



# DEAF LINE

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## NEWSLETTER

MARCH AND APRIL 2023

### DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

Wednesday, March 15, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Registration Deadline: March 10

Community Recreation Center (CRC), 505 N. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg, IL



Join us for a St. Patrick's Day celebration!

**New Location for this month only:** It will be held at CRC, Room #2150 (upper level), 505 N. Springinsguth Road in Schaumburg. Please park in the north parking lot (entrance from Bode Road). If you are not sure or find it difficult to find the location, please contact Sarita at 225-520-9763 or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)

Activities:

Wear green clothes to celebrate St. Patrick's Day

Bingo, trivia, and fun games

Fun and light exercises with one of our volunteers, Carol Ban

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### PROGRAM INFORMATION

Call 224-520-9763 or email sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org to register.

#### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DEAF

Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf is every 4th Tuesday of the month. 10 - 11 a.m., at Schaumburg Township, Room #114. ASL Interpreter provided.

**Dates:**

- March 28                      July 25
- April 25                      August 22
- May 23                        September 26
- June 27                      October 24

No meetings in November and December.



#### COOKING CLASS



Monday, March 13, 5 p.m. \$10 (cash only)  
Register and payment by: March 8

Slavica DiDonna from Croatia will demonstrate two delicious items:

- \* Fried Cabbage (Croatian meal)
- \* Almond Macarons (Italian cookies)

Please bring your own drink or water.  
Registration is first come, first served and is limited to 20 people.

#### HEALTH PRESENTATIONS

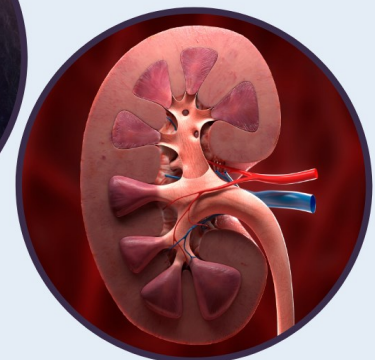
More educational health presentations by Nurse Janet are coming up.

**Functions of the Kidneys and Abnormalities:**

Tuesday, March 7, 10 a.m.  
FREE. Register By: March 5

**Oral Health:**

Tuesday, April 5, 10 a.m.  
FREE. Register By: March 31



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Call 224-520-9763 or email [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) to register.

### DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP - NATIONAL ASL DAY!



Wednesday, April 19, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

At: Schaumburg Township

Please RSVP by April 14.

Come and celebrate National ASL Day! We will have a panel discussion, bingo, and other games.

Bring your own lunch and drinks.

### ZOOM COFFEE CHAT AND BINGO

#### Coffee Chat on Zoom:

Tuesdays, 9:30 – 11:30 a.m.

\* March 14 & 21

\* April 4 & 18

#### Bingo Games on Zoom:

Mondays, 1– 3 p.m.

\* March 13 & 27

\* April 10 & 24

Please RSVP for either event or both events. Zoom ID and passcode will be given.

### VP BINGO

Mondays, 9 - 10:30 a.m.

\* March 6 & 20

\* April 3 & 17

Limited spots. First come, first served. Please register soon!

### BREAKFAST SOCIAL



Tuesday, April 11, 8:30 am

Register by: April 7

**New!** Join us for fun breakfast social at Wildberry Pancakes & Café, 1383 N. Meacham Road, Schaumburg, IL 60173.

We will have chats, laughs and conversations.

Food will be on your own.

## NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: APRIL 16 - 22, 2023

Schaumburg Township recognizes the following Deaf and Hard of Hearing volunteers for their selfless contributions and energy to serve the community in 2022:

**Carmen Aguilar**

**Mary Ball**

**Carol Ban**

**Charles & Genevieve Bright**

**Debbie & Michael Davis**

**Jane & Joseph Delulio**

**Christina Galpern**

**Marsha Kopp**

**Kate & Mark Kubey**

**Annette Langston**

**Anil Phadke**

**Eileen Rozborski**

These volunteers dedicated their time to help out with Deaf Social/Support Group, lead the virtual coffee chats/bingo games, plan for events, and do other projects. Also, special appreciation to Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) 50+ for generous donations.



## SOCIAL SERVICES

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT SNAP



Due to a recent federal policy change, SNAP emergency allotments are ending February 28. Since April 2020, the benefits increased during COVID-19 and Illinois LINK households received their regular monthly benefit and an emergency SNAP issuance. Beginning March 2023, all SNAP households will see their benefits decrease. SNAP Customers are encouraged to call the IDHS Helpline: 1-800-843-6154 to update information like address change, increase in housing costs, or decrease in income.

