly 6,000 people for property tax assessment assistance and hosted over 100 events and programs supporting the community.

We have close oversight from local elected officials. The Township staff and officials

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\*Based on 2018 sample Cook County property tax bill for a home with a value of \$324,430.

Nearly  
**27,000**  
Low-Cost Rides

Nearly  
**6,000**  
Assessor's Office  
Visits

Over  
**600**  
Food Pantry Visits  
Each Month

Over  
**100**  
Community Events  
& Programs

### Annual Holiday Party for Children with Disabilities December 14<sup>th</sup>

Schaumburg Township Disability Services is pleased to host our annual Holiday Party for children with disabilities on Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. Join us for a holiday luncheon to meet Santa in a sensory-friendly environment! The party is intended for children with disabilities and their siblings (age 16 and younger). The event will be from 12 – 2 PM and space is limited. Please contact Disability Services after November 1<sup>st</sup> to register. A sign language interpreter will be provided.

If you are a local business owner and would like to donate an item for a raffle prize or help sponsor the event, please contact Megan Conway at (847) 884-0030. We appreciate all of our donors and sponsors which help us to provide such fun and inclusive events.

## October

- 1 Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program Began. [Details p. 4](#)
- 15 – Dec. 7 Medicare Health and Prescription Drug Plans Open Enrollment. [Details p. 3](#)
- 19 Brunch and Bingo, 9:30 – 12:30 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 24 Managing Anxiety in Adolescents Presentation, 6 – 7:30 PM. [Details p. 7](#)
- 25 Movie Friday – *A Star is Born*, 12 PM.\*
- 28 National Chocolate Day at Morkes Chocolates, 10 – 1:30 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 29 Senior Breakfast Social – Checkers, 8 AM.\*
- 29 Medicare Information with Tom Perrucci, 6:30 – 7:30 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 30 Youth Substance Abuse Panel, 6:30 – 8 PM. [Details p. 7](#)

## November

- 5 Senior Music Night, Daniela Tereza, 6 – 8 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 6 Understanding ADHD Presentation, 6:30 – 8 PM. [Details p. 7](#)
- 12 End of Life Decisions Presentation, 10 – 11:30 PM. [Details p. 7\\*\\*](#)
- 13 Trauma in Children and Adolescents Presentation, 6:30 – 8 PM. [Details p. 7](#)
- 14 Prescription Take Back Program, 10 – 1 PM. [Details p. 4](#)
- 15 Holiday Fun in Geneva, IL, 8:30 – 3:30 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 19 End of Life Decisions Follow-up Workshop. [Details p. 7](#)
- 22 Movie Friday – *Isn't it Romantic*, 12 PM.\*
- 26 Senior Breakfast Social – Jojo's, 8 AM.\*
- 27 noon – 29 Township is closed for Thanksgiving

## December

- 10 Sounds of the Holiday with Denise Armour, 6:30 – 8 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 12 Annual Holiday Luncheon, 11 – 1:30 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 14 Holiday Party for Children with Disabilities, 12 – 2 PM. [Details p. 1](#)
- 18 *Beauty and the Beast* at the Paramount Theater, 10:30 – 5 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 24 noon – 25 Township is closed for Christmas
- 31 noon Township is closed for New Year's Eve

## January

- 1 Township is closed for New Year's Day
- 14 Annual Senior Tax Seminar, 9 – 12 PM. [Details p. 3\\*](#)
- 24 Movie Friday – *Sweet Home Alabama*, 12 PM.\*
- 27 AARP Foundation Tax-Aide Appointment Scheduling Open. [Details p. 3](#)
- 28 Senior Breakfast Social – Jojo's, 8 AM.\*

## Weekly Recurring Activities/Events

- Monday and Wednesday Walking Group, 9:30 – 10:30 AM.\*
- Monday and Thursday Veteran Assistance Benefits and Services, 9 – 4 PM.
- Monday and Friday Chair Yoga, 12 PM.\*
- Tuesday Tai Chi, 1 – 2 PM.\*
- Friday Knit and Crochet Group, 9 AM.\*

