

# The Town Crier



**TOWNSHIP OF  
SCHAUMBURG**

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

## COVID-19 EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE



**4,759**  
FOOD PANTRY VISITS



**765**  
DIALYSIS RIDES



**4,500**  
WELLNESS CALLS



**498**  
HOMEBOUND PANTRY DELIVERIES

All statistics from March 24-May 8

The COVID-19 pandemic has challenged all of us. It has forced us to reevaluate simple tasks like grocery shopping, doctors' appointments and socializing. In these uncertain times, the Township of Schaumburg has risen to the occasion and quickly modified our operations to help our community.

Food insecurity has been a prominent concern among residents. For the safety of our clients and staff we began a drive-through pantry twice a week. This change allowed us to serve more residents. Since March 24<sup>th</sup>, we've had 4,759 food pantry visits (serving 17,916 household members). We typically have 650 visits in one month. As we continue to contend with the impact of COVID-19, we expect the need for food to increase.

Transportation Services adjusted services to accommodate low-cost rides for dialysis and critical medical appointments. To ensure the safety of these high-risk passengers and our drivers, riders were transported on a one-on-one basis. The Township saw the need for food access to homebound residents and delivered food bags packed with essentials to 498 households since March 24<sup>th</sup>.

All other staff continued services remotely, with caseworkers assisting with Medicare issues, troubleshooting benefit problems or responding to requests for information and assistance. The Township also remains available to assist with the Emergency and General Assistance Programs. Our Assessor's Office continues to file exemptions and certificate of error forms with the Cook County Assessor's Office.

Staff and volunteers made thousands of wellness checks with older adults and people with disabilities. Disability Services and Senior Services developed a robust virtual programming schedule, made and delivered care packages, delivered Easter baskets, distributed masks and started a card campaign to combat social isolation.

As the situation surrounding COVID-19 continues to evolve so does our response. We remain committed to serving the community. Our hope is that despite the tragedy of COVID-19, we can spread kindness and be a source of support and stability for our community's most in-need residents.

For more information on our current operations – as they have likely changed since printing – please visit our website at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org).



## TOWNSHIP OFFICIALS OF COOK COUNTY COOK COUNTY TOWNSHIP DAY VIRTUAL TOUCH-A-TRUCK

**JUNE 20**

Celebrate Townships by virtually exploring local municipal vehicles! Video tours will be posted online at:  
[schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) & Facebook: @SchaumburgTownship

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic and resulting stay-at-home order, many typical events and programs have been disrupted. Though we aren't sure when we will be able to resume our previously held schedule, we will host a robust schedule of virtual events and programs.

Find the schedule on our website at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org).

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

The Township is hosting virtual programs every weekday at 10 am and 1 pm! The FREE events include exercise, bingo, trivia, movies, health topics with Nurse Janet, and more. The schedule will change from week-to-week and is meant to challenge mind, body and spirit. Join us! Details on page 3.

### ANNUAL/BI-ANNUAL EVENTS

- June**
- 20- Virtual Touch-A-Truck p.1
- July**
- 3- Township is closed for Independence Day
- 25- Disability Services Summer Celebration p.6\*
- August**
- 1- Pack the Bus p.4
- 8- Shred Day p.5

### WEEKLY EVENTS

All weekly events are virtual until further notice.  
Wed- Diabetes Support Group  
10:30 am\*\*

### MONTHLY EVENTS

- All monthly events are virtual until further notice.
- 1st Wed- DIY with the Director  
11 am\*
  - 2nd Tue- Northwest Suburban Pregnancy/Infant Loss Support Group  
7 pm\*\*\*
  - 4th Mon- Caregiver Support Group  
11 am\*
  - 4th Wed- Bridges to Memory  
2-3:30 pm\*
  - 4th Wed- Board of Trustees Meeting  
7pm

\*RSVP required at (847) 285-4541  
\*\*RSVP required at (847) 285 4551  
\*\*\*Email [jkottmeier@nch.org](mailto:jkottmeier@nch.org) for details.



