



DEAF LINE

NEWSLETTER

SEPTEMBER AND OCTOBER 2026

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP IN SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER



Deaf Awareness Month & International Sign Language Day

Wednesday, September 16 , 2026, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Upper Level

Please RSVP by September 11: Call 224-231-5585 or cridgway@schtn.org.

Join us to celebrate Deaf Culture, International Sign Language and American Sign Language. We will have fun activities and trivia. Connect with old and new friends! Bring your own lunch and drinks.

Halloween Social

Wednesday, October 21, 2026, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Schaumburg Township, Upper Level

Please RSVP by October 16: Call 224-231-4485 or cridgway@schtn.org.

Wear your best Halloween costume (optional) and enter the contest for a chance to win a prize. We will have fun activities. Bring your own lunch and drinks.



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PROGRAM INFORMATION

Call 224-231-4485 or email cridgway@schtn.org to register.

ACTIVITIES FOR SENIOR CITIZENS



FIELD TRIP

When: Thursday, September 3, 9 - 11 a.m.

Where: Vera Meineke Nature Center at Spring Valley, 1111 E. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL.

Please RSVP by August 31.

Join us for a walk and explore natural history, interactive displays and an 1880s living history farm.

COOKING CLASS



When: Monday, October 5, 5 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, Main Level

Cost: \$10 cash only

Please RSVP with payment by September 29.

Join us for a cooking class with our guest, Carol Ban! Watch her make a Spider Taco Crescent Ring and Pumpkin Sugar Cookies. Recipes will be handed out. Please bring your own drinks.

CHUNKY KNIT THROW CLASS



When: Wednesday, October 14, 12 - 4 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, Upper Level

Please RSVP by October 9.

Sue Collins will guide you step-by-step through hand-knitting a warm, soft chunky knit blanket. No needles or knitting experience is required. Materials will not be provided and you would bring your own yarn and scissors. Once you register, material information will be provided.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

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DEAF YOUNG ADULT HALLOWEEN PARTY



When: Thursday, October 8, 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, Upper Level

Please RSVP by October 5.

Wear your favorite Halloween costume, socialize with friends and enjoy fun games and activities. Snacks, desserts and water will be provided. Free admission!

HOLIDAY CLOSING

Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following dates:

- * Monday, September 7 – Labor Day
- * Monday, October 12 – Indigenous Peoples' Day/Columbus Day

Have a safe and wonderful holiday!



BREAKFAST SOCIAL



Start your day with good food and great company! Join our breakfast social and have fun socializing with friends. Separate checks are available.

Thursday, September 10, 9 a.m.

Checkers Pancake House
506 W. Wise Road, Schaumburg, IL
Please RSVP by September 4 .

Thursday, October 8, 9 a.m.

Rising Early Café
1477 W. Schaumburg Road, Schaumburg, IL
Please RSVP by October 2.

PROGRAM INFORMATION

Call 224-231-4485 or email cridgway@schtn.org to register.

COFFEE CHATS - "MEET, SIP & CONNECT"



Join us In-Person Coffee Chat to reconnect with friends, catch up on the latest news and have fun conversations. Also, enjoy free coffee, water and snacks.

Dates:

- * Tuesday, September 1, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.
- * Tuesday, October 6, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Event Information:

- * At Schaumburg Township, Upper Level
- * Please RSVP 4 days before each meeting.

HALLOWEEN BOARD GAMES

When: Wednesday, October 7, 12 - 2:30 p.m.

Where: Schaumburg Township, Upper Level. Please RSVP by October 1.

Join us for a fun afternoon playing a variety of Halloween-themed board games. Bring your favorite board game. Feel free to bring your snacks and drinks.

AFTERNOON MOVIE TIME

Join us for a relaxing afternoon at the movies! It is at Schaumburg Township, Board Room.
Bring your own lunch and drinks.



"Train Dreams"

When: Friday, September 11, 12 p.m.

Please RSVP by September 8.

This movie received four 2026 Academy Awards nominations.



"Feel My Voice"

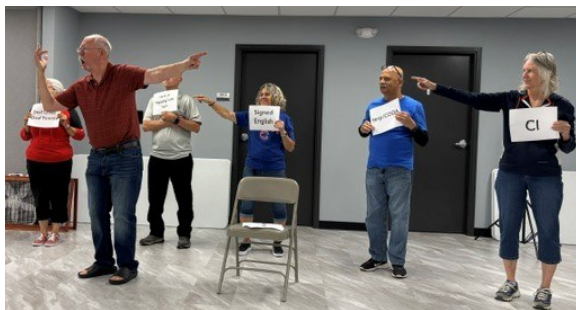
When: Friday, October 16, 12 p.m.

