



DEAF LINE

NEWSLETTER

JANUARY AND FEBRUARY 2026

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP - WELCOME 2026!



Every 3rd Wednesday of the Month (unless a different day is mentioned below)

Time: 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Join us for a fun-filled gathering with games, activities, plenty of time to relax and socialize!

Bring your friends and enjoy a great time!

- January 21
- February 18
- March 18
- April 15
- May 20
- June 17
- July 15
- August 19
- September 16
- October 21
- November 18
- December 9 (2nd Wednesday)

Notice: For February, March & April, the event will be at Community Recreation Center (CRC) located at 505 N. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg. For all other months, the event will be at Schaumburg Township. Please 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.

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP - FUN DAY!

Wednesday, January 21, 2026, 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

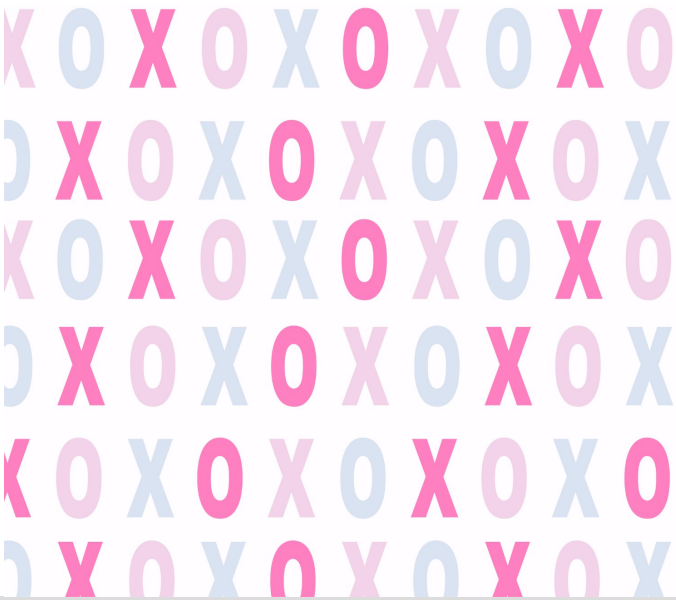
At: Schaumburg Township, 1 Illinois Blvd.,
Hoffman Estates, IL.

Let us celebrate and welcome the New Year -
2026!

Come join us for fun games and activities as we
kick off the new year together. Bring your own
lunch and drinks. Please RSVP by January 15.



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP - VALENTINE'S DAY CELEBRATION



Join us for a day filled with fun games/activities
and laughter as we celebrate Valentine's Day
together!

Wednesday, February 18, 2026, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

New location: Community Recreation Center
(CRC), 505 N. Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg,
IL. It is in Excellence Room on second floor.

Dress Code (optional): Festive Red or Pink

Please RSVP by February 12. Please bring your
own lunch

HOLIDAY CLOSINGS

Please note that Schaumburg Township will be closed:

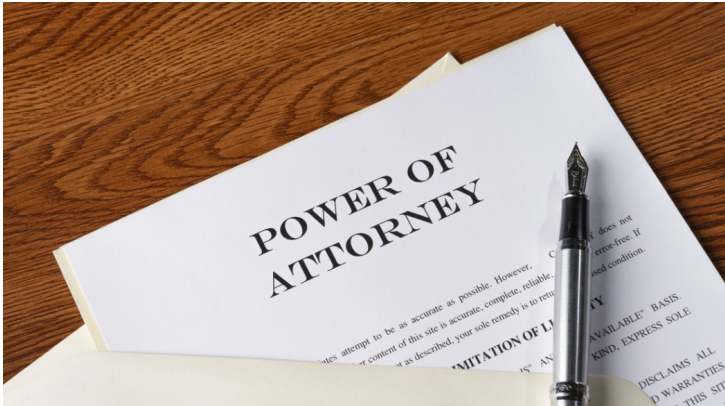
- * Thursday, January 1, 2026 - New Year's Day
- * Monday, January 19 - Martin Luther King Day
- * Monday, February 16 - Presidents' Day



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HEALTH PRESENTATIONS



Due to popular demand, we will continue hosting monthly health presentations in 2026! Join us each month to learn valuable health information presented by Nurse Janet. ASL Interpreter will be provided.

Fibromyalgia

Tuesday, January 13, 10 a.m.
FREE. Please RSVP by January 8

End of Life Decisions - Power of Attorney (POA), Living Will, Do Not Resuscitate (DNR)

Tuesday, February 10, 10 a.m.
FREE. Please RSVP by February 5

DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DEAF



Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf continues in 2026! It is every 4th Tuesday of the month, 10 - 11 a.m. Join our monthly group led by Nurse Janet. It is a great opportunity to learn, share, and ask questions. Spouses and individuals with borderline diabetes are welcome to attend. ASL Interpreter provided. Please RSVP one week before each meeting.

Dates: January 27, February 24, March 24, April 28, May 26, June 23, July 28, August 25, September 22, October 27, and November 17 (3rd Tuesday). There will be no meeting in December.

VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

VP BINGO

Mondays, 9 -10:30 a.m.

* January 5 & 26

* February 2 & 23

Limited spots. First come, first served.

ZOOM BINGO

Mondays, 1 - 3 p.m.

* January 12 & 26

* February 9 & 23

For new people, please RSVP. Bingo card, and Zoom ID/ passcode will be given.

ZOOM COFFEE CHAT

First Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

* January 6

* February 3

Fun conversations, discussions, trivia, and games. Please RSVP. Zoom ID/passcode will be given.

