

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

# DEAF LINE

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AUGUST, 2002



## FREE CARNIVAL RIDES

At Schaumburg's Septemberfest  
In Schaumburg, IL.

Saturday, August 31<sup>st</sup>, 2002  
10 a.m. - Noon

Hosted by the Village of Schaumburg &  
coordinated by Schaumburg Township Disability & Deaf Services

- Free rides for disabled children, their families & disabled adults who live in Schaumburg Township.
- The rides will NOT be open to the public, so reservations are required.
- Volunteers will be there to assist children.
- To register, call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V, 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 Fax.

## WORDS FROM THE DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Our **Ice Cream Social Night for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing & their Families** on June 28<sup>th</sup>, 2002, was very successful as there were over 75 people attending. Many enjoyed seeing old and new friends and participating in making the crafts. I would like to thank the following volunteers who did a great job assisting in every way:

Jenny Bratanch

Annie Brown

Julie & Katy Irving

Nick Klimkowicz

Anil & Trisha Phadke

Diane Wilson

- I attended the **Deaf Way II Conference** in Washington, D.C. in July. There were almost 10,000 people attending from all over the world. It was a wonderful experience – attending numerous workshops related to Deafness, visiting several booths with lots of information pertaining to deafness, technologies, resources and others, and meeting old and new friends. You can view the pictures and video clips on [www.deafway.org](http://www.deafway.org) website.
- I want to share some interesting technologies that I saw at the Deaf Way II booths:

**Internet Relay** allows you to call the relay service over the internet instead of a TTY. Normally, with the traditional relay, there are no charges to use the relay service except for the long distance calls. But with the internet relay, there are no charges at all for any calls, including long distance calls and international calls.

[www.sprintrelayonline.com](http://www.sprintrelayonline.com) (Sprint)

[www.ip-relay.com](http://www.ip-relay.com) (MCI)

[www.relay.att.com](http://www.relay.att.com) (AT&T)

[www.hiprelay.com](http://www.hiprelay.com) (Hamilton Relay) – not available yet.

**Video Relay Service (VRS)** is an interactive video teleconferencing service in which a Deaf, Hard of Hearing or sign language user uses a sign language interpreter on a computer to relay calls to a hearing person without the use of a TTY. This service enables the ASL user to communicate in his/her native language (sign language) with facial expression and body language. It is convenient for those who have little or no typing or written English skills, especially young Deaf children.

[www.csdvrs.com](http://www.csdvrs.com)

[www.usavrs.com](http://www.usavrs.com)

**Pager Answering Service (PAS)** is a new technology, provided by Communication Services of the Deaf (CSD), that allows two-way text pager users the convenience of relaying information to those with no pagers by the use of a live operator. The text messages from pagers are relayed into voice, TTY, or any other communication mode. Check the website: [www.c-s-d.org](http://www.c-s-d.org) or call CSD at 1-866-273-3323 TTY or 1-800-642-6410 Voice.

**Microsoft NetMeeting** is another technology that enables you to communicate with others over the internet directly without using the relay service. You can either sign or talk to other person using a web cam or a microphone. With the web cam, you can see the other person and that person is able to see you. Check [www.usavrs.com](http://www.usavrs.com) or [www.microsoft.com/netmeeting](http://www.microsoft.com/netmeeting).

- Schaumburg Township's Senior Services' Director, **Brian Carey**, passed away on July 22, 2002. He had been a part of the Township for many years; first as a Trustee, and for the last five years as the Director of the Senior Services Department. Our condolences go to his family and friends. Brian will be missed.

## PICNIC PATH

Schaumburg Township Disabled Services' new picnic pathway leads to our tent area and provides smooth access into the site. We are grateful to our Highway Department working with vendors and volunteers to secure materials and labor for this project. Special thanks go to:

- Schaumburg Township's Highway Dept.
- Wendell C. Howell – Township Clerk
- Village of Hoffman Estates
- Hoffman Estates Park District
- Sheriff's Work Alternative Program
- Orange Crush L.L.C.
- Jacob's & Son Inc.