## Monthly Recurring Activities/Events

- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday Coffee and Conversation, 9:30 – 10:30 AM. [Details p. 7\\*\\*](#)
- 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday DIY with the Director, 11 AM.\*
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Northwest Suburban Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group, 7 – 8 PM. Room 114. [Details p. 7](#)
- 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday Senior Wills, (by appointment only).
- 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Diabetes Support Group, 10:30 AM. Room 102.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday Deaf Social/Support Group, 11 – 3 PM.
- 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday Township Horse Racing, 12 PM.\*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Monday Caregiver Support Group, 11 AM.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday Fibromyalgia Support Group, 7 PM.
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Bridges to Memory, 2 – 3:30 PM.\*
- 4<sup>th</sup> Wednesday Regular Board of Trustees Meeting, 7 PM.

\* Registration is required with Senior Services at (847) 884-0030.

\*\* Registration is required with Nurse Janet at (847) 285-4551.

# OCT

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
29	30	1	2	3	4	5
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# NOV

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# DEC

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# JAN 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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Please note: If you attend a Township function and the event is photographed, your image may be used for news and promotional purposes.

## Schaumburg Township Contact Information

One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 Monday through Friday 8:30 – 5 PM

Assessor's Office	}	(847) 884-0030
Clerk's Office		
Disability Services		
Senior Services		
Welfare Services		

Community Nurse:	(847) 285-4551
Deaf Services – Videophone:	(224) 520-9763
Highway Department:	(847) 884-1727
Kenneth Young Center:	(847) 884-6212
Passport Services:	(847) 285-4561
Transportation Dispatch:	(847) 882-1929

# SENIOR EVENTS

**Brunch and Bingo with Delta Sigma Theta Inc**      OCTOBER 19TH  
9:30-12:30 PM  
Bingo Cards: \$1 each

**National Chocolate Day at Morkes Chocolates**      OCTOBER 28TH  
10 - 1:30 PM  
\$27

**Medicare Information with Tom Perrucci**      OCTOBER 29TH  
6:30 - 7:30 PM  
FREE

**Senior Music Night Featuring Daniela Tereza**      NOVEMBER 5TH  
6 - 8 PM  
\$15

**Holiday Fun in Geneva, IL**      NOVEMBER 15TH  
8:30-3:30 PM  
\$30

**Sounds of the Holiday with Denise Armour**      DECEMBER 10TH  
6:30-8 PM  
FREE

**Annual Holiday Luncheon**      DECEMBER 12TH  
11 - 1:30 PM  
\$15

**Beauty and the Beast at the Paramount Theater**      DECEMBER 18TH  
10:30-5 PM  
\$65

**Annual Senior Tax Seminar**      JANUARY 14TH  
9 - 12 PM  
FREE

For additional event details, check our website, the Senior Newsletter or contact Senior Services at (847) 884-0030. Registration required.

## Can you Save Money on Medicare?

**Free Medicare Part C/D Counseling Available from October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>**

Medicare can be quite complicated. If you already have Medicare or are approaching 65, you may already be inundated with mailings advertising Medicare options. But how do you know you are getting the best deal?

We can help! The annual enrollment period for Medicare Part C ("Advantage") and Part D ("Prescription Drugs") is from October 15<sup>th</sup> – December 7<sup>th</sup>. The Township of Schaumburg has several trained counselors to provide free and unbiased information on what options are available. Plans can change from year-to-year and all new plans are effective January 1<sup>st</sup>, 2020.

If you would like to meet with a counselor, please contact (847) 884-0030 for an appointment. Appointments will fill quickly. Staff are trained by the Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP). Residents can also call 1-800-MEDICARE or the SHIP Hotline at (800) 252-8966 for assistance. The Township can help residents enroll in Medicare programs but is not affiliated with any insurance group and does not sell plans.

We look forward to assisting you with your Medicare questions!

## FREE Income Tax Preparation

In partnership with AARP Foundation Tax-Aide, the Township provides FREE state and federal income tax preparation for low- to moderate-income taxpayers. Appointments will be available from early February through mid-April. Residents can schedule an appointment after January 27<sup>th</sup>, 2020, by calling (847) 285-4597. Appointments will be scheduled on a first come, first served basis to ensure the most individuals can be assisted with this phenomenal program. A checklist on what to bring to your appointment is on our website at [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/senior-services](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/senior-services).

