



# DEAF LINE

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## NEWSLETTER

NOVEMBER AND DECEMBER 2021

### Deaf Social/Support Group HOLIDAY Celebration



- \*\* Fun Games
- \*\* Bingo Games
- \*\* Signed Holiday Songs
- \*\* Door Prizes



**Wear an Ugly Sweater**  
(optional). There will be a  
contest for best sweater!



**FACE MASK  
REQUIRED**



**Tuesday, December 14,  
2021**

**10:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.**

**Schaumburg Township  
1 Illinois Blvd  
Hoffman Estates, IL**

**Limited Spots  
First come, first served!**

**Please RSVP by  
December 7th:  
Call 224-520-9763 VP**

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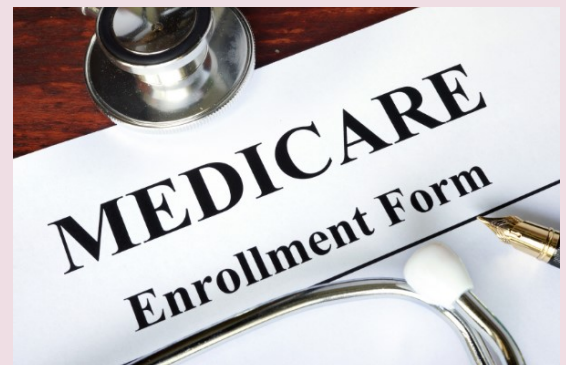
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## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES

### FRIENDLY REMINDER

#### **Medicare Part C and D Open Enrollment:**

It is important to know the deadline is December 7, 2021 to review, change, join or cancel Part C or Part D plans. Any changes to your plans will be in effect January 1, 2022. Sarita Phadke is a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) Counselor who can assist you with information/assistance with enrollment or solving issues with a current plan. Please call for more information or an appointment: 224-520-9763.



### BENEFITS ACCESS PROGRAM

It is not too late to apply for this program (Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Free Ride, Free Transits and License Plate Discount). The deadline is December 31, 2021. For more information or an appointment to apply, please call Sarita: 224-520-9763.

### SOCIAL SECURITY BENEFITS

Approximately 7 million Americans will see a 5.9 percent increase in their Social Security benefits and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) in 2022.

Here are some important information:

- SSI - \$841 (individual); \$1,261 (couple)
- SSI Resource Limits - \$2,000 (individual); \$3,000 (couple)
- Substantial Gainful Activity - \$1,350/mo. (non-Blind); \$2,260/mo. (Blind)
- Trial Work Period - \$970/mo.

For other information, visit [www.ssa.gov](http://www.ssa.gov)

### LIHEAP/PIPP STILL AVAILABLE

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists eligible low-income households with their heating and electric bills. Disability Services is now accepting both remote and in-person appointments to apply for this program.

#### Income Eligibility Guidelines:

Family Size	30 Day Gross Income
1	\$2,147
2	\$2,903
3	\$3,660
4	\$4,417
5	\$5,173
6	\$5,930

Please call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP for an appointment and for a list of required documents. LIHEAP provides a one-time toward Nicor Gas and/or ComEd accounts.

## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES



### BINGO GAMES

- November 2, 9, & 30
  - December 7, 21 & 28
- Time: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

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

- November 8 & 10
- November 29 & December 1
- December 6 & 8
- December 20 & 22

Time: 1 p.m.

For information, contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org

Thank you  **Sorenson** for providing VPCC.



### HOLIDAY EVENT

Our Disability Services will host a special Meet and Greet with a photo with Santa on Wednesday, December 15, 2021, 3 to 6 p.m. at the Township. Each family receives their own 10-minute time with Santa! Please RSVP by December 10th - Call 847-285-4541 to reserve your slot. Don't miss your chance to come tell Santa what you want for Christmas!

### TOWNSHIP E-NEWSLETTER

We offer Township news via email. If you would like to receive the news, please sign up today: [www.schaumburgtownship.org](http://www.schaumburgtownship.org)

### 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 enroll in the MMAI program will get their Medicare and Medicaid benefits in one plan. For more information or an appointment, call us at 224-520-9763.