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 on when some of our regularly scheduled activities/events will return,

### TOWNSHIP CONTACT INFORMATION

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

Assessor's Office	} (847) 884-0030	Community Nurse:	(847) 285-4551
Clerk's Office		Deaf Services - Videophone:	(224) 520-9763
Disability Services		Highway Department:	(847) 884-1727
Senior Services		Kenneth Young Center:	(847) 884-6212
Welfare Services		Passport Services:	(847) 285-4561
		Transportation Dispatch:	(847) 882-1929

### Donate to the Food Pantry



During the first days following the Illinois stay-at-home order and school closings, the Township of Schaumburg quickly mobilized to change operations so we could safely serve more people in the food pantry.

As we continue to come together during this unprecedented time, we'd like to share how you can help our community through the pantry! We accept monetary donations to purchase grocery items in bulk at a wholesale price through our partners like the Greater Chicago Food Depository. Donations can be made online through our website at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) or via check. Checks can be mailed to the Township (Attn: Food Pantry) and should be made out to the Township of Schaumburg with Food Pantry in the memo section. In-kind food donations can also be made via drop off or order to the Township.\* We accept non-perishable items, hygiene products, paper products, dairy, meat, freezer items and fresh produce. Every summer we accept fresh fruits and vegetables left over from residents' gardens and will happily do the same this year! If you would like to give a perishable donation, please call (847) 884-0030 in advance to ensure we have the storage space available.

If you are looking for ways to help from home, please consider our pantry! Plant an extra row in your summer garden, mail us an Amazon order of paper towels or simply let people know our pantry is open for anyone in need. Thank you for your amazing support during this tough time. We couldn't be more grateful for you!

\*Please check our website or call our mainline (847) 884-0030 for updated information on donation drop-off times.

### Food Assistance in Your Time of Need

Did you know a Township employee can help you apply for SNAP benefits (formerly food stamps)? We can walk you through the guidelines to make sure you are eligible and can help with the application. Qualifications depend on income, expenses and the number of people who live and eat together. Call us today at (847) 884-0030 to schedule an appointment and let us help you stock your fridge.

## FREE 10am/1pm! SENIOR SERVICES VIRTUAL PROGRAMMING EVERY MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

Sessions include:

- Bingo
- Coffee Klatch
- Walking Fit
- Benefit Info
- Trivia
- 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 or (847) 450-8011

To better manage security of these events, please call (847) 285-4541 or (847) 450-8011 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 or (847) 450-8011.

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

**Scam Awareness**

In many ways the COVID-19 pandemic has brought out the best in people – neighbors pitching in to help neighbors, folks donating to food pantries, nurses and doctors coming out of retirement to help the crisis. However, where goodwill blossomed, so did scammers. The unintended consequence of stimulus packages, expanded unemployment and the crushing hope for a COVID-19 cure have caused scams to multiply.

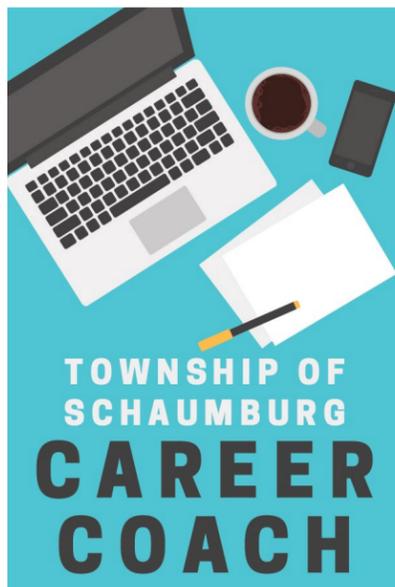
Scams are present at all times, but the recent pandemic caused new scams to emerge. Any advertisement or offer peddling a cure is a scam and may be harmful to your health.\* Please contact your healthcare professional if you think you might be sick to determine your need for a test. You might see an increase in scam emails, phone calls or texts promising free items or encouraging you to “claim a payment.” It’s important to remain vigilant if you get an unsolicited contact. Use caution and fact check the information. Do not use the phone number or website link in the message. Rather, research the appropriate number for the agency and call directly for information.

