



DEAF LINE

NEWSLETTER

MARCH AND APRIL 2025

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP IN MARCH & APRIL

Theme: St. Patrick's Day & International Women's Day

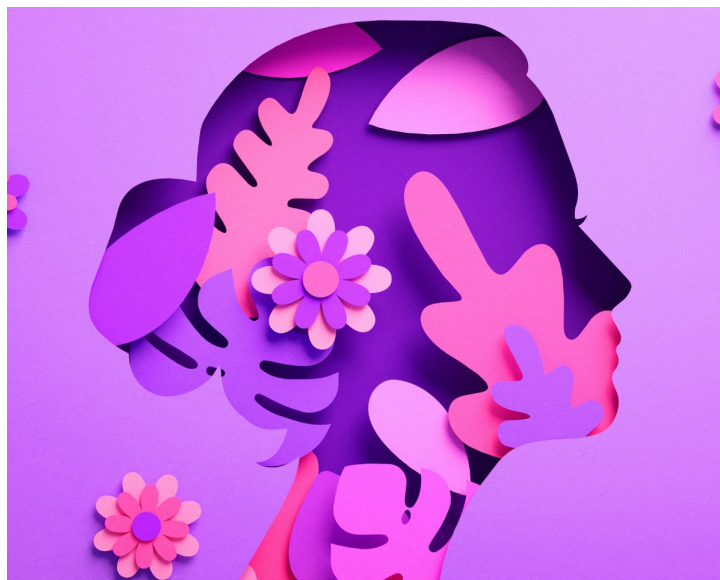
Wednesday, March 19, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Main Level, Room #2

RSVP by March 14

Activities:

- * Wear green clothes (optional)
- * Fun games
- * Bring your own lunch and drinks



Theme: National ASL Day

Wednesday, April 16, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Upper Level, Room #1

RSVP by April 11

Activities:

- * Come and celebrate National ASL Day!
- * Wear something related to ASL or Deafness
- * Fun games & activities
- * Bring your own lunch and drinks

For more information or to RSVP: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schtwn.org

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PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

BREAKFAST SOCIAL

Join us for a fun and delightful breakfast social and have conversations and laughs. Enjoy great food while supporting the local restaurants. Separate checks available.

Checkers Pancake House

506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg, IL
Thursday, March 13, 9:30 a.m.
Please RSVP by March 10

The Southern Café

511 Roselle Road, Roselle, IL
Thursday, April 10, 9 a.m.
Please RSVP by April 7



HEALTH PRESENTATIONS



We offer monthly health presentations given by Nurse Janet at Schaumburg Township, Upper Level, Room #1. You will have a better understanding of your body and how it works. ASL interpreter will be provided

Mental Illness in Seniors

Tuesday, March 11, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FREE. Please RSVP by March 6

Sleep Disorders/How to Get a Good Night's Sleep

Tuesday, April 8, 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.
FREE. Please RSVP by April 1

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DEAF

Monthly Diabetes Support Group, led by Nurse Janet, will be held on March 25 and April 22 at the Township, Upper Level, Room #1. ASL interpreter will be provided. Spouses and those with borderlines diabetes are welcome to attend. Please RSVP one week before the meeting each month to Sarita.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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

DEAF TAX DAY



Each year, the Township partners with the AARP Foundation to provide FREE income tax assistance. AARP Tax-Aide assists low-to-moderate-income taxpayers file their state and federal returns at no cost. We will have Deaf Tax Day on Friday, March 28, 2025. There are limited appointments available. Taxpayers must have all their tax documents ready before scheduling an appointment. ASL interpreters will be provided. Taxpayers with appointments scheduled will need to pick up an envelope of information and forms to be completed before their appointment from Disability and Senior Services. Please contact Sarita to get a list of required documents, for an appointment or more questions.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

We offer Bingo Games (VP & Zoom) & Coffee Chat (Zoom) for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing FREE!

VP BINGO

ZOOM BINGO

ZOOM COFFEE CHAT

<p>Mondays, 9 -10:30 a.m.</p> <p>* March 3 & 17</p> <p>* April 7 & 21</p> <p>Limited spots. First come, first served.</p>	<p>Mondays, 1 - 3 p.m.</p> <p>* March 10 & 24</p> <p>* April 7 & 28</p> <p>For new people, please RSVP. Bingo card, and Zoom ID and passcode will be given.</p>	<p>First Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.</p> <p>* March 4</p> <p>* April 1</p> <p>We will have fun conversation, discussion, trivia, and games. Zoom ID/passcode will be given.</p>
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NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: APRIL 20 - 26, 2025

We would like to recognize our Deaf and Hard of Hearing volunteers for their incredible time, energy, and talents to serve the Deaf & Hard of Hearing community in 2024. Their commitment are greatly appreciative and invaluable. Also, great thanks to Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and WSAD Gold 50+ for their generous donations.

