



DEAF LINE

NEWSLETTER

MARCH AND APRIL 2022

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP



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March 15, 2022 on VPCC

Choose: 9 a.m. or 1 p.m.

Activities:

- Wear green top
- Trivia/Games
- Bring 2 trivia questions (not related to St. Patrick's) and your favorite mug (show and tell)

Please RSVP by March 10th.



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

April 19, 2022, 10:30 to 3 p.m., at Schaumburg Township

Activities:

- Educational Panel Discussion
- Bingo and other games
- Bring your own lunch. We will provide water

Limit to **30** people. Please RSVP by April 13th.

The location/activities may change due to COVID-19 or other issues. If it happens, we will let you know.

RSVP is required. Limited spots!

Contact Sarita: sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org or 224-520-9763 VP

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Cute bingo card that one of our volunteers, Debbie, used her creativity to answer to the bingo words.

NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: April 17–23, 2022

Schaumburg Township wants to recognize and thank the following Deaf & Hard of Hearing volunteers for their remarkable dedication and passion to serve the needs of the community in 2021: helping out with the Deaf Social/Support Group and picnic; participating in the videos for Social Media purposes; leading the virtual events/bingo games, and setting up the Christmas tree:

Mary Ball

Carol Ban

Genevieve Bright

Debbie & Michael Davis

Jane & Joseph Delulio

Christina Galpern

Marsha Kopp

Kate & Mark Kubey

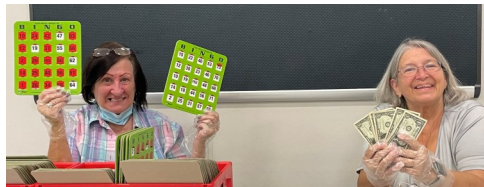
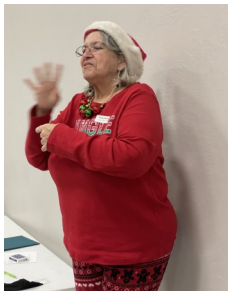
Annette Langston

Anil Phadke

Susan Elizabeth Rangel

Eileen Rozborski

Special appreciation to Gaetano Adamo/Sorenson VRS for providing the VPCC platform for virtual events and ITAC for generous donations. Below are some pictures of our volunteers:



TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES

EASTER EGG HUNT



The Disability Services will host a FREE Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 9, 2022, 2 to 3 p.m., at the Township Building. Children and young adults can register for this new sensory-friendly and accessible event by March 18th. Participants will hunt for eggs filled with prizes throughout the building's main level. There will be beeping eggs for visually impaired, and eggs tied to balloons and hidden at higher level for those in wheelchairs and walkers. An ASL interpreter will be available upon 3 weeks' advance request. The Easter Bunny will make a special visit and take pictures and greet attendees. Call 847-285-4541 to register.

EARTH DAY

Join the Township to celebrate Earth Day to demonstrate support for environment protection. It is on Friday, April 22, 2022, 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. There will be speakers from CUB, ComEd, Nicor and more! Also, there will be a raffle prize and games. To RSVP and request an interpreter, please RSVP to Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP by April 11th.

BENEFITS ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefits Access Program offers a license plate discount and Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit Cards. You only have to apply once every two years.

Eligibility Requirements:

- Age 65 years or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1, 2022.
- Must live in Illinois at the time you file your application.
- Incomes: \$33,562 (1 person); \$44,533 (2 persons); \$55,500 (3 persons)

Effective January 1, 2022, if you apply between January 1, 2022 and May 17, 2022, you should bring your 2020 income to file.

Applications submitted on May 18, 2022 or after must use 2021 income to file.

If your application was "denied" using your 2020 income, you may re-apply with your 2021 income on or after May 18, 2022.

If you need to renew or apply (first-time applicants), call for an appointment at 224-520-9763. If you are not sure about your status, we can check for you.

TAX FILING DAY

The federal tax filing deadline this year is Monday, April 18, 2022.

It is because of the Emancipation Day holiday on April 15th.



**FILE YOUR TAXES
ON TIME**

TOWNSHIP NEWS & SOCIAL SERVICES



ITAC'S NEW EQUIPMENT

Illinois Telecommunications Access Program (ITAC) added a new equipment to the list of other equipment : Apple iPhone 11. It is for Deaf people who use the primary form of communication -

American Sign Language (ASL) and use this phone to access Video Relay Service (VRS) apps such as Convo, Sorenson and ZVRS. It is a loan program. In addition, it is a Pilot Program (experimental trial).