For more information, you can contact the Illinois Attorney General at (800) 386-5438 or your local police department. To find out if a charity is registered, check with Charitable Trust Bureau at (312) 814-2595. Senior Services staff are available for assistance and referrals if you need help. Contact a Senior Services staff member at (847) 285-4541. Senior Services also publishes a bimonthly newsletter with helpful information, resources and programs. Please contact them to be added to their mailing list.

*\*There was no known cure or vaccine at the time of printing.*

**Employment Services**

A sudden loss of employment or reduction in hours can create increased stress or anxiety. Widespread unemployment or underemployment, like during the COVID-19 pandemic, can cause further worries. The Township offers employment resources through a Career Coach. The Career Coach is available by email and phone to assist you. The Career Coach can help review resumes, interview skills, identify strengths and more. Email today at [empervices@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:empervices@schaumburgtownship.org). If you do not have computer or email access, call us at (847) 285-4541 and we will send the referral on your behalf. We look forward to serving you.



**Pack the Bus Returns August 1<sup>st</sup>**



The Township of Schaumburg plans to host our annual Pack the Bus school supply drive to support District 54 low-income students on Saturday, August 1<sup>st</sup> from 9 – 3 pm at Target at 2621 W. Schaumburg Rd., Schaumburg. Our goal is to provide school supplies for every area student who needs them by the first day of school! Donations are accepted the following ways:

- New supplies can be dropped off at our August 1<sup>st</sup> event or at the Township until the end of August.
- Online purchases can be mailed directly to the Township’s Welfare Services Department. Check our website in July for more information about online purchasing.
- Monetary donations are also welcome.

For more information, call Welfare Services at (847) 884-0030. Thank you for your support! Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event is subject to change.

**NEED A RIDE?**  
**847-884-0030 or 630-445-9048**  
 Township transportation is available to older adults (55+) and people with permanent disabilities (18+).  
 Call for information today on updated operations!

**SIGN UP TODAY FOR TOWNSHIP E-NEWS!**  
 Go to [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) and scroll down to "subscribe to our mailing list".

**Clerk’s Corner  
 Township Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge**

**Passport Services**

As of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the U.S. Department of State has continued limited passport operations. Citizens can still apply at some acceptance facilities. Adult renewals can still be completed by mail and the Township staff is happy to help with them over the phone. To determine if you qualify for an adult renewal, call us at (847) 732-7099 or visit our website at: [schaumburgtownship.org/departments/clerksoffice/passport](http://schaumburgtownship.org/departments/clerksoffice/passport). Applicants should expect significant delays as noted by the U.S. Department of State. More information on the status of national passport operations can be found at [travel.state.gov](http://travel.state.gov) or the Township website.



**Recent Veterans’ Honor Roll Recipients**



*The Township of Schaumburg Clerk W. Robert Vinnedge and the Board of Trustees honored Second Class Petty Officer Thomas J. Weidemann at the January Board of Trustees meeting.*

Second Class Petty Officer Thomas J. Weidemann  
 U.S. Navy ~ 1971 – 1975  
 Staff Sergeant Richard Dahl  
 US Army ~ 1968 – 1971 &  
 US Air Force ~ 1954 – 1957

**Real ID Update**

The Department of Homeland Security has extended the deadline for Real ID enforcement by 12 months because of the COVID-19 pandemic. The new deadline is Oct. 1<sup>st</sup>, 2021. Real IDs can be obtained at an Illinois Secretary of State office. More information on the Real ID and what documentation to bring, please visit the Illinois Secretary of State’s office: [https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/drivers\\_license/REAL\\_ID/home.html](https://www.cyberdriveillinois.com/departments/drivers/drivers_license/REAL_ID/home.html).

**SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH | 9-11 AM**  
**COMMUNITY SHRED DAY**  
**Free Paper Shredding**

- 4 boxes or bags per person.
- Don't remove paperclips, staples & rubber bands.
- Boxes/bags must be unsealed/untyed.
- All boxes/bags must be in the trunk of your vehicle for no contact shredding.