The AARP Tax-Aide site at Schaumburg Township is the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest in the Great Lakes region. Last year, the volunteer preparers served 1,370 people and completed 1,118 returns. This program would not be possible without volunteer support. If you are interested in volunteering for this program or have questions about how to volunteer, please contact Senior Services at (847) 884-0030.

## Low Income Access to Dental Care

Did you know the Township offers access to low-cost dental services? In collaboration with Northwest Community Healthcare, the Township hosts the Mobile Dental Clinic - a dental home to residents lacking dental care due to financial barriers. The Mobile Dental Clinic comes to the Township parking lot several times a month and offers services for the whole family such as preventive care, simple restorative procedures, fillings, extractions and oral health education. Dental care is provided by a staff dentist, UIC College of Dentistry students, volunteer dentists and volunteer hygienists. To be eligible for the Clinic, Township residents must have income at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty level and must be a legal US citizen or legal permanent resident. Applicants will be screened for financial eligibility. Residents who have dental insurance are not eligible to participate in the program. Please contact Welfare Services at (847) 884-0030 for more information or qualifications.



## Need Help with Heating and Electric Bills?

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) began October 1<sup>st</sup> to assist residents with their heating and electric bills. Qualified residents receive a utility-bill credit based on household size and income. Appointments are needed to apply for the program and staff can help assist in the application process. Last year, the Township assisted residents in obtaining \$446,518 in utility-bill credits! The program will end May 31<sup>st</sup> or earlier if funds are exhausted.

### LIHEAP has priority periods for applicants and income guidelines.

- October 1<sup>st</sup> — households including a person 60 or older or a person receiving Social Security Disability may apply.
- November 1<sup>st</sup> — households with a child aged five and under, who are currently disconnected, or have a disconnect notice may apply.
- December 1<sup>st</sup> — all income-eligible households may apply.

### Eligibility is based on household size and income.

Household Size	Gross 30 Day Income
1	\$1,561
2	\$2,114
3	\$2,666
4	\$3,219

Please contact us for income limits concerning households greater than four.

LIHEAP may also be able to help if your furnace is no longer working. Eligible households for the furnace program must meet the household size and income guidelines above. If approved, the furnace program will repair or replace the existing heating unit at no cost.

For more information, to schedule an appointment and for a complete list of needed documents, please call (847) 884-0030. Appointments may be scheduled with Disability Services, Senior Services or Welfare Services staff depending on your situation.



**NEED A RIDE?**  
**(847) 882-1929**

Are you in need of transportation for everyday errands like going to the grocery store or getting a haircut? The Township Transportation Services offers low-cost rides to residents 55 years or older and to residents with a permanent disability 18 years or older.

**FREE PRESCRIPTION  
DRUG TAKE BACK  
PROGRAM**

**NOVEMBER 14  
10-1PM**

One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL  
*Details found on [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)*

## Give Back to Township Residents in Need this Holiday

The holiday season can be a time of added stress for those who are struggling financially. In the spirit of the season, the Township is looking for donors to support our many holiday programs benefitting families, children, senior citizens and people with disabilities in need. Here are the ways you can help this holiday. Please contact Amy Fillmore in Welfare Services regarding holiday donations and questions at (847) 884-0030.

 **Adopt-a-Family** – Interested donors are paired with income-eligible families, seniors or individuals with disabilities. Wish lists are provided to give donors some direction of the interests and needs of the family in need. Donors shop, wrap and deliver gifts to the Township in early December.

The Adopt-A-Family Program fills up quickly! If you would like to participate, please contact Amy Fillmore at [afillmore@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:afillmore@schaumburgtownship.org) or call (847) 884-0030 ext. 1010 by Friday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, 2019.

 **Gift Cards** – We accept gift card donations for stores such as Jewel, Walmart, Target, Walgreens and gas stations to be gifted to families, seniors and people with disabilities in need.

