



DEAF LINE

MARCH & APRIL 2021

Spring Virtual Events

VIDEO PHONE CONFERENCE CALL (VPCC)
ALL EVENTS START AT 1 P.M.

March 1st & 3rd - Fun Coffee Chat

March 8th & 10th - Learn about Genealogy
by Debbe Hagner

March 15th & 17th - Fun Coffee Chat

March 22nd & 24th - Pink Wings by Brandie
Belford

March 29th & 31st - Fun Coffee Chat

** Fun Coffee Chat: Discussion, Information-Sharing,
Trivia & Games



Bingo every Tuesday
9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

For more information about these programs,
please contact Sarita:

* 224-520-9763

* sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org



MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY

Mother Father Deaf Day (MFDD) is celebrated on Sunday, April 25, 2021. This date will make the 25th anniversary of MFDD. The theme is "Celebrating our Heritage & Families. It is a special day for Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) around the world to honor and acknowledge their Deaf parents and celebrate their culture/ASL language.



Community Shred Day

Save the date: **June 5, 2021**

Details: TBA

Check www.schaumburgtownship.org

BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefit Access program offers a license plate discount and Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit cards. You only have to apply once every two years. If you need to renew or apply (first-time applicants), call for an appointment at 224-520-9763 VP. If you are not sure about your status, please call, so we can check for you.

The eligibility requirements are:

- ◆ Age 65 years or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1, 2020.
- ◆ Must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.
- ◆ Incomes: Household 2021 Yearly Income
 - \$33,562 - 1 person household
 - \$44,533 - 2 person household
 - \$55,500 - 3 person household

* Effective January 1, 2021 applications submitted between January 1, 2021 and July 15, 2021 should use 2019 income to file.

* Applications submitted on July 16, 2021 or after must use 2020 income to file.

* Please be aware that ANY application that has had no activity for 90 days will be removed from the system and you will be required to file a new application.

* If your application was "denied" using your 2019 income, you may re-apply using your 2020 income on or after July 16, 2021.

Did You Know?

You can get news or information related to Disability Services, Deaf Services and more. It is FREE!

SIGN UP TODAY!



Sign up here:
<http://eepurl.com/gj8v31>



UPDATED NEWS: DWU CONFERENCE

Deaf Women United (DWU) Conference, hosted by Deaf Women of Chicago (DWC), will be postponed to 2023 instead of this year due to pandemic COVID-19. The new dates will be **July 23-30, 2023** at the same hotel as Embassy Suites in Chicago, IL.

Please check the video about the announcement on www.deafwomenchicago.com. You can also browse for more information about registration, schedule, workshops, and much more.



LIHEAP BENEFITS STILL AVAILABLE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists low-income households with gas and/or electricity bills. Appointments can be done remotely and in-person if needed.

Gross Monthly Income Eligibility:

- \$2,127 (1-person household)
- \$2,873 (2-persons household)
- \$3,620 (3-persons household)
- \$4,367 (4-persons household)

For more information, an appointment and a list of required documents, please contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org.

Volunteer *Appreciation*



NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK

APRIL 18 - 24, 2021

Schaumburg Township would like to take this opportunity to recognize and appreciate the following Deaf & Hard of Hearing Volunteers for their generosity and time during the early 2020 as well as COVID-19 pandemic to serve the needs of the community:

- ♦ Assembling Deaf Line newsletter, and helping out with the Deaf Social/Support Group in the early 2020
- ♦ Participating in the videos for Social Media purposes
- ♦ Leading the virtual events/bingo games.

Carmen Aguilar
Mary Ball
Carol Ban
Genevieve Bright
Debbie Davis
Michael Davis
Jane Delulio
Joseph Delulio
Christina Galpern
Marsha Kopp
Kate Kubey
Mark Kubey
Annette Langston
Betty Jo Lucero
Anil Phadke
Susan Elizabeth Rangel
Eileen Rozborski

We appreciate these amazing volunteers who stepped up to make a difference in our communities.
Thank you once again!

Grateful to the following people who participated in two videos for Facebook



“Happy New Year” Video: Carmen Aguilar, Mary Ball, Carol Ban, Debbie & Michael Davis, Jane & Joe Delulio, Genny Bright, Christina Galpern, Marsha Kopp, Annette Langston, Betty Jo Lucero, Anil Phadke, Susan Elizabeth Rangel, Eileen Rozborski & Denise Van Thyne.

“Valentine’s Day” Video: Mary Ball, Carol & Andy Ban, Debbie & Michael Davis, Jane & Joe Delulio, Genny & Charles Bright, Kate & Mark Kubey, Anil Phadke & Denise Van Thyne.

In case you have not seen these videos, please visit and view them on our Facebook: Township of Schaumburg Deaf Services.