**Call (847) 285-4561 with questions!**  
 Due to the fluid nature of the COVID-19 pandemic, this event is subject to change.

**The Kenneth Young Center: Tips to Mental Health**

During times of uncertainty, many people experience anxiety or fear from the unknown. To support your mental health, it’s important to find ways to relieve stress and practice mindfulness. Here are some tips:

1. Practice deep breathing: Breathe in through your nose for four seconds, then hold your breath in for seven seconds. Release the air through your mouth for eight seconds, emptying your lungs. Repeat.
2. Connect with others: Call a friend or family members. Even if you can’t meet face-to-face, you can stay in touch!
3. Do something you enjoy. Read a book, exercise, cook...whatever helps you de-stress and relax.

Your mental health is vital to your overall health. Kenneth Young Center is a Township of Schaumburg partner and supports people of all ages through individual, group and family counseling. To learn more, call (847) 524-8800.

**Minds Matter Virtual Event Materials**

Our country has focused on efforts to improve physical health, but maintaining mental wellness is also important. The Mental Health Committee hosted its first virtual Minds Matter event in May. You can watch our recorded Minds Matter speeches featuring local experts on a variety of mental health topics on our website ([schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org)) or Facebook page (@SchaumburgTownship).

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



With the change of seasons, yard work and cleanup of storm blown debris begins. Please note that branch pickup will be the first and third Mondays of the month, from May through September. This service is available for unincorporated Township residents. Please keep branches as long as possible and spread them out with the cut ends toward the street. We cannot accept piles larger than 4 feet high by 8 feet wide, logs, evergreens, clipping or rotten wood. Delivery of wood chips is available to all Township residents while supplies last. Please call (847) 884-1727 for details.

With the realities of social distancing during this COVID-19 emergency, our office building is temporarily closed to the public and staff is working remotely. If you have an issue which needs to be addressed (i.e. blocked culvert, downed tree, etc.) please call us and we will respond to your message. This spring we assisted the Cook County Highway Department in salting ten bridges outside of the Township. We were happy to step in to assist and Cook County has promised to reimburse the Township for time and materials.

Please be good neighbors and clear debris from your drainage swales. Water from storms can overwhelm drainage systems and takes some time to subside. A clear pathway helps reduce the time necessary to evacuate water from our drainage basin into the watershed. We hope everyone stays safe and well during this challenging time.

**SEND A smile**

Send a handmade card, drawing or pick-me-up note for older adults and people with disabilities. Call (847) 285-4541 for more information. Submit via:

① Mail -or- ② Drop Off

at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates.  
ATTN Megan Conway

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

As of May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2020, the Cook County Assessor Fritz Kaegi's Office has suspended all appeal deadlines until further notice due to operational changes following the COVID-19 outbreak. The Township will share information on our website, social media pages and our Assessor's Office eNewsletter regarding updated appeal dates when they become available.



Residents can sign up to get news from the Township Assessor's Office at [schaumburgtownship.org](http://schaumburgtownship.org) on the lower-right side of the homepage. Residents can also get information from the Cook County Assessor's Office by signing up here: [public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ILCOOK/signup/12686](http://public.govdelivery.com/accounts/ILCOOK/signup/12686).

**Residential Property Tax Exemptions**

Residents can call the Township Assessor's Office to verify that your exemptions were applied before the second installment of your property tax bill is mailed. Typically second installments are mailed July 1st but that is subject to change due to the COVID-19 pandemic. If exemptions were not applied, the Township can help correct this by helping you file a Certificate of Error (CoE). To complete a CoE, you'll need your property tax bill. For homeowner and senior exemptions, you'll also need a driver's license. Lastly, for the senior freeze exemption, you'll need the federal tax return for the year in question.

**DISABILITY SERVICES**

**35<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration!**

Save the date for **July 25<sup>th</sup>**. Rain, shine or online we will celebrate summer with a free special event for people with disabilities and their families! Due to COVID-19, our event plans will likely change following publication. RSVP at (847)285-4541 and check our website for updated event details!



