

The Town Crier



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SCHAUMBURG

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A COMMITMENT TO THE FUTURE

Cook County Assessor's Office Property Tax Appeals Tentative Dates: August 3rd – September 8th

The **tentative** appeals period for Township of Schaumburg residents is August 3rd – September 8th. The Township is open to assist residents Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 8:30 – 5 PM and Tuesdays and Thursdays from 8:30 – 6:30 PM. This appeals period is designated by the Cook County Assessor's Office.

There are three ways to complete your appeal:

- **Email** Victor Morales at vmorales@schaumburgtownship.org your home pin number, phone number, email and home address. An email confirmation will be sent to your email address as soon as we file your appeal electronically. This is the fastest and most convenient way - no visit to the office is required. Emails must be received at least one hour before closing on the last day of appeals.
- A **virtual appointment** can be scheduled to be completed over the phone. You'll need a pin number, phone number, email and home address. An email confirmation will be sent to your email address. Schedule a virtual appointment with the Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030.
- **In-person appointments** are also available and can be made by calling the Assessor's Office at (847) 884-0030. Please note that we ask residents to wear a mask while in the building and practice social distancing. You'll need to bring your pin number, phone number, email and home address.

Due to COVID-19, emailing and virtual appointments are strongly encouraged though walk-in appointments are available. Please check the Cook County Assessor's website at www.cookcountyassessor.com under Appeal and Deadlines for updated information. More news from the Township Assessor's Office found on page 6.

Community Shred Day

Saturday, August 8th, 9 – 11 am



The Township is hosting a free community shred day on August 8th from 9 – 11 AM at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or bags per vehicle (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). Boxes must be unsealed and bags must be untied. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed. To conduct a contactless shredding, boxes or bags must be located in your vehicle's trunk and residents should remain in their vehicles. Visit our website or contact the Clerk's Office at (847) 285-4561 for more information. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19 this event is subject to change.

Pack the Bus

Join us for a school supply drive for
District 54 low-income students!

Donations are accepted the following ways:

- 1 **Pack the Bus Event**
No-contact drop-off Saturday, August 1st 9 - 3pm at Target: 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd.
- 2 **Drop-off at the Township**
No-contact drop-off through the end of August at: 1 Illinois Blvd. Hoffman Estates
- 3 **Purchase Supplies Online**
Ship supplies directly to the Township. Access the wish list at: <https://bit.ly/3f2YTeo>
- 4 **Monetary Donations**
Monetary donations are also welcome. Proceeds will help District 54 purchase items not received.

Check our website or call
(847)884-0030 for more information



Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting stay-at-home order, many typical events and programs have been disrupted. We've begun planning in-person events. Please check our website and social media pages for updated information on the status of in-person events and our bustling virtual programs.

UPCOMING EVENTS

August

- 1- Pack the Bus p.1
- 8- Shred Day p.1

September

- 7- Township is closed for Labor Day
- 26- Virtual Historical Bus Tour p.7

October

- 3- Shred Day

WEEKLY EVENTS

- Wed- Diabetes Support Group
10:30 am**

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Township is hosting virtual programs every weekday! The FREE events include exercise, bingo, trivia, health topics with Nurse Janet, and more. The schedule changes week-to-week and is meant to challenge mind, body and spirit. Join us! Details on page 4.

MONTHLY EVENTS

- 1st Tue- Mental Health Committee
7 pm (Sept./Oct.)
- 2nd Tue- Northwest Suburban Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group
7 pm***
- 2nd Tue- Senior Wills Appointment Only*
- 2nd Tue- Committee for Persons with Disabilities
7 pm (Sept./Oct.)
- 3rd Mon- Senior Citizens Services Committee
7 pm (Sept./Oct.)
- 4th Wed- Bridges to Memory
2-3:30 pm*
- 4th Wed- Board of Trustees Meeting
7pm

*RSVP required at (847) 285-4541

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***Email jkottmeier@nch.org for details.

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SEPT

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OCT

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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.

Check our website or call (847) 884-0030 for more information.

TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169 | Mon-Fri 8:30-5 pm

Assessor's Office
Clerk's Office
Disability Services
Senior Services
Welfare Services

(847) 884-0030

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

Client Choice Food Pantry Appointments Available

Residents who are in need of food during these tough times can make an appointment at the Township's food pantry. The pantry is set up so that you can shop for the items your family needs. Clients can visit the pantry twice a month. We typically have a variety of produce, dairy, non-perishables, frozen foods, paper products and more – though items vary from day-to-day. The appointments are free and easy to make by calling (847) 884-0030 ex. 1013. The pantry is open Monday – Friday from 9:30 – 1:30 PM. We ask that residents bring a current piece of mail as proof of residency such as a ComEd, Nicor or water bill that has been issued within the last 30 days and lists your current address to each appointment.



**Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, operations may have changed since printing. Please check the Township website (schaumburgtownship.org) or call (847) 884-0030 for updated information.*

Transportation Services Resume Trips to Grocery Stores, Target and Walmart



Older adults (55+) and adults with permanent disabilities (18+) can now schedule appointments with Transportation Services to go grocery shopping. The schedule is:

- Monday/Friday: Walmart and Target
- Tuesdays: Jewel, Mariano's, Aldi and Valli Produce
- Thursdays: Jewel, Mariano's and Aldi

Each bus will have limited capacity due to social distancing standards. Please call to make an appointment at (847) 882-1929. Residents who are homebound can still receive pantry deliveries by calling Transportation Services. Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, services may change. Please visit our website for updated information.

Past Due on an Electric Bill? We Could Help!

Did you know that ComEd offers a financial assistance grant towards a past due bill up to \$500? The Residential Special Hardship (RSH) program runs all year until funds exhaust and the Township can help you apply! Grant amounts may vary based on available funding.

An eligible household may receive this grant every two years from approval date. In all cases, the customer must provide proof of hardship along with the demonstrated need based upon income level. Households must have a ComEd account in their name, have a past due balance of at least \$25, proof of hardship and must not have received a RSH grant in the past two program years. For more information, please contact Welfare Services, Senior Services or Disability Services at (847) 884-0030.



Medicare Part C/D Open Enrollment Right Around the Corner

Every year, between October 15th and December 7th, Medicare beneficiaries can review, join, cancel or switch their Medicare Part C (Advantage) or Part D (prescription) plans. Staff members in Senior Services and Disability Services are trained by the State of Illinois Department on Aging Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) and are available to provide free, unbiased counseling. Appointments are limited and required due to the complicated nature of this service. Appointments may fill quickly. Please call (847) 285-4541 after September 1st to schedule an appointment.

We can also help with enrollment into a new plan or troubleshooting issues with a current plan. SHIP services are available year-round if you need assistance with your Medicare benefits, have questions about coverage or need help! Please call (847) 285-4541 for an appointment. Due to COVID-19, we strongly encourage a phone appointment but in-person appointments are also available if needed.

Staff can assist with Medicaid issues. If you have Medicare and Medicaid, you may participate in the Medicare Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI). Ensuring benefits stay active is very important and we can help. Call today if you need assistance!

Senior Services e-Newsletter

Senior Services has introduced a weekly e-newsletter to share important resources, provide timely updates and promote upcoming events. This is the best way for us to communicate changes or to send alerts on programs/services very quickly. The newsletter is free and we will never sell or disclose your information without your consent. You can also unsubscribe whenever you like.

To sign up, simply go to schaumburgtownship.org. On the right hand side, toward the bottom, there is a place to enter your name and email address – “Subscribe to our mailing list”. Select which newsletters interest you and confirm your subscription by clicking the link emailed to you. If you need help signing up, call (847) 285-4541 and our staff can assist! We can also help if you do not have an email account and would like to set one up. We also publish a hardcopy newsletter, the Senior Newsletter, every two months for residents 55 or older - give us a call to be added to our mailing list.

FREE SENIOR SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING

EVERY MONDAY-FRIDAY

Engage your mind, body and spirit with our daily virtual programming schedule.

Sessions include:

- Bingo
- Tai Chi
- Trivia
- Coffee Klatch
- Benefit Info
- And More!



Join ONLINE

<https://zoom.us/j/4715872835>

Meeting ID: 471 587 2835



Dial by PHONE

1-312-626-6799

Meeting ID: 471 587 2835



Questions? Call (847) 285-4541

To better manage security of these events, please call (847) 285-4541 to register and get the event password.

For the current schedule and access to future events, check our website, sign up for the Senior eNewsletter or contact Senior Services at (847) 285-4541.

Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, all events are subject to change.

Career Coaching

COVID-19 deeply affected the workforce, businesses and the economy. Being unemployed or underemployed during this difficult time can cause even more stress or anxiety; let our Career Coach help navigate these new times. Our Coach is ready to help you return to the workforce or switch career paths and can review resumes, provide interview tips, share salary negotiation tips, among other helpful skills. Email him at emperservices@schaumburgtownship.org! If you do not have access to an email, call (847) 285-4541 and we will submit the referral on your behalf.

