



# DEAF LINE

## NEWSLETTER

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2022



## Deaf Social/Support Group 2022



**Every 3rd Tuesday of the month**  
(unless a different day is mentioned below)

- January 18th
- February 15th (TBA)
- March 15th (TBA)
- April 19th
- May 17th
- June 21st
- July 19th
- August 16th
- September 20th
- October 18th
- November 15th
- December 13th (2nd Tuesday)

10:30 a.m.  
to  
3 p.m.

Dates are subject to change if there is any issue with COVID-19  
Pandemic or others.

*Please RSVP: 224-520-9763 VP or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)*

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## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES



### ITAC PROGRAM

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers FREE amplified phones and cell phone amplifiers to qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township Disability Services is a Selection Center. For more information or an appointment, call the Disability Services at 847-285-4541.

### LIHEAP/PIPP AVAILABLE

We offer assistance with the Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP). It is for those eligible low-income households with their heating and electric bills. LIHEAP provides an one-time grant toward Nicor Gas and/or ComEd accounts. Please call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP for an appointment, income eligibility guidelines and a list of required documents.

### GREAT APPRECIATION



So grateful to these wonderful volunteers, Mary Ball, Carol Ban and Annette Langston, for decorating our beautiful Christmas tree! Thank you so much!

### TOWNSHIP E-NEWSLETTER



Receive Township news right to your email. Sign up for our free e-newsletter today at our website: [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org)

## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES

### NEW ADMINISTRATOR



Dr. Melissa (Mel) Williams is our new Administrator. Her education background are: B.A. in University of Michigan focused on civil rights and sociology; M.A.

in social service administration from University of Chicago; Doctorate in Management from the University of Phoenix. Her jobs included working for the State Attorney General as the State Victim Rights Enforcement Officer and at the Department of Economic Security as Assistant Administrator of the Employment Administration. Mel resides in Hoffman Estates with her family and three dogs. Come meet Mel at the Township.

### MEDICARE-MEDICAID ALIGNMENT INITIATIVE (MMAI)



Do you have Medicare Parts A & B as well as Medicaid with no spend down? If yes and you are 21 years

or older, you are eligible for the Medicare-Medicaid Alignment Initiative (MMAI). Those who enrolls in the MMAI program will get all their Medicare and Medicaid benefits in one plan. For more information or an appointment, contact us at 224-520-9763 or 847-285-4541 V.



### NEW BENEFIT SPECIALIST

Our Disability Services is excited to announce that Malona Jackson is our new Benefit Specialist. She graduated from Northern Illinois University with a B.S.

in Community Health. She has a passion to help people in the community. In her spare time, she likes to spend time with her teenage son, watch her favorite TV shows, or just listen to music. Feel free to meet Malona at her office in Disability Services or contact her for any assistance at 847-884-0030, ext. 2022 or [mjackson@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:mjackson@schaumburgtownship.org).

### 2022 BINGO GAMES

- January 11 & 25
- February 1, 8 & 22

Time: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

**2022 FUN COFFEE CHAT:** Presentation, Discussion, Information-Sharing, Trivia and Games

- January 10 & 12
- January 24 & 26
- February 7 & 9
- February 23 (9 a.m. & 1 p.m.)

Time: 1 p.m.

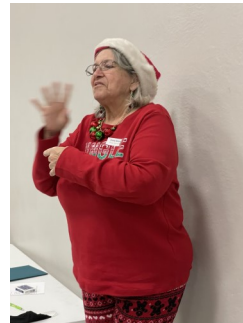
For information, contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

***Thank you, Sorenson, for providing VPCC.***



## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

We had a Holiday Celebration in December. Many people wore festive clothes. They had a wonderful time playing a variety of fun games and mimicking beautiful Christmas songs signed by volunteers. Appreciation to ITAC and Annette Langston for their generous donations. Last but not least, I'd like to thank you all volunteers for putting a lot of effort entertaining everyone!



## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

# Happy New Year - 2022



## "WELCOME 2022"



### *Deaf Social/Support Group*



❄ Tuesday, January 18, 2022

❄ 10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.



There will be fun activities:

- Light Chair Exercises
- Trivia
- Games
- Much more...

❄ Bring your own lunch

❄ Hot tea/coffee will be provided

Please RSVP by January 13, 2022  
Call 224-520-9763 VP



## THANKSGIVING PICTURES AND WINTER TIPS

The Thanksgiving Celebration was entertaining with lots of fun games and laughter - trivia, charades games and bingo games. Thank you, Kate Kubey, for the trivia and Kenneth Aldrich, for running the charade games!



### SOME WINTER TIPS

Winter storms and cold temperatures can be dangerous. Here are some helpful safety tips:

- Be sure to dress properly with layers. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- Drink warm liquids—no caffeine or alcohol.
- Keep the gas tank of your car full to avoid freezing the fuel line.
- When you walk on ice or snow, be a "penguin". Walk slowly on snowy and icy walkways.
- Do not use extension cords to plug in your space heater.
- Cold weather puts extra strain on heart. Dress warmly and work slowly if you do heavy outdoor chores such as shoveling.
- Seal drafts from doors and windows.
- Stay indoors during severe weather.
- Have an emergency kit in your car with supplies if your car breaks down (water, food, first aid kit, flashlight, medicines, blanket, shovel, etc.).
- Take care of your pets. They get cold too!

## VIRTUAL EVENTS & NEWS

### VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS



Anil Phadke gave an interesting presentation about the Indian festival, "Diwali" - Festival of Lights. This picture shows that attendees signed "India".



The attendees researched and presented their interesting stories of their assigned specific animals/places.

### VIRTUAL BINGO GAMES



Bingo attendees are looking forward to more games in 2022.

### FIELD TRIP: PRINCESS DIANA EXHIBIT

Phenomenal exhibition of Princess Diana and the Royal family! It told the untold story of how Princess Di changed the world! Stunning pictures!



### VIRTUAL VOLUNTEER MEETING



We had a virtual volunteer meeting to discuss about plans of future Deaf Social/Support Group. It was very productive.





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TOWNSHIP**



*Monday, January 3, 2022*

*Township will reopen on January 4th at 8:30 a.m.*



*Monday, February 21, 2022*

*Township will reopen on February 22nd at 8:30 a.m.*

## TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
Matthew J.  
Steward



CLERK  
W. Robert  
Vinnedge



ASSESSOR  
John R. Lawson, CIAO



HIGHWAY  
COMMISSIONER  
Scott M. Kegaris