By Trustee Charlotte Kegarise

One of the benefits of being a Schaumburg Township trustee is the day-to-day interaction with the citizens of the community. When I first joined this board, it was evident that Townships are truly the closest form of government to the people, and our emergency response to the COVID-19 pandemic is a perfect example of this expression in action. In participating in our recent pantry operations and hearing stories from the residents, you can see that need has no boundary. One day you have a great job and the next you are worried about how to provide for your family. During this current health crisis, the Township has stepped forward to help make this time a little less stressful for our citizens. I'd like to commend our staff's efforts and dedication. Contributing to this effort has been a privilege and it has been an honor serving with people who put others first – especially those who are most in need.

**Employee of the Year**



We'd like to share a heartfelt congratulations to the Township employee of the year, Supervisor of Program Support in Welfare Services, Amy Fillmore. She was honored for her leadership in several programs and services, including the annual Adopt-a-Family program. Thank you for your service to the Township!

**Stay Healthy in Hot Weather**

Summer brings higher temperatures that require us to stay smart and keep cool. Here are six tips to help you avoid common warm weather mishaps that can cause injuries, overheating and general discomfort.



Nurse Janet Stachula

1. Use Sun Protection: Protect your skin from the sun by using a sunscreen with high SPF (30 or higher) or protective clothing. The American Academy of Dermatology recommends applying sunscreen 15 minutes before going outside and reapplying every two hours or after swimming. Don't forget aloe vera is great relief for the accidental summer sunburn.
2. Hydrate: Drinking enough water keeps your body cool and replenishes your body's water supply. Water is the best choice to hydrate and when it's hot, aim for eight ounces every hour.
3. Eat Bright: Summer barbecues are a definitely a fun part of the season. Stay away from foods that are high in sodium (salt) because they can dehydrate you. Instead, fill your plate with bright foods like fruits and vegetables that can hydrate and nourish!
4. Exercise with Care: When the sun is blazing, you may want to avoid working out outside. Consider swapping a run around the neighborhood with an indoor workout, especially during those peak heat hours.
5. Optimize Windows: Keeping cool while indoors is key during the summer but can be a burden on your energy bill. Strategically utilize your windows to keep those bills low. Keep windows tightly closed with insulated drapes during the day. Then, if it cools off at night, open your windows to promote ventilation.
6. Cold Compresses: Ice packs can do more than soothe sore or injured muscles. If you want to cool down quickly, apply an ice pack or a bag of frozen veggies to your neck, wrists, ankles, groin, elbows or behind the knees. Soaking your feet in cold water before bed can help cool down the whole body.

**NEW VIRTUAL PROGRAMS**

**TUESDAYS/THURSDAYS @ 1 PM**

Join Nurse Janet for coffee and conversation, healthy cooking and more! For the current schedule, future events or to RSVP, check our website or contact Janet at (847) 285-4551.

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## 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



The COVID-19 pandemic has changed our lives in ways that would have seemed unimaginable just a few months ago. For many it presented unfamiliar challenges like food insecurity, unemployment or loneliness. And when the community could have turned its cheek to those in need, it didn't – instead it rallied. The Township has received individual and family donations of food, homemade masks, monetary donations, messages of encouragement and more. Organizations also stepped up to run fundraisers for the Township, match employee donations or share in-kind donations. We were stunned and incredibly grateful to receive a \$10,000

check from the Schaumburg Professional Firefighters Benevolent Association benefitting our food pantry. I am beyond proud of how we have banded together to help our fellow neighbor. I'd like to thank our community for being the best there is. Thank you for your kindness and support. I'd also like to thank our selfless and hardworking staff, who continue to impress me with their thoughtful approach to helping others. We will persevere through this unprecedented time. Stay well and safe.

—Supervisor Tim Heneghan



*Diana Nelson accepts a \$10,000 donation from Schaumburg Professional Firefighters Benevolent Association.*

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# NEED HELP?

FOOD ASSISTANCE  
SNAP APPLICATIONS  
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EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE  
HEALTHCARE OPTIONS & DENTAL CARE