 **Unwrapped New Toys** – We accept donations of unwrapped, new toys and gifts such as board games, coloring books, sleds, Frisbees, Barbies, cars and trucks, \$5 or \$10 gift cards, arts and crafts, footballs, basketballs, soccer balls, perfume/cologne, to name a few. Gifts for older children 12 – 15 years old are especially needed.

 **Food Drives** – The Township is always in need of food donations throughout the year and especially during the holidays. Organizations can hold food drives on our behalf to assist pantry clients. The pantry is 100% donation based and hosting a food drive is a simple and impactful way to give!

 **Amazon Wish List** – Residents looking to donate to the food pantry can do so from the comfort of their homes through our Amazon wish list. The list will be updated regularly and donors can ship items directly to our pantry. Find the list here: [amzn.to/2MJXMpk](http://amzn.to/2MJXMpk)

 **Monetary Donations** – Donors can give monetary donations to the food pantry through the Township website. The Township also accepts cash or check donations. Cash can be brought to the pantry M – F, 8:30 – 5 PM. Checks can be made out to the Township of Schaumburg. ‘Food Pantry’ can be added to the memo of the check. Monetary donations are used to purchase food items at a reduced price through The Greater Chicago Food Depository.

## Clerk's Corner Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge

### *Honoring Our Schaumburg Township Veterans*

If you are a veteran living in the Township of Schaumburg or know someone who is, I welcome you to review and apply for our Veteran's Honor Roll program. To be eligible, a veteran must:

1. Complete the application form
2. Submit a copy of your DD-214. Please blackout all mentions of your social security number
3. Have served during a time of conflict
4. Have an honorable discharge
5. Reside in the Township

Applications are available at the Township building at One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates or on our website at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org). Once completed, please return the application form and DD-214 to the Clerk's Office for processing. All honorees will be recognized for their service at a designated Board of Trustee's Meeting, which occurs every fourth Wednesday of the month. The Township also celebrates veteran honorees at an annual Veterans Recognition dinner. To date, the Township has honored over 200 local veterans for their bravery and valor. We are eternally grateful for your service.

### *Veterans' Honor Roll Recipients*



*Schaumburg Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge and the Board of Trustees honored Sergeant Alfonso G. Moraira and Corporal Earl W. Marik at the July Board of Trustees meeting.*

Corporal Earl W. Marik U. S. Army 1951 – 1953	Specialist Joseph P. Czarnecki U.S. Army 1969 – 1971
Sergeant Alfonso G. Moraira U.S. Army National Guard 2006 – Present (Active Duty 2010 – 2011)	Private Robert J. Sullivan U. S. Army 1968 – 1970



## The Trustee Take

### **Donations During the Holidays Help Hundreds in Your Community**

By Trustee Diane Dunham

The Township of Schaumburg offers widespread support through flagship programs and services during the holiday season. Assisting residents from children to older adults, the Township has a substantial impact in the community. During Thanksgiving, the Township distributes turkey dinners, including a frozen turkey and fixings. Our staff also organize Adopt-A-Family and a gift card program for seniors and residents with disabilities. We host holiday gatherings for older adults and an opportunity for kids with disabilities to see Santa in a sensory-friendly environment without long lines. Furthermore, our food pantry sees clients preparing for time spent with loved ones at upcoming family gatherings. Without these robust programs, many of our neighbors would go without a comforting holiday meal or presents for their kids. The holidays can be difficult for some and our services help lighten their burden.

All of these programs could not exist without the generous support of the community. It is truly the best time of the year at the Township to watch people come together to support one another. The vibrant programming bolstered by community giving really demonstrates the time-tested saying that Townships are the closest form of government to the people. Thank you for your continued support as we help hundreds of our neighbors have a brighter holiday season.

For information on how to donate please call Welfare Services. For donations specific to older adults or people with disabilities please call Senior Services or Disability Services respectively. Please use our direct line (847) 884-0030 to be transferred to the appropriate staff member.

