



# DEAF LINE

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## NEWSLETTER

MARCH AND APRIL 2026

### DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP IN MARCH & APRIL



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

Wednesday, March 18, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.  
Community Recreation Center (CRC),  
505 N. Springinguth Road, Schaumburg, IL.  
It is in Excellence Room on second floor.

RSVP by March 10

- \* Fun activities & games
- \* Wear green or lime clothes (optional)
- \* Bring your own lunch and drinks

#### Theme: National ASL Day

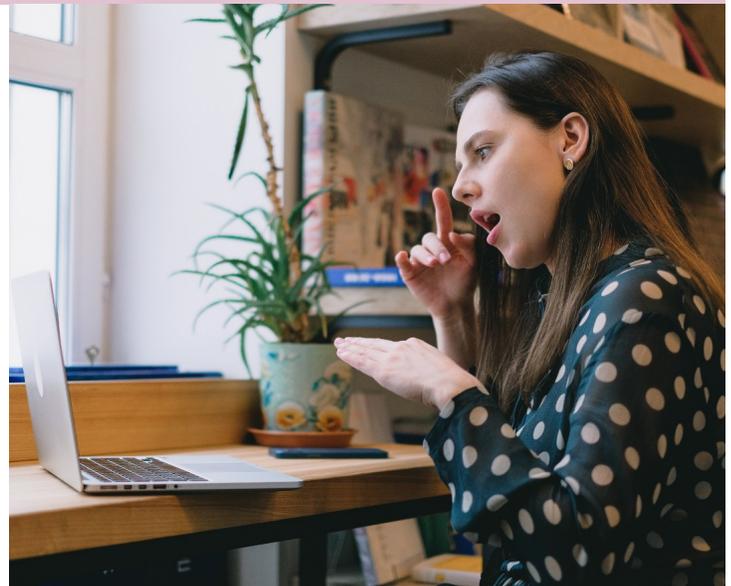
Wednesday, April 15, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Community Recreation Center (CRC),  
505 N. Springinguth Road, Schaumburg, IL.  
It is in Celebration Room on first floor.

RSVP by April 10

\*Join us to celebrate National ASL with fun games and activities. Also, wear something related to ASL or Deafness

\* Bring your own lunch and drinks.



For more information or to RSVP: 224-231-4485 VP or [cridgway@schtwn.org](mailto:cridgway@schtwn.org)

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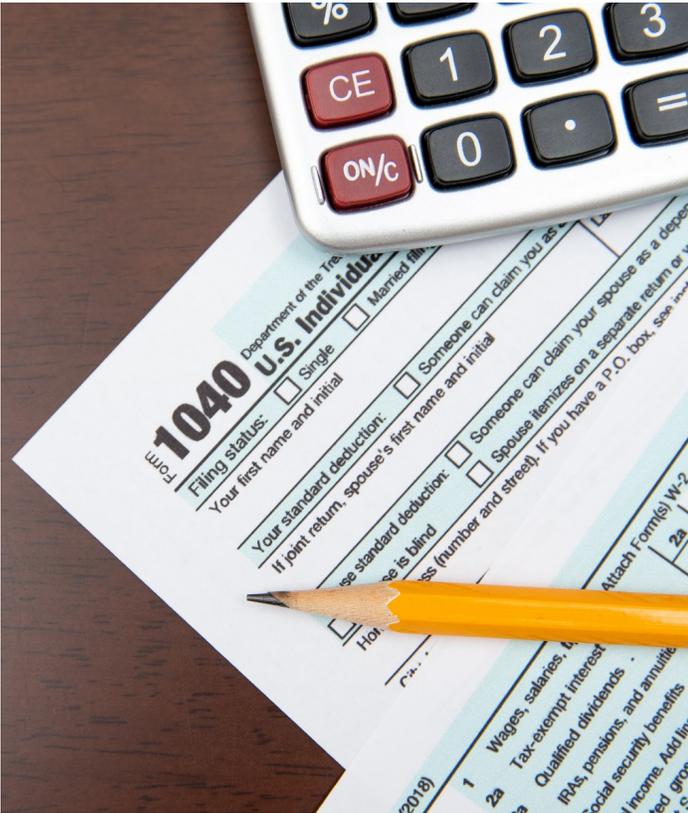
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## PROGRAM INFORMATION

### 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 federal and state returns at no cost.

We will have Deaf Tax Day on Friday, March 27, 2026. There are limited appointments. Taxpayers must have all their tax documents ready before scheduling an appointment. ASL interpreters will be provided. Taxpayers with appointments will need to pick up an envelope of information and forms to be completed before their appointment from Disability and Senior Services. To get a list of required documents, for an appointment, or questions, contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 or [sphadke@schtwn.org](mailto:sphadke@schtwn.org)

### FIELD TRIP - CHICAGO SPORTS MUSEUM

Wednesday, April 22 ,11 a.m.