### 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.



## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

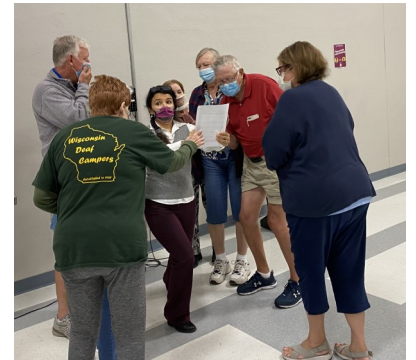
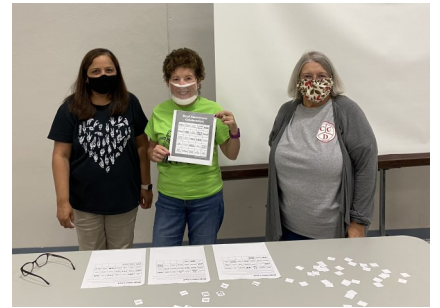
We celebrated the Deaf Awareness Month and International Week of the Deaf. Many people wore colorful Deaf-related clothes. They had a wonderful time playing the word bingo and charade games related to Deafness. Thank you, Susan Elizabeth Rangel, for the charade games. Big thanks to volunteers who worked hard to make everyone happy! Thanks, Anil and Debbie, for taking some pictures!



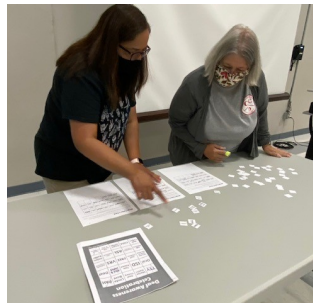
Wonderful volunteers



A visitor from Africa!



Ready to serve ice cream!



In the first picture below, can you guess who these people with masks are? The answer is in the second picture below.





## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP AND NEWS



## Deaf Social/Support Group

There is always something to be

*Thankful for!*

Please join us for a

*"Thanksgiving Celebration"*

Tuesday, November 16, 2021

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



**MASKS ARE STRICTLY  
REQUIRED!**

**Limited Spots - First come, first served!**

**Deadline: November 10th. To RSVP, call Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP or  
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org**

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

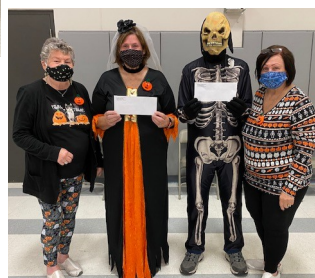
Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7th at 2 a.m. Turn your clocks/ watches one hour back. It is a good time to change batteries for smoke detectors.





## HALLOWEEN PICTURES FROM DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

The Halloween Celebration was so much fun! Thank you, Mary Ball and Annette Langston, for donating gift cards for costume contest winners. Much appreciation to Genny Bright and Carol Ban for running this event while Sarita was out of the office. Thank you, all volunteers, too!



Beautiful  
photos  
taken by  
Debbie  
Davis



**Schaumburg Township Officials  
wish you and families**

**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

HAVE A FESTIVE HOLIDAY AND BE SAFE!



## VIRTUAL EVENTS & OTHER NEWS

### VIRTUAL BINGO GAMES



### VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS



Andy Ban, Terry DeBoer and Peter Postl shared their fantastic medical stories about their knee replacements. Thank you!



The attendees were given a specific dog breed to do some story research. Each presented an amazing story about dogs. Interesting to learn about dogs!

### HOLIDAY EVENTS

**Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) Holiday Party** will be held on December 12, 2021, 1 - 4 p.m., at Clara's Restaurant, 6550 S. IL-52, Woodridge, IL. There will be a family-style luncheon which costs \$32 per person. RSVP by December 5th at [aldachicago.org](http://aldachicago.org). For information or dietary restrictions, contact Donna: [cutenclever2@att.net](mailto:cutenclever2@att.net).

**Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)** will host their 10th Anniversary (2020) with a holiday luncheon on December 19, 2021, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Manzo's Banquet, 1571 S. Elmhurst Road, Des Plaines, IL. The guest speaker will be Jim Lomanto. Cost is \$35 per person. Deadline: December 8th. No refunds, but you will get the refund if the banquet is cancelled. Send the money (payable to CDS) to 407 W. Clarendon St, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. For more information, send an email: [ecqqke@aol.com](mailto:ecqqke@aol.com).

### FIRST DEAF SUPERHERO

Marvel Studio's film, "Eternals" will feature the first Deaf Superhero acted by Lauren Ridloff.



Lauren is known for her role as Connie on the TV series, "The Walking Dead".

This movie will be shown at AMC Streets of Woodfield 20 in Schaumburg on the following dates: November 4th at 7pm; 11/5 at 1:15pm and 6pm; 11/6 at 12:15pm and 6pm; 11/7 to 11/11 at 2:15pm and 6pm.





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Hoffman Estates, IL 60169


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## HOLIDAY CLOSINGS



Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following dates in observance of Thanksgiving, Christmas and New Year holidays:

- November 24th at Noon
- November 25th & 26th - Closed
- December 24th - Closed
- December 31st - Closed

Enjoy the holiday seasons! Be safe!

## TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE  
Matthew J.  
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CLERK  
W. Robert  
Vinnedge



ASSESSOR  
John R. Lawson, CIAO



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COMMISSIONER  
Scott M. Kegarise