IRS warns taxpayers, specifically, Older Adults, of mail scam!

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) is warning taxpayers about a new scam designed to trick potential victims into believing that they are owed a refund/stimulus check. IRS and government impersonation scams are nothing new. However, this scam stands out from the rest as it involves postal mail and is related to a refund rather than outstanding taxes.

Specifically, the impersonators are mailing cardboard envelopes containing a letter with IRS masthead and claiming to be regarding the recipient’s “unclaimed refund.” It then asks for multiple photos of the potential victim’s driver’s license and various personal information (such as a phone number, bank routing information, and a Social Security number) to receive the refund. As with other scams, the contact information provided by the fraudsters does not belong to the IRS. The personal information they are seeking allows the criminals to commit identity theft.

To reduce your risk of being a victim of a government imposter scheme, keep the following tips in mind:

- Double check the legitimacy of any phone numbers, email addresses, URLs, or filing dates sent to you with the official information available on the irs.gov website.
- Typos, grammatical errors, and improper phrasing are all red flags that an incoming communication may be a scam.
- Remember that the IRS never contacts taxpayers via email, text, or social media regarding a bill or tax refund.
- Do not respond to suspected phishing attempts and do not click any weblinks that may be contained within the message.

https://fraud.org/irs-mail-scam/
River Forest Township & Library Events
Programs provided in partnership with the River Forest Public Library
Visit the website: riverforestlibrary.org/ or call (708) 366-5205
River Forest Township Senior Services

Coffee Mondays, the first Monday of the Month from 10:00 - 11:00am
January 8: Tiffany Clements, from Center for Disability and Elder Law (CDELF) will talk about their services.
February 5: Erick Morton, Coordinator of Triton’s School of Continuing Education will talk about their class offerings for Older Adults.
March 4: Mario Porras, Director of RSVP will talk about the Retired Seniors Volunteer Program (RSVP) and their volunteer opportunities for older adults.

Celebrating Seniors All Year Long Programs (CSAYL) 2:00pm-3:30pm
January 21: Barbie: the History of America’s Most Famous Doll
January 24: Healthy Comfort Cuisine: A Cooking Demonstration and Tasting, 7-8pm
February 4: Hidden Messages in Negro Spirituals on the Underground Railroad
February 18: Blomilcry: Looking to Nature to Solve Today’s Problems
March 3: Life Lessons from the Happiest People on Earth What is it about Scandinavian Countries that makes life so pleasant
March 10: Kathleen Flemming She will focus on working conditions of women in the late 19th Century and early 20th Century.

Oak Park Township - Upcoming Events
These free events are held at 130 S Oak Park Ave in Oak Park, unless otherwise specified. Residents of all communities are welcome!
Registration required for all programs through our Senior Services Nutrition and Program Hotline at: (708) 725-9129

Oak Park Library BOOK BIKE: 11:00am-Noon on the last Wednesday of the month
MAD 4 MATS: Woven with Love Community Project weaving mats for local shelters/churches.
10:00am-1:00pm. Every Thursday
Fit n Strong: 9:30am –11:00am Tuesdays and Fridays.
Pre-registration Required. WAIT LIST ONLY

ONGOING EVENTS

WE’RE OPEN DAILY FOR LUNCH
11:00am-1:00pm

Memory Café 3rd Tuesdays of the month, 2:00-4:00pm
Book Club: 1/30, 2/27, 3/26 1:00-2:00pm
BINGO: Wednesday, 10:00-11:00am
Free Conference Call-In: (425) 436-6394 Access Code: 506198#. Join us for lunch after BINGO!
Slowfire Art Classes: Every Wednesday 1:00-2:00pm
Line Dancing: Every Thursday, 1:15-2:15pm
Zumba GOLD: Every Monday, 9:30-10:15am
Nutrition Advisory Council: 1/9, 2/13, 3/12 1:00-2:00pm

Save the Dates:
Click “Donate Now” Sponsor code: CW09
Or (800) 280-4102 To Register

Senior Services will be closed:
- Monday, January 1 - New Year’s Day
- Monday, January 15 - Martin Luther King Jr. Day
- Monday, February 19 - Presidents’ Day

Ongoing Events (check with library)
Film Lover Friday: Third Friday, 1:00-3:30 pm
Yoga: (Registration required)
Second Saturday, 2:00-3:00pm
Craft and Chat (Registration required)
March 14. 7:00-8:00pm
Contact Betsy Kelly, (708) 366-2029x13 or bkelly.rftownship@gmail.com for questions/suggestions.
Nutrition Programs Offer more than Meals!