## FAIR HOUSING CONFERENCE

Access Living and Disability Rights Action Coalition for Housing (DRACH) will host a two-day Disability Fair Housing Conference, "**Housing – a Matter of Justice**", on September 13 & 14, 2002. It will be held at the Harold Washington Library, Congress & State Streets, Chicago. The breakout sessions will include: Housing & Section 504, the Fair Housing Act, Access Requirements, Voucher Programs, Homeownership, Your Local Consolidated Plan, and much more. Space is limited. To register or to get an agenda and brochure, contact Alberto Barrera at 312-253-7000, ext. 120 Voice; 312-253-7016 TTY; [beto@accessliving.org](mailto:beto@accessliving.org) Email.

## LIHEAP

**Energy Assistance Program** – Low-income households may qualify for assistance in paying winter energy costs. The Disability & Deaf Services Department will begin processing applications for eligible disabled and senior residents in September. Call 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0030 V for more information after September 1<sup>st</sup>.

## DOCTORS

If you are looking for a new doctor, there is a directory called Medicare's Participating Physician/Supplier Directories (MEDPARD). It is available online: [www.medicare.gov](http://www.medicare.gov) and then click on "Participating Physician Directory". If you have no internet access, you can call 1-800-MEDICARE Voice.



## FREE SCUBA DIVING CAMP

The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) Youth Program is offering a Scuba Diving Camp for Deaf & Hard of Hearing High School Teens at no charge. This camp runs four Saturdays (September 7, 21, 28 & October 5, 2002) from 9 a.m. to noon. It will be held at Underwater Safaris, 2950 N. Lincoln Avenue, Chicago, IL. After the completion of 4 sessions and a weekend trip (October 12<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>), the teens get a full Scuba certification. If interested, one must do the following: fill out the Scuba medical release and CHS registration forms; get a doctor's approval; watch the captioned video and read a scuba book given out after you sign up. It is first come, first served and is limited to 6 teens. So hurry and sign up. For more information, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9176 Fax; [Jprusak@anixter.org](mailto:Jprusak@anixter.org) Email. Check the website or to get the CHS registration form: [www.chicagohearingociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingociety.org).

## SENIOR HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

Tuesday, August 6, 2002, is the day for the **2002 Senior Health & Resource Fair**. It will be held from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. Exhibits include hearing, vision, podiatry, nutrition, posture, senior employment, hospice, social services, advanced directives, police & fire safety issues, transportation, senior services, social security, health dept. screenings, medicare fraud, legal issues, senior housing, extended care facilities, and assisted living. Also, there will be comprehensive blood screenings provided by Myhealthlink that must be scheduled in advance. Call 847-590-0200 V to schedule your appointment. In addition, there will be program speakers, handouts, door prizes, giveaways, & refreshments. For more information, call Sue Salach, Devonshire of Hoffman Estates, at 847-490-5800, ext. 225 Voice.



## ANNUAL WOMEN'S LUNCHEON

Chicago Catholic Ephpheta (CCE) is celebrating its dual anniversaries (25<sup>th</sup> Annual Women Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of ICDA Chapter 10) by hosting a banquet on Sunday, October 6<sup>th</sup>, 2002, noon – 5 p.m. It will be held at Carriage Greens Country Club, 8700 S. Carriage Greens Drive, Darien, IL. There will be a family style lunch as well as entertainment, a history gallery, door prizes, raffles, a jackpot and a cash bar. It costs \$35 per person. The deadline is September 25<sup>th</sup>. Send check or money order payable to CCE and mail to Carol McGinnis at 4560 W. Wellington Ave, Chicago, IL 60641. Money supports 2004 ICDA Midwest Region Conference in Chicago and CCE Charity Fund. For general information, contact Kathleen Kush at 630-887-9472 TTY; 630-887-8850 Fax; [kgkush@aol.com](mailto:kgkush@aol.com) Email.

## NEW LOCATION FOR WSAD'S SOCIAL NIGHT

Any future WSAD (West Suburban Association of the Deaf) social nights (1<sup>st</sup> Saturday of the month) will no longer be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Lisle/Naperville. Starting on Saturday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2002, the new location will be The Satisfied Frog, 29 W. 012 Butterfield Road, Warrenville, IL. (near route 59). The admission fees are \$2 (member) & \$4 (non-member). FYI, the location for the social night on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday remains the same – the Best Western Hotel in Elk Grove, IL. For more information, contact Ed Glennon, Jr., at 630-924-7912 TTY or [eddiejr84@aol.com](mailto:eddiejr84@aol.com) Email.

