



DEAF LINE

MAY & JUNE 2021



**Video Phone Conference Call
(VPCC)**

Virtual Events

May 3rd & 5th - Cinco de Mayo Presentation by Karen Macias and Richard Villalobos

May 10th & 12th - Fun Coffee Chat

May 17th & 19th - Learn about Pakistani Culture and Traditions by Shaheena Faisal

May 24th & 26th - Preparing for your Golden Years by Kim Bianco Majeri from National Association of the Deaf (NAD)

May 31st & June 1st - No VPCC

**TIME:
1 P.M.**

For more information, please contact Sarita Phadke:

- 224-520-9763
- sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

TOWNSHIP NEWS/SOCIAL SERVICES



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.

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: Gross Household 2019 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 May 17, 2021 should use 2019 income to file.

* Applications submitted on May 18, 2021 or after must use 2020 income to file.

* If your application was "denied" using your 2019 income, you may re-apply using your 2020 income on or after May 18, 2021.



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. This program will end on May 31, 2021.

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 call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

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PAINT-A-THON

The Paint-a-Thon program provides no cost painting of the exterior of a qualified senior, veteran and people with a disability homeowners by volunteer

groups.

This painting event will be on Saturday, September 11, 2021. The income-based program has the limits of \$40,000 for a homeowner. The homeowner will need to provide most recent tax return or 1099s if they do not file income tax as well as disclose assets. If interested or for more information, contact Lauren Ewan: 847-884-0030 ext.2025 for an application. The application due is June 1st.



FRIENDLY REMINDER

Schaumburg Township is closed on Monday, May 31, 2021, due to

Memorial Day.

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!



TOWNSHIP EVENTS

- June 5th - **Community Shred Day**
- July 31st - **Disability Services' Summer Event**

Details TBA - www.schaumburgtownship.org



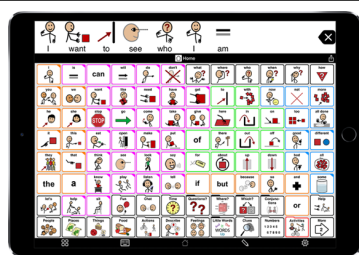
SAD NEWS

Drucilla Ronchen passed away on March 10, 2021 after losing her long battle with cancer. She was 70 years old.

Drucilla worked as an ASL Professor at University of Chicago for 35 years. She was

a well-known DeafBlind advocate. Besides work, she loved to travel internationally and enjoyed learning about different cultures as well as painting.

Drucilla used to attend our Deaf Social/Support Group meeting occasionally in the past. She was easy going and smiled a lot. She will be greatly missed by everyone.



NEW ITAC EQUIPMENT

Illinois Telecommunication Access Corporation (ITAC) expands their free equipment to include:

Apple iPad with Augmentative & Alternative Communication (AAC) apps. It is an effective tool for helping individuals with speech disabilities communicate. The iPad AAC solution comes with Apple iPad, wall charger & charging cable and pre-installed communication apps. This is a pilot program and inventory is limited. For more information or application, check www.itactty.org or call 1-800-841-6167 V.



NATIONAL INTERPRETER APPRECIATION DAY

National Interpreter Appreciation Day is Wednesday, May 5, 2021. This special day recognizes and appreciates the hard work of all sign language interpreters. We are very grateful for all interpreters who have made a huge difference in the Deaf Community! Take time to thank and show interpreters you know that you appreciate them.

Wish all interpreters a Happy Interpreter Appreciation Day!



DEAFNATION WORLD EXPO

Due to COVID-19 situation, the DeafNation World Expo (DNWE) has officially moved to August 1-4, 2022 from July 2021. This expo will be held at the Bally's Hotel & Casino in Las Vegas. There will be exhibition,

sessions, entertainment, sporting activities, presentations and networking.

Free admission, but registration is required online: www.deafnation.com



MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

Mental Health Awareness Month is observed in the month of May. The COVID-19 pandemic and social distancing continues to be great challenges in everyone's lives. It is natural to feel stress, anxiety, worry and grief. It is important to take care of your emotional health that will help you think clearly and react to the urgent needs to protect yourself and your family.

Ways to Cope with Stress:

- Take care of your body - Eat healthy meals, exercise regularly and plenty of sleep. Avoid alcohol, tobacco and other drugs.
- Take deep breaths, stretch or meditate.
- Connect with others. Talk with a friend or family member about your concerns and how you are feeling.
- Make time to unwind. Try to do some activities you enjoy.
- Take breaks from watching, reading or listening to news stories including social media. Hearing about the pandemic can be upsetting.
- Seek for help from a counselor or doctor when needed.