Cost: \$6 (cash or check payable to Schaumburg Township)

Address: Water Tower Place, Level 7,  
835 N. Michigan Avenue, Chicago  
RSVP by April 14: 224-231-4485 or  
[cridgway@schtwn.org](mailto:cridgway@schtwn.org)

Join us and enjoy interactive exhibits, skill challenges, sports memorabilia, and game-used artifacts. Exhibits include Forensic Sports, Fan Zone, Hall of Legends, 2016 World Series, etc. Transportation is on your own. Participants can take the Schaumburg Metra with Sarita (details forthcoming) or meet at the Chicago Sports Museum.



## PROGRAM INFORMATION

Call 224-231-4485 or email [cridgway@schtwn.org](mailto:cridgway@schtwn.org) to register.

### HEALTH PRESENTATIONS



Join us each month to learn valuable health information presented by Nurse Janet. ASL Interpreter will be provided.

#### Polypharmacology

Tuesday, March 10, 10 a.m.  
FREE. Please RVSP by March 5

#### Hospice vs Palliative Care

Tuesday, April 14, 10 a.m.  
FREE. Please RVSP by April 9

### VIRTUAL PROGRAMS

#### VP BINGO

Mondays, 9 -10:30 a.m.

\* March 2 & 16

\* April 6 & 20

Limited spots. First come, first served.

#### ZOOM BINGO

Mondays, 1 - 3 p.m.

\* March 9 & 23

\* April 13 & 27

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

#### ZOOM COFFEE CHAT

First Tuesdays, 9 - 11 a.m.

\* March 3

\* April 7

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

### 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, March 11 & April 8

Time: 10 a.m.

Please register 2 days before: 224-520-9763

### DIABETES SUPPORT GROUP FOR THE DEAF

There will be Diabetes Support Group for the Deaf led by Nurse Janet on Tuesdays, March 24, and April 28, at 10 a.m.

It is a great opportunity to learn from each other and ask questions. Spouses and individuals with borderline diabetes are welcome to attend. ASL Interpreter provided. Please RSVP one week before each meeting.

### NATIONAL VOLUNTEER WEEK: APRIL 19 - 25, 2026

We proudly recognize our Deaf and Hard of Hearing volunteers for their outstanding services, dedication, and talents in serving the Deaf and Hard of Hearing community in 2025. Their incredible commitment is deeply appreciated and remains invaluable to our mission.

Andy & Carol Ban

Charles & Genevieve Bright

Debbie Davis

Irene & Terry DeBoer

Jane Delulio

Kate Kubey

Anil Phadke

Eileen Rozborski



### EVENT PICTURES

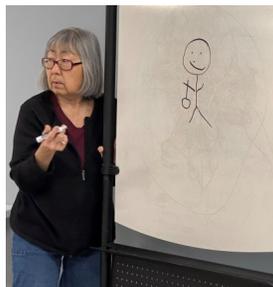


#### NEW DEAF SERVICES PROGRAM SPECIALIST

Please join us in welcoming Christine Ridgway (known as Chris) as our new Deaf Services Program Specialist. In this role, Chris will be planning and providing events and activities for our Deaf and Hard of Hearing communities.

Stop by and say hello! Chris' contact information: 224-231-4485 VP or cridgway@schtwn.org Email.

#### Welcome 2026! We celebrated the new year 2026 with fun games and activities



So many laughs! Everyone had a blast! Rumor Line, Pictionary, and Schingo were definitely the best part of the event!



#### SPRING FLING EVENT

Good News! We are pleased to announce that we will have Deaf Social/Support Group, "Spring Fling", on Wednesday, May 20, 2026, at Villaggio Ristorante. Save the date! Details and event flyer will be available soon!