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COOKING CLASS



Monday, February 2, 5 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Main Level Room #1

\$10 (cash only) - Payment due January 27

Join us as Andy Ban demonstrates two delicious Hungarian dishes:

- * Lecso (main course)
- * Linzer Cookies (classic dessert)

Recipe handouts will be provided. Registration with payment is first-come, first-served. Limited to 25 people. Bring your own drinks or BYOB.

PIZZA SOCIAL FOR DEAF YOUNG ADULTS



Thursday, February 12, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Main Level Room #1

Please RSVP by February 9.

Come and enjoy free pizza and soda while connecting with old and new friends in a welcoming ambiance. There will be fun games/.activities throughout the evening. Don't miss this opportunity.

ACRYLIC PAINTING CLASS



Thursday, January 22, 5:30 p.m. Come at 5 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Main Level Room #1

Cost: \$25 (cash or check payable to Schaumburg Township). Payment due: January 15

Join us for a creative acrylic painting fun led by Deaf instructor, Jill Stark! The theme is Winter Tree. It will be on 10 x 10 canvas. No experience needed. Jill will guide you step-by-step through the painting process. Snacks and cookies will be served. Bring your own drinks (BYOB welcome).

EVENT PICTURES

BOOTH AT DEAFNATION EXPO



What an extraordinary and memorable experience at DeafNation Expo! A big thank-you to our volunteers, Andy, Anil, Carol, Eileen, Genny, & Terry, for their help at our booth!

Two photos shown above are credited to DeafNation. Mark your calendars - Next expo will be on October 31, 2026, at Wintrust Sports Complex in Bedford Park.

DEAF BREAKFAST SOCIAL



Our November Breakfast Social was an amazing time, filled with warm conversations, wonderful company, and lots of laughs!



Join us for our next fun Breakfast Social! Enjoy delicious local food, great company, conversations, and laughs! It is a great way to start your day and connect with our wonderful friends. Separate checks available. Please RSVP: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schtwn.org.

Thursday, January 8, 2026, 9 a.m.

Please RSVP by January 5.

Checkers Pancake House, 506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg

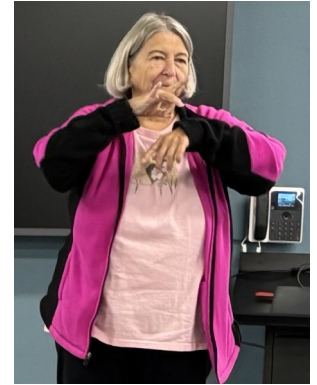
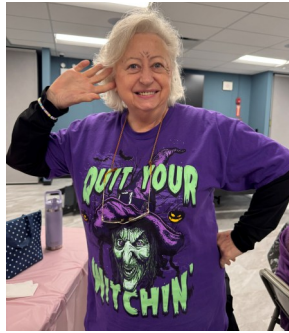
Thursday, February 12, 9 a.m.

Please RSVP February 9.

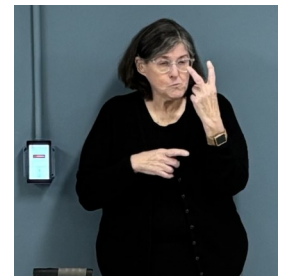
Maxfield's Pancake House, 700 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP PICTURES

We celebrated Breast Cancer Awareness & Halloween in October.



Thanksgiving Celebration was celebrated in November.



GENERAL NEWS

MEET ASSESSOR VICTOR MORALES

The Township of Schaumburg would like to extend a warm welcome to the newly sworn-in Assessor, Victor Morales. Victor comes to this position with seven years' experience as Schaumburg Township's Chief Deputy Assessor. He grew up in the Schaumburg Township area and began volunteering with the Village of Hanover Park as a teenager under the administration of the late Mayor Sonya Crawshaw. He is an alumnus of Anne Fox School and Addams Junior High School, and he enjoys being actively involved in the local community. He and his wife have four children, and he is an active member of Holy Archangels Parish. A former basketball coach and co-Athletic Director at St. Hubert's, Victor currently serves on the boards of both the Schaumburg District 54 Education Foundation and St. Hubert Catholic School. Ultimately, faith, family, and a dedication to service are essential values to him.

The Assessor's Office assists residents with property tax assessment appeals, exemptions, information and more. To contact the Township Assessor's Office please call 847-285-4569.

SUPER BOWL LX PREGAME SHOWS



Super Bowl LX will feature three ASL performances by Fred Beam, Julian Ortiz, and Celimar Rivera Cosme. Fred will perform the National Anthem and sign "Lift Every Voice and Sing". Julian will sign America The Beautiful. Celimar will deliver the ASL rendition of the Apple Music Halftime Show. Together, they will deliver the signed performances in ASL and LSPR (Puerto Rican Signed Language). These performances are supported by LOVE SIGN and Deaf Equality.

Super Bowl LX will take place at Levi's Stadium in Santa Clara, California, on Sunday, February 8, 2026 and will be broadcast on NBC, Peacock, and Telemundo (Spanish).

FREE E-NEWSLETTERS

Subscribe to free Township eNewsletters: Deaf Services, Senior Services, Disability Services, Assessor's Office, and General Township News. Choose your preference or all eNewsletters to get information and updates to your email. You can sign up at www.schaumburgTownship.org. or contact Sarita for assistance.



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DEAF COFFEE CHAT

Meet, Sip, and Connect! Join us for a casual monthly Coffee Chat in person at Schaumburg Township. Enjoy connecting with others while learning more about our general services and programs. This is a relaxed space to ask questions, share information, or simply have a friendly chat! Everyone is welcome!

Date: Wednesdays, January 14 & February 11

Time: 10 a.m.

Please register 2 days before each date: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schtn.org.

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