NEW TAX DAY

The Internal Revenue Service (IRS) has extended federal tax deadlines for individuals to **Monday, May 17, 2021.**

For more information, check www.irs.gov

VIRTUAL EVENTS

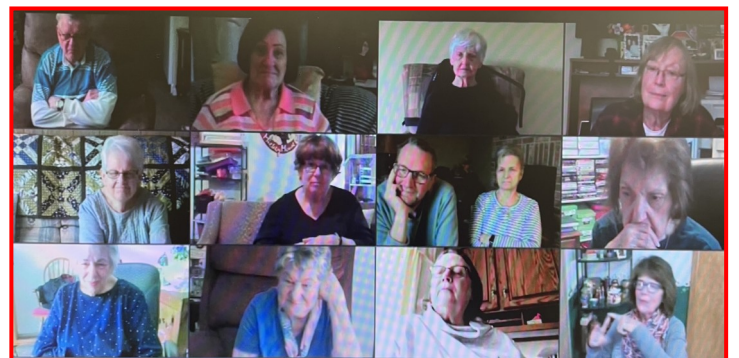
 **Sorenson** *Thank you Sorenson for the Virtual VP Chats!*

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

Special Thanks: Kate Kubey for running the VPCC and bingo games; Anil Phadke for running the bingo games; Debbie Davis and Genny Bright for running the VPCC while I was on vacation.



Deloris Summers, Paul Pyers and Paula Chance gave an awe-inspiring presentation on ASL Cares. This program utilizes the training to Deaf volunteers, so that they can care for Deaf patients in the hospice care and give them comfort, happiness and support.



Debbe Hagner gave an interesting talk about Genealogy and the reasons. She explained about family history & tracing of their lineages. Debbe is one of two Deaf genealogists in USA!

Debbie Davis talked general information about traveling benefits. In addition, she narrated about her travel experiences. It was fascinating!



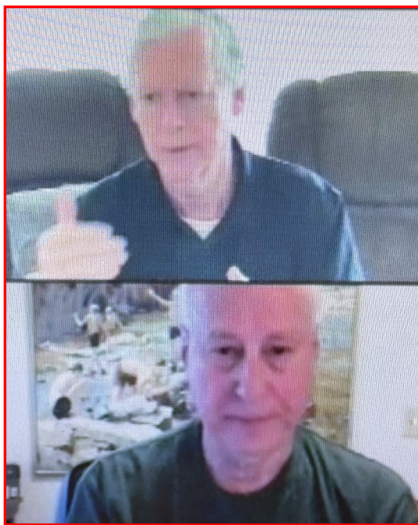
Surprise get-well greetings from Bingo attendees for **Mark Kubey**! Mark was very surprised and in tears when he saw this picture! He appreciated everyone for their kind thoughts.



Gerry Biesboer gave a delightful talk about the life of First Lady, Martha Washington, while **Charlotte Seegert** talked about the popular name - "Charlotte" in which you find the name in USA and other countries as well.



Attendees narrated fascinating and cool stories of their assigned U.S. states. In addition, they showed the pictures from each state assigned.



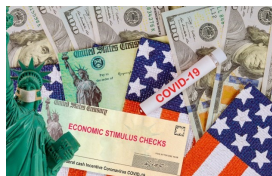
Terry DeBoer & Peter Postl presented a remarkable story of how the printing worked in those days compared to current printing. It was very interesting to learn about the procedures and see the materials!



FIRST-EVER DEAF MIDWEST PICKLEBALL TOURNAMENT

There will be Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing, and sign language users, ages 18+ on Saturday, June 19, 2021 from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. It will be held at Fabbrini Park, 1704 Glen Lake Road in Hoffman Estates, IL. It is the first-ever Deaf Midwest Pickleball Tournament! For questions, contact June Prusak (Tournament Director): deafmidwestpickleball@gmail.com.

For details, visit: www.deafmidwestpickleball.wixsite.com/website



REBATE RECOVERY CREDIT

If you did not receive any of the Economic Impact Payments (Stimulus Checks), you can claim the Economic Impact Payment on your 2020 tax return. For more information, visit <https://www.irs.gov/newsroom/recovery-rebate-credit> or call 800-919-9835.



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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.

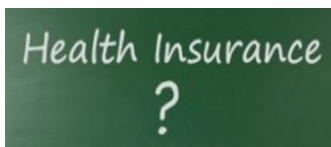
For more information, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541 or 224-520-9763 VP.



LEARN ABOUT JUNETEENTH

Juneteenth is celebrated on June 19th. (The name is a combination of the words “June” and “nineteenth”). It is also known as Freedom Day, Jubilee Day, Liberation Day and Emancipation Day. It is to celebrate the emancipation of African-Americans from slavery in the U.S.

Brief History: On June 19, 1865, Major General Gordon Granger of the Union Army landed in Galveston, Texas and informed the slaves that the Civil War had ended and slavery had been abolished.



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 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

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- ♦ Wednesday, May 5 - **National Interpreter Appreciation Day**
- ♦ Wednesday, May 5 - **Cinco de Mayo**
- ♦ Sunday, May 9 - **Mother's Day**
- ♦ Monday, May 31 - **SCH TWP CLOSED - Memorial Day**
- ♦ Monday, June 14 - **Flag Day**
- ♦ Saturday, June 19 - **Juneteenth Day**
- ♦ Sunday, June 20 - **Father's Day**
- ♦ Sunday, June 20 - **Summer Begins**