Clerk's Corner

Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge

U.S. Passport Update

The U.S. Department of State plans to reopen in three phases as part of their Diplomacy Strong plan, which follows guidelines from the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). As of July 7th, the Chicago Regional Agency is in Phase 1. The Township is available to accept passport applications and renewals and take passport photos via appointment. Please note as the Department of State reopens, passports may have significant delays. Please check travel.state.gov for updated information. The U.S. Department of State's phases are:

Phase 1: Limited staff will return to work, allowing the Department of State to resume limited processing of applications already received. Applications will be processed on a first in, first out basis. Priority will be reserved for customers with life-or-death emergencies. During phase one, they continue to recommend customers wait to submit new or renewal applications as delays will continue.

Phase 2: Most staff will return to work. Applications will be processed on a first in, first out basis, beginning with the oldest applications.

Phase 3: All remaining passport services staff will return to work. They will continue to address applications on a first in, first out basis, focusing on the oldest applications.

**Source: travel.state.gov*

Free Notary Services Available

The Township of Schaumburg offers free notary public services Monday–Friday from 8:30 – 5 PM. Appointments are encouraged by calling (847) 285-4561. Appointments are limited to signers and one support person if needed. Please remember to bring a photo ID, such as your driver's license and all documents needing notarized.



Deaf Services Coordinator leads a virtual video phone chat for Deaf clients. The program is available every Monday at 1 PM and Wednesday at 2 PM. RSVP at (224) 520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org for instructions on how to join. Thank you to Sorenson Communications for their assistance with our video phone chats!

Disability Services Provides Education Topics

The Township of Schaumburg is proud to offer a variety of services for residents with disabilities and their families. Despite COVID-19, the department continues to host virtual education sessions to share helpful resources, information and referrals to individuals with disabilities, their families, or professionals. Recent sessions included a presentation from a Social Security disability attorney, an attorney from the non-profit organization Equip for Equality who shared legal information on voting rights and accessible accommodations, as well as a speaker from NWSRA who reviewed the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Furthermore, our full-time Deaf Services Coordinator provides a variety of programs and education topics to engage Deaf residents. If you would like information on upcoming presentations (or, if you have an idea on a helpful topic), call us today at (847) 285-4541.



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schaumburgtownship.org

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



Highway Foreman Dave Schackleton demonstrates brush pick-up for the Township's Virtual Touch a Truck in honor of Cook County Township Day.

COVID-19 has affected every aspect of our daily lives. However, at the Township, our schedules have picked up with branch collection and wood chip deliveries. Please remember that branch pick-up is available for unincorporated Township residents only but wood chips are available to anyone in the Township. If you are interested in wood chips call (847) 884-1727.

From time to time, we are asked to address issues that are adjacent, yet out of our service area. Though we are not authorized to perform work beyond 33 feet from the centerline of the roadway in our right of way, many times we can refer individuals to the right authorities to assist them. Please don't hesitate to reach out for assistance and we will do our best to help resolve your issue.

Once again, remember to keep your swales maintained to assist in the proper drainage of storm water.

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



Chief Deputy Assessor Victor Morales helps a resident with property tax exemptions.

Second Installment Bills Late Fee Waiver Until October 1st

The Cook County Treasurer's Office will waive late fees on property tax payments until October 1st. The relief gives residents more time to make their second installment payments. Typical late payment interest rates are 1.5%. The relief is designed to ease the economic stresses of the COVID-19 pandemic.

What Exemptions Can I Apply For?

You can call the Assessor's Office to verify if you qualify for any available exemption, including Homeowner; Senior Citizen; Senior Freeze; Returning Veterans; Disabled Veteran Homeowner and/or the Disabled Exemption. If exemptions were not applied on your second installment bill, the Township can assist you by filing a "Certificate of Error" on your behalf.

Governor Signs Bill Automatically Renewing Exemptions for Next Year's Tax Bill.

Governor Pritzker has signed Senate Bill 685, which automatically renews three homestead exemptions, the Persons with Disabilities Exemption, the Veterans with Disabilities Exemption, and/or the Senior Freeze Exemption, for the next year's second installment property tax bill due to the COVID-19 pandemic. Homeowners who are newly qualified to receive any of these exemptions, but had never received it before, will need to apply as a new applicant in 2021.

National Suicide Prevention Month

September marks National Suicide Prevention Month. According to the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, some steps we can take to help loved ones are to check in with each other, listen and acknowledge feelings without judgment, and reduce access to means of self-harm. If you or a loved one is in need of confidential support, call the 24/7 Lifeline at (800) 273-TALK (8255). Visit <http://bethel1to.com> for more information and ways to make a difference.