### PASSPORT SERVICES

Did you know that Schaumburg Township offers the Passport Services? The Clerk's Office can assist you in obtaining a U.S. Passport Book and/or Passport Card. In addition, they provide Passport photo services. The hours are Monday to Friday, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. No appointments needed. For more information or questions, please call 847-285-4561.



### TAX FILING DAY



A friendly reminder: The federal tax filing deadline this year is Monday, April 17, 2023.

### DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME

Daylight Saving Time (DST) is on Sunday, March 12, 2023. Do not forget to set your clocks/watches one hour ahead. It is a good time to check your smoke/CO detectors are working and/or change batteries.

#### Fun Facts:

- \* Germany was the first country to implement DST in 1916 to save fuel during WWI.
- \* About 70 countries in the world follow DST. Many countries near the equator; some Asian countries do not observe DST.
- \* DST has an impact on your health.

## SOCIAL SERVICES

### LIHEAP/LIHWAP AVAILABLE

It is not too late to apply for the Low-Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) and the Low-Income Household Water Assistance Program (LIHWAP). LIHEAP provides a one-time grant to help with heating and electric bills. LIHWAP provides a one-time grant towards water bills. These programs are available until May 31, 2023 or until funds are exhausted. For more information, requirements, or an appointment, please call 224-520-9763 or 847-285-4541 V.



### BENEFITS ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefits Access Program (BAA) offers a license plate discount and Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit Cards. Eligibility Requirements:

- \* Age 65 years or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1.
- \* 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, 2023, if you apply between January 1 and April 18, you should bring your 2021 income to file. Applications submitted on April 19 or after must use 2022 income to file. If your application was denied using 2021 income, you may re-apply with your 2022 income on or after April 19, 2023.

Good news! Those who qualify for BAA will only pay \$10 instead of \$24 for their sticker. For an appointment or questions, please call 224-520-9763.

### MOBILE DENTAL CLINIC



The Northwest Community Healthcare's Mobile Dental Clinic (MDC) offers dental services for those who do not have access to care due to financial barriers. MDC provides complete dental care for the whole family. However, there are eligibility requirements and fees. This clinic does not accept walk-ins. For Schaumburg Township residents, they should call 847-285-4503 to sign up for this program. As for other Townships, please contact Sarita to get the contact information.

## DEAF NEWS

### IAD BIENNIAL CONFERENCE



Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) will host its Biennial Conference: "Reconnecting Our Past, Present, and Future". This conference is on Friday, June 30 - Saturday, July 1 at Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, Springfield, IL. There will be workshops, entertainment, meetings, and much more. Visit the website: [www.iadeaf.org](http://www.iadeaf.org) for more information as well as combo/individual rates. For questions, contact Fara Harper: [conference@iadeaf.org](mailto:conference@iadeaf.org)

### DEAF PARENTS DAY

April 30 marks an important celebration: Deaf Parents Day (formerly named Mother Father Deaf Day). Children of Deaf Adults (CODA) honor their Deaf parents and celebrate their Deaf Culture and American Sign Language (ASL). Illinois CODA will host their special event on April 30, 1 to 4 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL. Free admission. All ages are welcome.



### FIRST DEAF SENIORS GAMES

Chicago Park District's Deaf and Hard of Hearing Program is excited to announce that they will host their First Annual Deaf Seniors Games/Sport Clinic (60+) on Saturday, April 1, at Warren Park, 6601 N. Western Avenue, Chicago. The possible sports will be Bocce, Pickleball, and a fun game of Basketball (All Star Shoot Out or Buzzer Beater).

For more information, contact the Program and Event Coordinator, Sarah Faber:

[sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com](mailto:sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com); 773-796-3525 VP; 312-399-9574 Text. Join their Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/CPDDeafHardofHearing/>

### DEAF WOMEN OWNED BUSINESSES



Deaf Women United (DWU) has a list of small businesses owned by Deaf women - artwork, books, clothes, accessories, home goods, baked goods, photography, and other services. You will find them on [www.dwu.org/deaf-women-owned-small-businesses/](http://www.dwu.org/deaf-women-owned-small-businesses/)



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## ITAC PROGRAM

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) provides FREE equipment to Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss: Amplified Phones, CapTel Phones, Cell Phone Amplifier, iPhones (Hard of Hearing and Deaf), Deaf iPad, TTY, and Speech Equipment. Come to our office to see and test phones today. We accept both in-person appointment or phone assistance with questions/phone order. For more information, please call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP (Deaf people).

## TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



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