



# DEAF LINE

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## NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2021



### Deaf Social/Support Group

JOIN US FOR A FUN EVENT!

CELEBRATE

## DEAF AWARENESS WEEK

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

10:30a.m. - 3p.m. | Schaumburg Township

- Fun Games
- Deaf Jokes
- Trivia
- Bring your own lunch
- Water provided

Please RSVP by September 16th:

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

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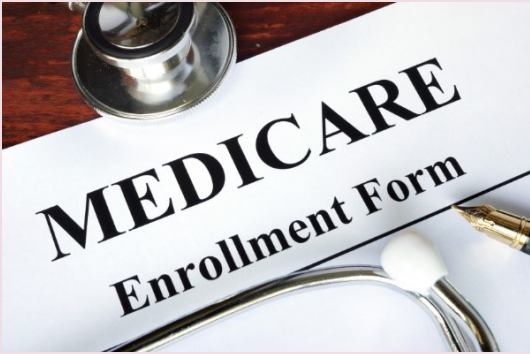
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## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES

### MEDICARE PART C/D OPEN ENROLLMENT



Medicare Part C and D Open Enrollment Period is October 15 – December 7, 2021. It is a good time to review, change, join or cancel Part C or Part D plans. Any changes to your plans will be in effect January 1, 2022. You do not have to change your plan, but it is recommended to check if another plan could be benefit for you. Sarita Phadke is a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) Counselor and she can assist you with information/assistance with enrollment or troubleshooting issues with a current plan. If you would like to evaluate your options, or for an appointment, please contact Sarita at 224-520-9763.

### LIHEAP/PIPP AVAILABLE NOW!

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) assists eligible low-income households pay for home energy services such as gas and electric bills. This program will begin September 1st. Our Disability Services is now accepting appointments (both remotely and in person) to apply for this program. Please call 847-285-4541 V for an appointment and for a list of required documents. LIHEAP provides an one-time toward Nicor Gas and/or ComEd accounts.

### TOWNSHIP CLOSED

Schaumburg Township will be closed on Monday, September 6, 2021, in observance of Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 7th at 8:30 a.m. Have a safe and wonderful holiday!



Schaumburg Township Disability Services will host a Community Resource Fair on Saturday, September 25, 2021, 9 a.m.–12 p.m. outside at Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be disability service providers offering information about their services. In addition, there will be fun carnival-type games, a balloon artist, raffle prizes, sensory friendly touch-a-trucks and much more. ASL Interpreters will be on site. Event will be moved indoors if inclement weather. For information, call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763.

## TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES

### 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. We accept both appointments or phone assistance with questions/phone order. For more information, call the Disability Services at 847-285-4541 V.

### FLU CLINIC

Jewel Osco will be at Schaumburg Township on Thursday, September 30th, 11a.m. - 3p.m., for a vaccination clinic (Flu, Tetanus and Pneumonia). Walk-in only. No appointments are required. Please bring your medical insurance cards (including Medicare). For more information, call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763.

### GREAT APPRECIATION

A BIG thank you to Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and Schaumburg-Hoffman Estates Lion's Club for sponsoring our Drive-in Movie Night. Everyone had a blast watching "Luca" movie in a perfect weather and with yummy snacks/ice creams.



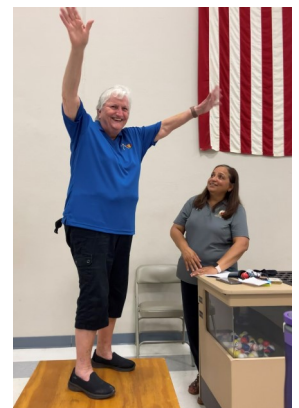
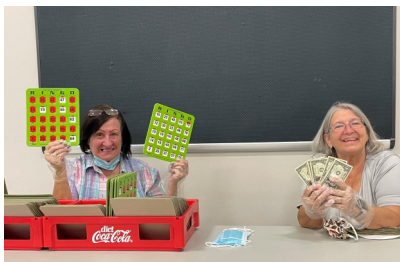
### TOWNSHIP E-NEWSLETTER

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



## ADA PROCLAMATION/ICE CREAM SOCIAL

On July 20th, Deaf Social/Support Group was held for the first time in person at the Township since January 2020! The exciting part was that Hoffman Estates Mayor Bill McLeod presented a proclamation to the Township recognizing the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). Great appreciation to Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) for sponsoring this event, so everyone could enjoy the yummy ice cream sundaes! Thank you so much, volunteers, for their hard work to make this event enjoyable and successful.





## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP AND NEWS

### NATIONAL SENIOR CITIZENS CELEBRATION

On August 17th, Deaf Social/Support Group celebrated National Senior Citizens Day with the panel discussion of Senior Citizens (different ages) and fun bingo games. Fascinating stories! Special thanks to panelists: Carol Ban, Michael Davis, Kate Kubey, Joseph Siudzinski and Jerry Tuchman. Also, thank you volunteers for their hard work!



### DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

**Tuesday,  
October 19, 2021**

**10:30 AM to 3 PM •  
Schaumburg Township •**



# Halloween Fun Time

**WEAR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES!**

**FUN GAMES**

Please RSVP by October 6th: 224-520-9763 VP or  
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## PICTURES FROM FIELD TRIPS

### VOLO AUTO MUSEUM -

Coollest museum to see many old cars, bicycles, TV/movie cars, campers, wagons, cars of the rich and famous and much more. There are more than 33 exhibits!



### MORKES CHOCOLATE MAKING - So much fun decorating three treats! Delicious, too!





## VIRTUAL EVENTS & OTHER NEWS



### VIRTUAL PRESENTATION

Sue Petrich shared her extraordinary story about her two kidney replacements. It led to involvement from some audience sharing either their experiences or their loved one's.

### DEAFOPIA EXPO

**SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 2021**

**9 a.m. - 5 p.m.**

Deafopia Expo for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing is coming to Chicago! There will be booths, presentations, entertainment, networking and much more. This expo will be held at UIC Chicago, 750 S. Halsted Street, Illinois Conference A, B, C, Chicago, IL. Free admission, but registration is required: visit [www.deafopia.com](http://www.deafopia.com)



### NEWS FROM SECRETARY OF STATE

Illinois Secretary of State announced some changes including requiring appointments for driver's licenses and ID cards after continued long lines at the facilities. Starting September 7th week, several suburban facilities including those in Schaumburg, Lombard, Des Plaines, Aurora, Waukegan, Naperville, Plano and Joliet, will require appointments. All facilities are open Tuesday through Saturday. Seniors, people with disabilities and pregnant women can still walk into the facilities without an appointment.

### VIRTUAL EVENTS

#### BINGO GAMES

- September 7th & 28th
  - October 5th & 26th
- Time: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

#### FUN COFFEE CHAT:

Presentation, Discussion, Information-Sharing, Trivia and Games

- September 13th & 15th
- September 27th & 29th
- October 4th & 6th
- October 25th & 27th

Time: 1 p.m.

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

Thank you  **Sorenson** for providing VPCC.





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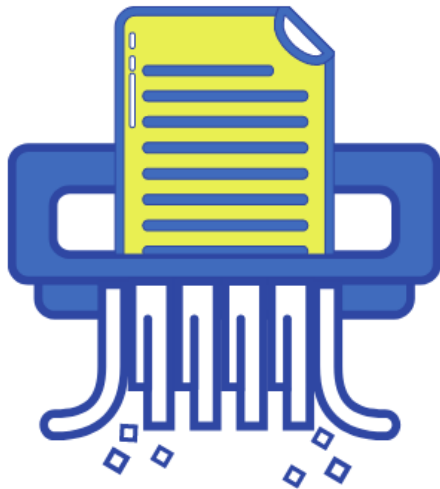
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## COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

Schaumburg Township will host a Community Shred Day on October 2, 2021, 9 - 11 a.m. This event is for Schaumburg Township residents only. Please have items to shred ready in your trunks. You do not have to exit your vehicles as staff will remove items for you. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or paper bags per person. No plastic bags. Boxes must be unsealed. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed. For more information, please call 847-884-0030.

## 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