## DEAF DOGS NEED A HOME

There are many Deaf dogs waiting for loving families who can train them in sign language. If you are interested, or for more information, check the website: [www.deafdogs.org](http://www.deafdogs.org).

## NEW STAFF MEMBERS

The Deaf-Blind Program of the Chicago Lighthouse has two new staff members: **Robert Mantsh** (Program Manager) and **Joann Rushing** (Community Outreach Specialist). Robert Mantsh oversees the Deaf-Blind & Adult Living Skills Depts. Joann does the community outreach to new clients, informing them about ITAC Braillephone, assisting the others who already have the Braillephones and providing direct services to a Deaf-Blind person who needs resources or advocacy help. For more information, call Joann Rushing at 312-666-1331 # 1534 V or 312-666-8874 TTY.

## TICKETS FOR WSAD/NSAD 2002

The deadline is approaching soon for the early bird combo ticket of the West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) & the National Softball Association of the Deaf (NSAD)'s 27<sup>th</sup> Men & 16<sup>th</sup> Women's Annual Slo-Pitch National Tournament. The deadline is August 31<sup>st</sup>. This event will be held on September 12 – 14, 2002, at Elgin Sports Complex, Elgin.

### The rates are:

- For adults: \$65; at door - \$85
- For Senior Citizens: \$60; at door - \$80
- For college students - \$25
- For 14-18 years old - \$20
- Under 13 years old – Free

For more information, contact Gary Etkie, Chairperson, at 630-584-8941 TTY; [etkie8@cs.com](mailto:etkie8@cs.com) Email or Todd Hlavacek at 630-584-5585 TTY; 630-584-7543 Fax. Check the website: [www.wsadeaf.org](http://www.wsadeaf.org)

## VICTIM ASSISTANCE COUNSELOR IS BACK

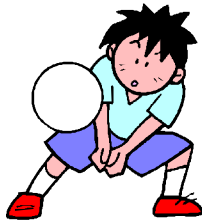
Jenni Ewald, Chicago Hearing Society's Victim Assistance Counselor, is back after her maternity leave. If you or someone you know is Deaf or Hard of Hearing and is a victim of any crime (rape, sexual abuse, mugging, robbery, neglect & abuse, break-in, child abuse, assault, etc), contact Jenni at 773-248-9174 TTY. In addition, Jenni can make arrangements to meet you elsewhere if you cannot come to CHS. She can only serve in the Chicago Metro area. All services are confidential and free.

## ABILITIES EXPO

The Annual Abilities Expo will be held August 16<sup>th</sup> - 18<sup>th</sup>, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and August 18<sup>th</sup> from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m., at Donald E. Stephens Convention Center, 5555 N. River Road, Rosemont, IL. This expo is to educate and enhance the lives of people with disabilities, senior citizens and healthcare and education professionals. Learn about new products and services from computers to athletic equipment and mobility products to daily living aids. For more information, call 1-800-385-3085 V or you can visit the website, [www.abilitiesexpo.com](http://www.abilitiesexpo.com). In addition, Schaumburg Township Disabled Services has coupons for free admission to the Abilities Expo which are available in the Disabled Services Office during the business hours (Monday – Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.).

## SUMMER ACTIVITIES

The ASL Club at Harper College is hosting a **Bowling Day for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and KODA children** on Friday, August 9<sup>th</sup>, 3:30 to 5:30 p.m. at Brunswick Zone, 824 E. Rand Road, Mt. Prospect, IL. The cost per child is \$5.99, including all-you-can-bowl, shoes, a slice of pizza, pop, and a treat bag. For RSVP, contact Gina Mulroy, ASL Club President, at 847-298-9830 V or [signedgina@aol.com](mailto:signedgina@aol.com) Email.

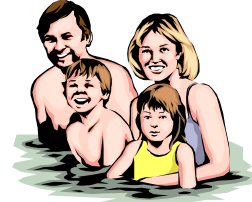


## SAND VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The 3<sup>rd</sup> **Annual Sand Volleyball Tournament** by Chicago Hearing Society will be held on August 10, 2002, from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m., at the Westwood Park District, 75<sup>th</sup> Street and Fairview Avenue in Darien, IL. The entry fees are: \$30 per team (3's division) and \$40 per team (4's coed). The entry deadline is August 2<sup>nd</sup>. If you are interested in participating in the tournament, contact Mike Glennon at [dfmikey11@yahoo.com](mailto:dfmikey11@yahoo.com) Email. As for the fans, it is free admission.