Specifications: iPhone 11, 64GB, installed in Otterbox Protective Case, Select Deaf Communication Apps Installed, 3 years of TeltexCare.

Requirements: Resident of Illinois that uses ASL as primary form of communication; have active phone service; certification signed by doctor or audiologist/hearing aid specialist. For an application or more information, visit www.itactty.org to download the application or contact Sarita at 224-520-9763.

ITAC also 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 V.



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 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.

VIRTUAL EVENTS & NEWS

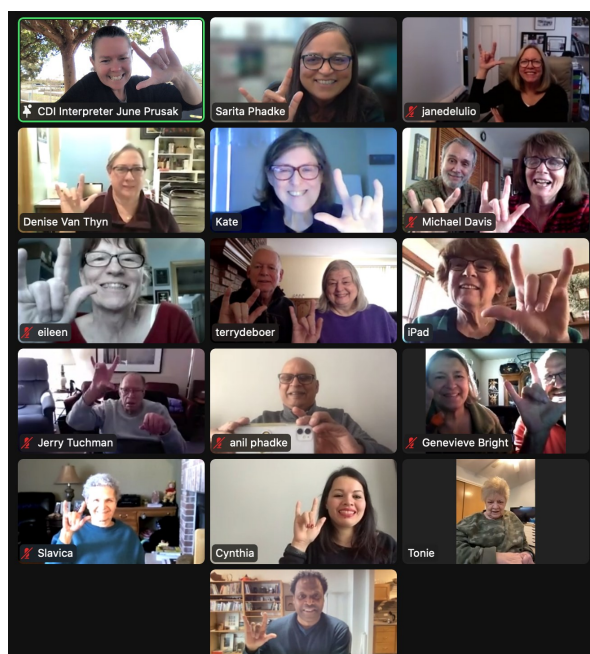
VIRTUAL PRESENTATIONS



The attendees shared their interesting stories of their assigned famous people (painters, rulers, sculptors, explorers, etc.)



Gaetano (known as Tom) Adamo shared his genuine experience about his skin condition: Vitiligo. Amazingly, Tom has a positive approach about his condition.



Mind-blowing presentation by June Prusak and Ann Wohlmuth on Zoom! They talked about the benefits of CDI, interpreting services for Jury Duty and interpreters in general. Lots of questions/answers from the audience!

Photo Credit: June Prusak

BINGO GAME AND COFFEE CHAT SCHEDULE

BINGO GAMES



- March 1, 8 & 29
 - April 5, 12 & 26
- Time: 9 a.m. & 1 p.m.

COFFEE CHAT



- March 7 & 9
 - March 23
 - April 11 & 13
 - April 25 & 27
- Time: 1 p.m.

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

Thank you, Sorenson Communications, for providing the VPCC Platform.

GENERAL NEWS



ABILITIES EXPO

Abilities Expo will be held on June 24–26, 2022, at Renaissance Schaumburg Convention Center, Schaumburg. This expo will bring you latest tech and Disability products as well as workshops and interactive events. Admission is free, but registration is required. To register or for more information, visit www.abilities.com

MOTHER FATHER DEAF DAY



April 24th marks an important celebration: "Mother Father Deaf Day (MFDD)". Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) honor and acknowledge their Deaf parents and celebrate their Deaf culture and ASL language.

AFTERNOON
AT THE MOVIE

*Thursday, March 17, 2022
at Schaumburg Township*

- FREE Admission
- Doors open at 12:30 p.m. but the movie will start at 1 p.m. sharp.
- Complimentary popcorn and water
- Limit to 15 people

Please RSVP by March 14th: 224-520-9763 VP.



DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Do not forget to set your clocks/watches one hour ahead on Sunday, March 13, 2022. It is a good time to check your smoke/CO detectors are working and/or change batteries.



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- March 6 - National Deaf Youth Day
- March 8 - International Women's Day
- March 13 - April 15 - National Deaf History Month
- March 13 - Daylight Saving Time Begins
- March 17 - St. Patrick's Day
- March 20 - Spring Begins
- April 15 - Passover begins at sundown
- April 17 - Happy Easter
- April 18 - Income Tax Deadline
- April 22 - Earth Day
- April 24 - Mother Father Deaf Day

TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR
Timothy M.
Heneghan



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Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE
Demetrius J.
Gibson



TRUSTEE
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE
Matthew J.
Steward



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