The Kenneth Young Center: Recovery Month

Recovery from substance use or mental health concerns is an active and ongoing process of improving health and wellness. At KYC, we know that recovery is hard work that doesn't stop and that it is a crucial component of building healthier communities. As we participate in Recovery Month this September, we honor and support all of our community members who are living in recovery. We appreciate your dedication to wellness, and are proud to partner with the Township to support residents as they work towards their goals in recovery. If you or someone you know are seeking resources to continue or achieve recovery, please call us at (847) 524-8800 or visit kennethyoung.org.



The Trustee Take

By Trustee Jeffrey Mytych

This has been a stressful year, presenting newfound pressures to many of our lives. We are being asked to adjust the way we do even the most basic of tasks and all the change can be exhausting. At Schaumburg Township, we want to make sure you know that we are here to help you weather this storm. Below are a few areas impacting people right now and how the Township is serving the community.

- **Mental Health:** The Township partners with the Kenneth Young Center to provide mental health services to our area. We also fund several area agencies tackling issues like domestic violence, substance abuse, sexual abuse, homelessness and more.
- **Physical Health:** The Township knows how important physical health is. We help promote healthy bodies through our virtual exercise programs and online resources to live classes. We also have a Community Health Nurse running a weekly diabetes support group and educational sessions to promote healthy lifestyles, even during the pandemic.
- **Employment:** The Township's Career Coach offers free assistance in managing today's job workplace economy. For those looking for employment, the Township can offer assistance in job search skills, resume building, interviewing tips and negotiation tools. Email our Coach at empervices@schaumburgtownship.org.
- **Financial Assistance:** There are a litany of programs available to assist people during tough times and the Township can help determine which programs you qualify for and help you apply. Programs address utilities, food insecurity, healthcare and more. Give us a call to discuss what options are available.

Check out our website for resources on funded agencies and our virtual programs. Call (847) 884-0030 to speak with staff for assistance addressing these issues and more.

Free and Low-Cost Nurse Services

As we transition to our new normal, it is important to think of your overall health in addition to concerns about COVID-19. At the Township, Nurse Janet offers several free and low-cost services available to the public!



Nurse Janet Stachula

Need assistance

with diabetes management? The Nurse runs a diabetes support group, offers \$12 A1C tests, conducts virtual healthy cooking classes and one-on-one diabetic education. She also offers free bone density, blood pressure and memory loss screenings. Please contact the Nurse Tuesdays-Thursdays from 8:30 – 4 PM at (847) 285-4551 or jstachula@nch.org. Service details below.

A1C Testing

By appointment, \$12 fee (cash only)

Bone Density Screening

By appointment, **Free**

Blood Pressure Screening

Appointments encouraged, **Free**

Memory Loss Screening

By appointment, **Free**

Diabetes Support Group

Every Wednesday, 10:30 – 11:30 AM

RSVP with Nurse Janet for call information. **Free**

Virtual Programming

Every Thursday, 1 PM. Rotating topics.

RSVP with Nurse Janet for call information. **Free**



Schaumburg Township Historical Society

The Schaumburg Township Historical Society is hosting a virtual tour, which will include short videos of important historical locations within the Township. Videos will be available at schaumburgtownship.org starting September 26th. The Historical Society also encourages residents to take their self-guided historical tour, which can be found at s-t-h-s.org.

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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

Many are wondering what recovery from COVID-19 will look like in our community, state and country. We know that the impact of COVID-19 will likely reverberate for some time. At the Township, staff are committed to helping our residents recover and are prepared to serve for the long haul. What does recovery look like at the Township? Each department will continue to have a proactive hand in relief efforts.

As folks begin to look for work, the Township's Career Coach is available to offer free guidance and assistance regarding resumes, interviews, negotiations and more. We have several options for those facing hunger – including the food pantry and assisting with SNAP applications. Staff can help people save on utilities, Medicare and property taxes. The Community Health Nurse shares important health information, runs a Diabetes Support Group and conducts general consultations and screenings for A1C, blood pressure, memory and bone density. Transportation continues to get our neighbors to where they need to go – especially those needing life-saving treatment like dialysis. Let's not forget our social programs that offer assistance with mind, body and soul. Staff offer a robust schedule of virtual programs for residents to try from home, keeping our community connected to each other.

Though there is still uncertainty about COVID-19, one certainty is that Township government will step in and step up to assist residents. I commend our residents and staff for their resilience during this difficult time. As I've said before, we have the most amazing community and are lucky to live amongst giving and thoughtful neighbors. Thank you for your continued support and I hope you and your families and friends stay healthy and safe.