## From the Desk of the Highway Commissioner, Scott M. Kegarise



Your Township Road District is hard at work all year long ensuring unincorporated roads and residents are taken care of. Below is a small sampling of the duties which are addressed on a routine basis:

- Maintenance and improvement of unincorporated roads, striping, street lighting and signs. These are roads not controlled by a municipality, Cook County or the state of Illinois and though you may not live on a township-maintained road – you probably drive on one all the time.
- Annual snow removal on unincorporated roads.
- Replacement and/or rehabilitation of deficient storm drainage systems, including replacement of driveway culverts. Furthermore, the Road District coordinates with water reclamation agencies to manage emergency storm services.
- Providing rain barrels for purchase with free delivery within the Township to help residents save money on water bills.
- Free brush pick-up for unincorporated residents and free wood chip distribution for all Township residents.
- Parkway care including mowing.

Imagine if our Township was not here to perform these tasks. Our professional, dedicated staff has a collective 46 years of providing outstanding public service to the residents of Schaumburg Township and always puts residents first. Next time you see them plowing, mowing or mulching, smile or wave! They will appreciate it.

Remember fall is here and adverse weather is not far behind. Falling leaves, slippery streets, rain or snow soon to follow. Please give our workers room to complete their tasks safely. When you slow down for those flashing lights everyone gets to go home safely.

## Employment Services

The Township would like to offer our sincere condolences to the family and friends of R.P.P. Enterprises, Inc. founder Robert Podgorski, who passed away in September, 2019. An active member in the community and a friendly and familiar face to many Township residents, he will surely be missed. Employment Services will continue to be offered at the Township of Schaumburg. Please check the Township website for information and updates.

## A Message from the Assessor, John R. Lawson, M.S., C.I.A.O.



September 2019 Residential Property Tax Appeals Seminar

### Automatic Renewals for Senior Citizen Homestead Exemption Signed into Law

Senior citizen homestead exemptions will now automatically renew for seniors currently receiving the deduction. Seniors who do not already receive the exemption and those born in 1954, turning 65 in 2019, will need to apply in 2020. Once applied and received, the exemption will renew automatically. This legislation does not include the senior freeze exemption. Senior freeze exemptions will still need to be renewed annually and are based on income for senior citizens.

For more information regarding the senior exemption or senior freeze, please contact the Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030 or visit our website.

### Triennial Reassessment Property Tax Appeals

Residents who missed the Cook County Appeals period in August will have another chance to file an appeal with the Cook County Board of Review sometime this winter. For final appeals dates, please check the Township website or the Cook County Board of Review website at [cookcountyboardofreview.com/dates/dates-and-deadlines](http://cookcountyboardofreview.com/dates/dates-and-deadlines).

Please note if an appeal is successful, it will reflect on the second installment property tax bill in the following year.

### E-newsletter Sign-up

Interested in news from the Assessor's Office regarding appeals, exemptions and seminars? Register for our e-newsletter on the Township homepage at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org).

## Improve your Health with Gratitude

Psychology research shows that gratitude is linked to experiencing more positive emotions and can even improve your health. Take a moment to reflect on what makes you feel grateful. With an array of mental health services available, Kenneth Young Center strives to provide resources to Township residents of all ages to feel their best. Contact KYC at (847) 524-8800 to learn more.

## Free Youth Mental Health Speaker Series Coming to the Township in Fall 2019

Approximately 1 in 5 youth experiences a mental health disorder between the ages of 13 and 18 according to the National Alliance on Mental Health (NAMI). To raise awareness and empower parents, educators and youth, the Mental Health Committee is hosting Emerging Minds, a speaker series focused on topics affecting children and adolescents. The following free presentations will be held at the Township building at One Illinois Blvd. in Hoffman Estates. Registration is required at [tinyurl.com/y4h3xub4](http://tinyurl.com/y4h3xub4).

- **October 24<sup>th</sup> 6 – 7:30 PM**  
Dr. Patrick McGrath  
*Managing Anxiety in Adolescents*
- **October 30<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 PM**  
Youth Substance Abuse  
*Panel Discussion*
- **November 6<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 PM**  
Dr. Matthew Landstrom &  
Dr. Amanda Skierkiewicz  
*Understanding ADHD*
- **November 13<sup>th</sup> 6:30 – 8 PM**  
Susan DeLuca  
*Trauma in Children  
and Adolescents*

## Township Welcomes New Community Nurse Janet Stachula, RN

The Township of Schaumburg would like to welcome Northwest Community Healthcare (NCH) nurse Janet Stachula, RN, as the new community health nurse! With over 35 years of experience, she facilitates educational programs and support groups, while also helping residents with A1C testing, blood pressure checks and bone density screenings. For a comprehensive list of services, please review the community nurse page on the Township website.