## SOCIAL SERVICES

Call 224-520-9763 or email [sphadke@schtwn.org](mailto:sphadke@schtwn.org) to schedule an appointment.

### LIHEAP PROGRAM



The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households with gas and electric bills. This program ends on August 15, 2026 or funds run out. Please contact Sarita for information on income requirements and documents or to schedule an appointment.

### SHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) offers free counseling services in which volunteers can assist with Medicare issues or questions. There are several certified SHIP counselors at Schaumburg Township who can assist you. Sarita is one of the SHIP counselors. If you need assistance, for more information, or an appointment, contact Sarita.

### INFORMATION ON VOTER REGISTRATION

Cook County voters can register to vote and access information on elections, early voting locations, polling places, and much more at [www.VOTE411.org](http://www.VOTE411.org). This website offers one place for voters to research the candidates. Also, voters can register in person at Schaumburg Township.

### BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

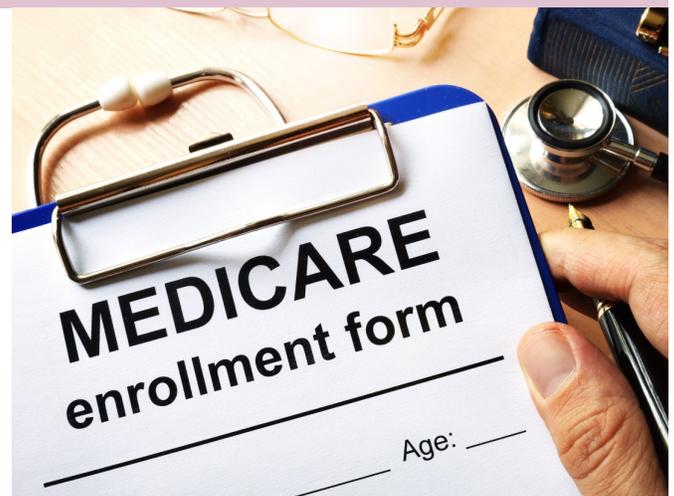
The Benefit Access Program (BAP) offers a license plate discount and Seniors and Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transit Cards.

\* Age 65 or older or 16 years or older and permanently disabled before January 1.

\* You must be resident of Illinois at the time you file your application.

\* Income requirements: \$33,562 (1 person); \$44,533 (2 persons); \$55,550 (3 persons).

If you apply through April 15, 2026, you must bring your 2024 income to file. Applications submitted on April 16 or after must use 2025 income. If your application was denied using 2024 income, you may re-apply using your 2025 income on or after April 16. For more information, or an appointment, please contact Sarita.



## GENERAL NEWS

### DEAF PARENTS DAY

**Sunday, April 26, 2026**

Deaf Parents Day is a special day for Children of Deaf Adults (CODAs) to honor their Deaf parents and celebrate Deaf Culture, American Sign Language (ASL) and the unique bond between Deaf Parents and their children. It is a day with pride, gratitude, and appreciation for the richness of Deaf families and communities.



### 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 & Deaf), Deaf iPad and Speech Equipment. Schaumburg Township is an ITAC Selection Center. Schedule an appointment to see/test phones. We accept both in-person appointment or phone assistance with questions/phone order. For more information or an appointment, please call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

### IDHHC MEETING

Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) Meeting will be held on March 26, 2026, 10 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. It is at MOPD Central West Center, 2102 W. Ogden Avenue, Chicago. For more information, visit [www.idhhc.state.il.us](http://www.idhhc.state.il.us).



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## **BREAKFAST SOCIAL**

Join us for a fun and delightful breakfast social and have conversations and laughs. Separate checks available. Please RSVP: 224-231-4485.

Thursday, March 12, 9 a.m.

### **First Watch**

1418 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL

Please RSVP by March 9

Wednesday, April 8, 9 a.m.

### **Sweet Orange Pancake House & Café**

933 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL

Please RSVP by April 10

## **TOWNSHIP ELECTED OFFICIALS**



SUPERVISOR  
Timothy M.  
Heneghan



TRUSTEE  
Holly Fath



TRUSTEE  
Robert N. Fiorio



TRUSTEE  
Demetrius J.  
Gibson



TRUSTEE  
Tom Pirovano



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