VIRTUAL EVENTS

 **Sorenson** Thank you Sorenson for the Virtual VP Chats!

Very grateful to all presenters to keep attendees entertained during the COVID-19 Pandemic!



Angela Botz showed her fabulous artwork and also narrated her amazing story of her early life and how she became interested in artwork.



Carol Ban and Genny Bright, provided valuable information about blood work, blood chemistry, complete blood count (CBC), etc. In addition, they explained about normal values for CBC results. Lots of questions from the audience!



Jason Weiland from CHS gave an excellent and educational presentation on Deaf-Blind services & ICC program. Jason explained about the difficulties, communication methods and technology of the Deaf-Blind people. He also stated how they adapt in everyday life.



Imad & Abeer Al Dulaimi shared their interesting stories growing up in their hometown in Iraq. They also narrated about their experience moving from Iraq to USA. It was an unique presentation!



Valentine's Day Celebration was a smash hit! The attendees came in festive red outfits and with big smile & excitement! It was fun with icebreaker stories, games, show & tell, scavenger hunt, trivia, and word list related to valentine's day. Most of all, the attendees had a wonderful time!

THE CARE TRAK PROGRAM



The Care Trak program uses a tracking device to assist in locating people with special needs who have a history of wandering from their home. The Care Trak bracelet contains a transmitter with a radio frequency that a person can wear as a wrist or ankle bracelet, 24/7. Should the person wander, the Schaumburg Police Department can begin a search for the individual by using the radio tracking system.

How the Program Works:

- Family members must fill out the forms and provide a recent photo. A deposit is required including costs for the monthly battery change and tester.
- The transmitter is attached to a bracelet; family is given a battery tester and daily tester log.
- Batteries are changed monthly. If the battery fails, family should contact Crime Prevention immediately.
- If the client runs away or go missing, the family should call 9-1-1. The Care Trak personnel will begin the search.

For more information about this program, contact the Crime Prevention Specialist, Paula Diaz, at (847) 348-7274 or pdiaz@schaumburg.com



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME

Do not forget to set your clocks/watches one hour ahead on Sunday, March 14, 2021. It is a good time to check that your smoke/CO detectors are working and/or change batteries.

FREE *Income Tax Assistance*

For Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing Individuals

CHS will be at Schaumburg Township to conduct virtual taxes (walk in/drop off). Our tax assistance is FREE for Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing individuals who are low-income. CHS does not deduct any fees from your refund. CHS is an E-File site. All taxes will be submitted electronically via computer for faster processing.

Thursday, March 18, 2021

9:00am – 12:00pm

One Illinois Boulevard, Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Please contact Michelle Mendiola for more information at (773) 904-0155 VP or MMendiola@anixter.org



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**FREE AMPLIFIED
PHONES AND
CELL PHONE
AMPLIFIERS**

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified phones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center. Amid the COVID-19 pandemic, we do accept both appointments or phone assistance with questions/ phone order. You can view phones or for information on www.itactty.org. For questions, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541.



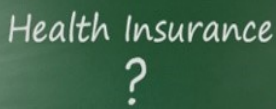
**FRIENDLY
REMINDER**

MARCH

- ◆ March 6 - National Deaf Youth Day
- ◆ March 7 - Deaf President Now Remembrance Day
- ◆ March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- ◆ March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- ◆ March 20 - Spring Begins
- ◆ March 28 - First Day of Passover

APRIL

- ◆ April 1 - April Fool's Day
- ◆ April 4 - Happy Easter
- ◆ April 15 - Income Tax Day
- ◆ April 18 to 24 - National Volunteer Week
- ◆ April 22 - Earth Day
- ◆ April 25 - Mother Father Deaf Day



SHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) offers free individual counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois. There are trained volunteers who can assist with various Medicare issues. There are several SHIP counselors at Schaumburg Township who can assist you in any way. Sarita Phadke is one of the SHIP counselors. For an appointment, call 847-884-0030; 224-520-9763. SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company. SHIP counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.



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Disability Services

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Nimish Jani—Trustee
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John R. Lawson, C.I.A.O.—Assessor
Scott M. Kegarise—Highway Commissioner

Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (Amplified Phones, Cell Phone Amplifiers, CapTel Phone and TTYs).

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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

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- * ♦ Sunday, March 14 - **Daylight Savings Time Begins**
- * ♦ Wednesday, March 17 - **St. Patrick's Day**
- * ♦ Saturday, March 20 - **Spring Begins**
- * ♦ Thursday, April 15 - **Income Tax Day**
- * ♦ Sunday to Saturday, April 18 - 24 - **National Volunteer Week**
- * ♦ Thursday, April 22 - **Earth Day**
- * ♦ Sunday, April 25 - **Mother Father Deaf Day**