## DEAF LAWYERS LINKS

The website, [www.deaflawyers.org](http://www.deaflawyers.org), provides information about attorneys who work with Deaf and Hard of Hearing people in the USA as well as links to contact them. Also, you will find information on Deaf and Hard of Hearing attorneys. In addition, there are resources, tips and suggestions available to Deaf & Hard of Hearing attorneys and law students.



## DEAF SWIMMING DAYS

- West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) is hosting its **Annual Deaf Swim Days** on Sundays in August, from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. It will be held at the Naperville Centennial Beach, 320 W. Jackson Avenue, Naperville, IL. It costs \$5 per person if you mention that you are with WSAD. There are concession and sand volleyball areas in addition to the pool. Bring your lawn chairs, volleyball, games, sunscreens and snacks. For more information, email Pam Clohesey at [pamcloh@aol.com](mailto:pamcloh@aol.com). Check the website: [www.wsadeaf.org](http://www.wsadeaf.org).
- Chicago Hearing Society is hosting two swimming fun days. The first one is **Cypress Cove Family Aquatic Park** on Saturday, August 10, 2002, 11 a.m. to 7 p.m., at Cypress Cove Pool, 8301 S. Janes Avenue, Woodridge, IL. There are six water slides, a lazy river, diving pool & sand playground. The cost is \$9.50 per non-resident of Woodridge; \$6 per resident; free for kids under 2 years old. The second one is **North Avenue Beach** on Sunday, August 25, 2002, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., at the North Avenue Beach, Chicago. Meet at North Avenue and Lake Shore Drive. Bring your towel, food/drinks, games, etc. There is no admission charge. For more information, call June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY; 773-248-9121 V; 773-248-9176 Fax; [jprusak@anixter.org](mailto:jprusak@anixter.org) Email. Check the website: [www.chicagohearingsociety.org](http://www.chicagohearingsociety.org).

## HANDS GOES ONLINE

Check out the new website of HANDS:  
[www.handsdeaf.org](http://www.handsdeaf.org)

(HANDS, July 2002)

### HEALTH CORNER

- **Skin Cancer:** Is the most common of all cancers. Melanoma, the most serious form, is on the rise. Always check your body for moles or pigmented spots. If you find them, check with your doctor right away. Your best defense against all types of skin cancer is to shield your skin from the sun's rays with sunscreen of at least SPF 15, and wear light-colored clothing and a wide-brim hat. Also examine your skin as part of an annual physical, especially if you have a family history of skin cancer or have had excessive exposure to sunlight over the years. (TopHealth, June 2002)
- **Tea, the Magical Brew:** Tea has about half the caffeine of coffee, but it has advantages in many ways. Tea, specially green and black ones, fights cancer. They have substances that are thought to protect some cancers. Tea also helps lower cholesterol and fights heart disease. Tea also reduces cavities and plaque. Just one cup of black tea has enough fluoride to help prevent tooth decay. Green tea has twice as much. Remember that a cup of regular black tea contains about 35 mg of caffeine whereas green tea about 20 mg. (TopHealth, June 2002)
- **Anxiety:** Anxiety Disorder is the most common mental illness in the U.S., affecting 19 million Americans. There are many ways to relieve or deal with anxiety:
  - Behavioral Therapy
  - Cognitive Therapy
  - Antidepressants
  - Minor Tranquilizers
  - Exercise
  - Alternative Treatments
  - Lifestyle Changes

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#### Township Officials

**Mary Wroblewski** – Supervisor  
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**Diane Dunham** – Trustee  
**Pete Patel** – Trustee  
**John Caporale** – Trustee  
**Timothy Heneghan** – Trustee  
**Paul Froehlich** – Assessor  
**Robert Fecarotta** – Road Commissioner  
**Jim Litwin** – Collector

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### **DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Saturday, August 3 – **Schaumburg Township Disability Services' Annual Picnic, 12 –3 p.m. Reservations Required** – call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 Voice or 847-884-1560 TTY
- Wednesday, August 14 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, August 28 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Saturday, August 31 – **Free Septemberfest Rides** for the Disabled and their families, 10 a.m. to noon. **RSVP Required** – call 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.

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