Andrew & Carol Ban

Charles & Genevieve Bright

Debbie Davis

Terry DeBoer

Jane Delulio

Kate & Mark Kubey

Anil Phadke

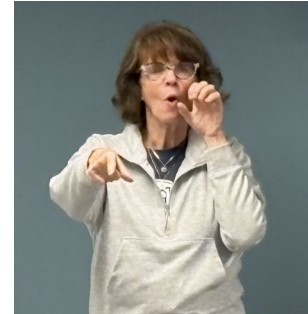
Eileen Rozborski



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP PICTURES

Deaf Social/Support Group (January 2025) is back at the Township!

We had a full house for our Deaf Social/Support Group in our newly renovated area! Everyone was pleased to be back at the Township after one year! Great appreciation to Schaumburg Park District and Trickster Cultural Center for the usage of their meeting rooms during the renovation.



SOCIAL SERVICES

Call 224-520-9763 or email sphadke@schtwn.org for more information.

BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM



The Benefit Access Program (BAP) offers a license plate discount and Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit Cards.

Eligibility Requirements:

- * Age 65 or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1.
- * Must live in Illinois at the time you filed your application.
- * Income: \$33,562 (1 person); \$44,533 (2 persons); \$55,550 (3 persons)

If you apply through April 15, 2025, you must bring your 2023 income to file. Applications submitted on April 16 or after must use 2024 income. If your application was denied using your 2023 income, you may re-apply with your 2024 income on or after April 16, 2025.

Also, those who qualify for BAP will only pay \$10 for their sticker. Only one discount per household per year is allowed. For information, or an appointment, please contact Sarita.

NEW CHECK-IN PROCESS

When you have an appointment with Sarita, you will need to sign in at the security desk using Greetly. You will get a nametag and then wait in the lobby until staff are ready to see you. This new process will help manage the flow of clients as well as keep the building safe.

Those who come to Deaf Social/Support Group, Health Presentations, or Diabetes Support Group, will not need to sign in, but please wait in the lobby and staff will let you know when it is ready.

PROGRAMS OFFERED

We offer several programs:

- * Benefit Access Program
- * Information and Referrals
- * ITAC Program
- * Medicare, Medicaid, and Prescription Drug Assistance
- * RTA Ride Free and Reduced Fare Transit Cards
- * Social Security Information
- * Temporary Parking Placards for Persons with Disabilities
- * Utility Assistance
- * Much more

For more information, please contact Sarita.

GENERAL INFORMATION

DEAF PARENTS DAY



April 27 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, American Sign Language (ASL) and the bond between them and their children.

NEW LAW - HEARING AIDS



Effective January 1, 2025, as mandated by Public Act of 103-0530, insurance companies must now cover medically prescribed hearing aids and services for individuals of all ages, ensuring access to essential care. For more information, contact Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission at 217-303-8010.

IDHHC MEETING

Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) Meeting will be held on March 27, 2025 at 10:30 a.m. It is at the MOPD Central West Center, 2102 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago. Everyone is welcome to attend this meeting. To view the agenda, minutes from previous meeting, and future meeting dates, please visit www.idhhc.state.il.us

DATES TO REMEMBER

March - Women's History Month

March 6 - National Deaf Youth Day

March 6 - Deaf President Now Remembrance Day

March 8 - International Women's Day

March 11 - Daylight Savings Time

March 17 - St. Patrick's Day

April - Deaf History Month

April 15 - National ASL Day

April 15 - Income Tax Day

April 20 - Easter

April 20 - 26 - National Volunteer Week

April 22 - Earth Day



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TOWNSHIP OPEN HOUSE

Township Open House

March 19, 6:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Visit the Township to see our most recent building update! We are hosting an Open House for the community to see our gymnasium second floor renovation. There will be free food, tours, and information about programs and services. ASL interpreters will be provided. Check www.schaumburgtownship.org closer to the event to learn more. We hope to see you there.

TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS



SUPERVISOR
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Heneghan



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Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE
Demetrius J.
Gibson



TRUSTEE
Lauren Saternus



TRUSTEE
Matthew J.
Steward



CLERK
W. Robert
Vinnedge



ASSESSOR
John R. Lawson, CIAO



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Scott M. Kegaris