Please RSVP by October 9.

This movie is an Italian adaption of original "La Famille Belier" (French movie). It is similar to "CODA". Popcorn will be served.

EVENT PICTURES

What a fantastic turnout at our Indoor Picnic! The highlight of the event was an insightful activity led by James Halischak, who covered gatekeeping in cultural identity, education, ASL, services and community. We appreciate James for sharing his expertise. Thanks to everyone who brought a dish to share for our wonderful potluck!



We had a wonderful tour to the breathtaking BAPS Shri Swaminarayan Mandir! Walking through the detailed halls and learning about the history was an enriching experience. It was fascinating to see 40,000 carved pieces of Italian marble and Turkish limestone that make up this temple and it is all built with no support of iron or steel. A special thank you to the temple guide for sharing the beauty of their temple with us.



SOCIAL SERVICES

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

SERVICES FOR THE DEAF AND HARD OF HEARING

LIHEAP

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) helps eligible low-income households with their heating and electric bills. The program usually begins in the Fall. The income guidelines and requirements have not been released at the time of this publication.

BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

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

For more information, or to schedule an appointment, please contact Sarita at 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schtn.org.

TOWNSHIP INFORMATION

Get the latest Township news and programs! Sign up today for our eNewsletter at www.schaumburgtownship.org. For help with registering, Sarita will be happy to assist you. We also offer free Deaf Line Newsletter. You can read online or request a copy by mail.

OTHERS

Schaumburg Township offers assistance with RTA applications, programming/events, community education, temporary parking placards, notary services, and much more.

CONSTRUCTION UPDATES

The Township Parking lot is now under construction this summer and fall. It is to improve accessibility and safety. Consider carpooling when attending our events including Deaf Social/Support Group until construction is completed. We appreciate your patience and apologize for the inconvenience.

ITAC PROGRAM



Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free Deaf iPhones, Deaf iPads and TTYs to Illinois residents with certified hearing loss. Both iPhone and iPad come with preinstalled accessibility apps including general accessibility apps and specialized Deaf apps for communication. For an application form or to set up an appointment for help with the paperwork, please contact Sarita.

DEAF EVENTS

DEAFNATION EXPO



We are excited to announce that Schaumburg Township Deaf Services will be at DeafNation Expo. Please mark your calendars and stop by our booth. We would love to see you and share information about our services, events and ITAC programs.

Date: Saturday, October 31, 2026, 9 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Where: Wintrust Sports Complex, 5499 65th Street, Bedford Park, IL

Free Admission, but it is better to register online to skip the long lines. Register online early: www.deafnation.com. If you need help with signing up, Sarita is happy to help you. Contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 or sphadke@schtwn.org

DEAF HANGOUT

There is a monthly gathering called "Deaf Hangout" hosted by James Whitlock, Jr. and Eileen Wagner. They meet every second Saturday of the month at 5 p.m., at Pyramid Sports Bar & Pizzeria (236 W. Lake Street, Addison). Upcoming dates: September 12 & October 10. Hang out, chat with friends or play some games. Everyone is welcome!

WSAD THANKSMAS LUNCHEON



West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host their 16th Annual Thanksmas Luncheon on Saturday, November 7, 2026, 11:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Allegra Banquets (237 W. St. Charles Road in Villa Park). There will be family-style lunch, cash bar, cash and door prizes and much more. Casual dress code (no jeans, shorts or jogging pants). Cost is \$45 per person. The deadline (check/money order) is October 9. Make payable to WSAD Gold and mail to: WSAD, P.O. Box 172, Addison, IL 60101-0172. As for Zelle/Cash App, the deadline is October 26. For more information, contact Marilyn Russell: 630-478-9041 or okabewink49@gmail.com.



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MEDICARE PART C/D OPEN ENROLLMENT

Medicare Part C & D Open Enrollment is October 15 - December 7, 2026. It is an important time to review your Medicare Part C and/or Part D plans. You do not have to change your plan, but it is suggested to see if a better, more beneficial plan is available for 2027.

Sarita is a SHIP (Senior Health Insurance Program) Counselor who is available to provide information, answer your questions and assist with enrollment. Evening appointments are available if needed. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 224-520-9763 VP or email: sphadke@schtnw.org.

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