### **Free End of Life Decisions Presentation on November 12<sup>th</sup> and Follow-up Workshop on November 19<sup>th</sup>**

Navigating the death of a loved one is painful and stressful. Help your loved ones avoid some of that stress by being prepared with the proper documents for end of life care. Join Nurse Janet for a free presentation on end of life decisions from 10 – 11:30 am on November 12<sup>th</sup> at the Township. The session will cover all the important documents like living wills/the five wishes, power of attorney and do not resuscitate orders. Then on November 19<sup>th</sup>, attendees are invited back to the Township for assistance in filling out the paperwork if needed. RSVP at (847) 285-4551 today!

### **Coffee and Conversation**

Coffee and Conversation is a new monthly meeting hosted by Nurse Janet exploring popular medical topics. Meetings will be held on the 1<sup>st</sup> Wednesday of the month from 9:30 – 10:30 AM at the Township. Registration is required for each session at (847) 285-4551. The upcoming Coffee and Conversation topics are:

- November 6<sup>th</sup>: CBD oil
- December 4<sup>th</sup>: How to avoid overeating during the holidays
- January 8<sup>th</sup>: Why am I so tired?

## Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group Offered at the Township

October is Pregnancy and Infant Loss Awareness Month. Since 1988, October has been used to recognize the unique grief of bereaved parents and to support those families who have suffered such a tremendous loss. Thousands of families in the United States are grieving the death of their baby. Unfortunately many times their grief goes unrecognized and they are left to grieve alone and isolated. Helping to spread awareness not only helps families feel empathetically supported but also improves education and prevention efforts.

Northwest Community Healthcare, AMITA Health at St. Alexius Medical Center and AMITA Health Alexian Brothers Medical Center collaborate to provide bereavement support for families who have lost their child

during or after pregnancy. The Northwest Suburban Pregnancy and Infant Loss Support Group meets the 2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday of the month from 7 – 8 PM at the Township of Schaumburg. It is an open forum to help bereaved parents along their grief journey. Being in the presence of other families who are grieving a similar loss and holding space for this grief is instrumental in healing. Grieving a child is not something a parent ever “gets over”, but they learn to incorporate it into their life in order to continue living a life that is often filled with joy and sorrow.

Helpful Tips to Support a Grieving Parent

- Be present
- Reach out to them
- Talk about their child
- Call their child by name
- Remember birthdays, anniversaries etc.
- Don't try to fix their grief – there is no timeline



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**Scott M. Kegarise, Highway Commissioner**

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.

## **ECR-WSS**

### **Residential Postal Customer, Local Schaumburg Township Illinois**

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**

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know the community well as they are active in local sports leagues, schools and religious groups, to name a few. The Township's elevated service delivery cannot be duplicated because we are neighbors serving neighbors.

Some believe government consolidation in Illinois will save tax payer dollars, but there is no evidence or research that doing so will save money. Instead, that money will likely be redistributed elsewhere and the services townships provide will be minimized or eliminated. If we allow the county or municipal government to take over township responsibilities, families, older adults and others in need would fall through the cracks. Our unincorporated roads would need to be maintained by another local government, increasing the burden on their road crews and snow plows. You wouldn't have the same access to services or personalized care – and your tax bills would remain the same.

Having an effective township with strong services is not only good for the people, but also for the economy and property values. Ultimately, the Township of Schaumburg offers services and programs needed by the community, and our community is better because of it.

**TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG WELFARE SERVICES**  
**847-884-0030 | SCHAUMBURGTOWNSHIP.ORG**



# **NEED HELP?**

**FOOD ASSISTANCE**  
**SNAP APPLICATIONS**  
**ENERGY BILLS**  
**EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE**  
**DENTAL CARE**  
**AND MORE!**