During National Nutrition Month in March we encourage community members to reach out to Senior Services. **Volunteers are always needed!** Volunteering to bring a meal to a homebound person provides them with nutritious food, and makes you feel good too. When the meal is delivered with a smile and a sincere “How are you today?” It can make all the difference in the world to that older person.

With costs rising and resources shrinking, cost efficiencies are needed now more than ever. Join us for lunch in the dining room!

- Receive a wholesome meal, socialize, engage in educational opportunities, and have fun while participating in healthy aging activities.
- Savvy participants rely on congregate meals to supplement their total daily food needs and this program helps them manage food costs.

To learn more about the Township Nutrition programs please come in or call:

**Senior Services - 130 S. Oak Park Ave.**
Oak Park IL 60302 (708) 383-8060

Money Management Program

Is a valuable service for older adults who need help budgeting, developing spending plans, balancing checkbooks, sorting mail, or managing their day to day finances.

Senior Services will conduct an evaluation to determine if the program can be helpful. Trained and insured volunteers provide monthly service.

**Please call (708) 383-8060 for more information**
Oak Park & River Forest Townships

Senior Services Personnel Directory

Township Officials:

**Oak Park Township Supervisor:**
Clarmarie I. Keenan

**Trustees:**
Eric Davis
Tim Thomas
Tobi Onayemi
Margaret Trybus

**Township Clerk:**
DaToya Burtin-Cox

**Assessor:**
Ali ElSaffar

**River Forest Township Supervisor:**
Carla Sloan

**Trustees:**
Helene Connolly
Deana Herrman
Keith Strom
Karen Taubman

**Township Clerk:**
John Becvar

**Assessor:**
Pamela Kende

Senior Committee Members:

**Oak Park Township**
Valerie Lester, Chairperson
Andrew Roskos, Vice Chairperson
Patricia Koko
Sabryna Joi King-Bell
Joy Aaronson
Jean Peterman
Margaret Nafiseh
Eric Davis, Trustee Liaison

**River Forest Township**
Jean Buckley
Lydia Manning
Mike Carioscio
Jim Flanagan
Carolyn Foster
Briselda Gjikondi
Ruth Reko
Betsy Kelly, serving as Liaison for Trustee Karen Taubman

Administrative Offices:

Pamela Mahn
Interim Township Manager/Director Senior Services
Maureen Delaney
Assistant to the Director
Mary Anne Ojeda
Senior Manager Social Services

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Caroline Wilz
Older Adult Benefits Administrator
Ericka Watson
Older Adults Benefits Specialist
Yazmin Morales
Information & Assistance/Housing Specialist
Marsha Steen
Information & Assistance Specialist

Caregiver Program:

Devin Andrews
Caregiver Support Specialist

Case Management:

Bonnie Noe
Care Coordination Unit Supervisor
Amanda Bradley
Behavioral Health Care Coordinator
Ashley McKinley
Behavioral Health Care Coordinator
Audrey Crowder
Intake Specialist/Care Coordinator
Ericka Fox
Team Lead for Care Coordination
Michael Joffe
Care Coordinator
Michelle Hampton
Case Liaison
Patrick Leavy
Team Lead Billing & Quality Assurance
Taylor Gilbert
Care Coordinator
Tovara Poffenberger
Care Coordinator
Vincent Hartnett
Care Coordinator

Adult Protective Services, Choices for Care, Money Management:

Bianca Ingwersen
Adult Protective Svcs & Choices for Care Supervisor
Vivian Holt
Adult Protective Svcs & Money Management Coordinator
Jennifer Fryer
Care Coordinator/Choices for Care
Susan Hooper
Care Coordinator/Choices for Care

Nutrition Program:

Mercedes Nash
Nutrition Site Supervisor
Janice Underwood
Nutrition Program Assistant
Asia Moore
Data Entry Clerk/Receptionist
Sarah Cerda
Food Service Worker

Programs and Engagement:

Laura Valcour
Programs & Engagement Administrator

Transportation:

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Dispatcher/Driver
Edward Timothy McCoy
Driver
Kimberly Loggins
Bus Driver
Terry Woodard
Bus Driver