

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

JANUARY 2002



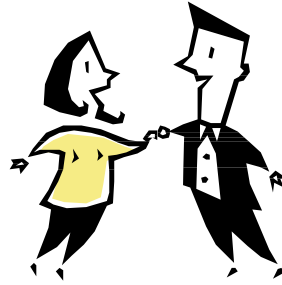
HAPPY NEW YEAR - 2002!

FROM THE DISABLED SERVICES DEPT.
GERRY, KITTY, ROSE, & SARITA

FROM THE DESK OF DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- Hi and **Happy New Year!** Hope you had a great holiday!
- Schaumburg Township is **one of the ITAC TTY Regional Centers** for TTY distribution, training, repair & exchange.
- I am available during **Wednesday evenings** if you are unable to come during the daytime and need my assistance of any kind, including a TTY exchange or training. Please call me in advance to make an appointment. I am flexible with scheduling except for Wednesday evenings.
- Schaumburg Township is still a **designated heating center**. If you experience severe cold this winter and/ or a power outage, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as a warming center.
- A friendly reminder – If you have not returned the **survey** indicating what events and workshops you would like to see this year, please send or fax to me as soon as you can.
- **Notary public service** is available free of charge to Schaumburg Township residents in our Disabled Department and the Senior and Assessor Departments.
- If you are on our mailing list and you have changed your address or phone number, please contact our office at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 FAX to **update your mailing address**.
- Please update your address books and computers to show our address: **One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60194-3399.**

For more information, contact me at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 Fax.



Schaumburg Township

Invites you to a

“Deaf/Hard of Hearing Social Night”

**Friday, February 1, 2002
7 - 9 p.m.**

**Schaumburg Township Activity Center
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.**

- *“Loud” Music, dancing, basketball shooting, door prizes & refreshments!*
- *An additional raffle will be given for those who make a donation to the Schaumburg Township Food Pantry.*
- *Free admission to anyone - children are welcome! Bring your family and friends!*
- *Beat the holiday blues. Let’s get together and have fun!*

RSVP by January 31, 2002 - Call Sarita Phadke Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax.

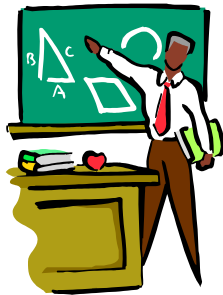


BUCKLE UP IN SCHAUMBURG

The Village of Schaumburg has passed an ordinance to allow a police officer to stop a vehicle if anyone is seen not wearing a seat belt, even though no other violation is noted. Everyone in a vehicle **MUST** wear seat belts, even those who sit at the back seat. If one is seen not wearing a seat belt, the police will issue a ticket for \$55. Also in Hoffman Estates, one may be issued a ticket for not wearing a seat belt. If you live in another Village in the Township, check with your Village for their policies.

The reason for this law is that about 40,000 people are killed in traffic crashes every year in the United States. Research shows that between 1975 and 1999, 43% of crash victims in passenger cars and 48% of victims in light trucks were completely unrestrained.

**Seat belts save lives as well as money.
Buckle up - everyone, every trip and every time.**



G.E.D. CLASS

Anixter Center Literacy Program and Chicago Hearing Society are offering a free class - **G.E.D. Class for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing**, taught by one or more ASL instructors. It is a 16-week course, every Wednesday night, 6 to 8 p.m., running February 6 through May 22, 2002. It will be held at the Anixter Center Literacy Lab, 3rd floor, 2032 N. Clybourn Avenue, Chicago, IL. To register or for more information, contact Stephanie More, Literacy Volunteer Coordinator, at 773-929-3779 TTY; 773-929-8200 ext. 227 Voice; 773-929-3244 Fax; smore@anixter.org Email.



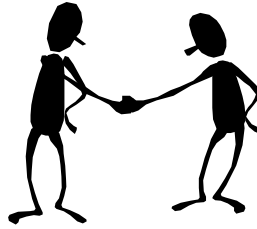
HANDS OFFICE HAS MOVED

The HANDS office has moved to a temporary private location since the end of November, and is in the process of seeking a permanent office. Meantime, you can contact HANDS at the temporary address and phone numbers:

HANDS
P.O. Box 17755
Chicago, IL 60617-1432
Phone: 773-978-8552 TTY
773-978-8553 Fax

HANDS is an advocacy network with the Deaf and Hard of Hearing.

(HANDS, December 2001)



GREAT APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township would like to thank **Darlene Washington** of Client Assistance Program (CAP) for a very informative workshop on CAP on November 30, 2001. Darlene talked about the CAP services and what they can do for clients related to their rights, available services, vocational rehabilitation and the Office of Rehabilitation Services (previously DORS) programs. Our office has some brochures and booklets on DHS-ORS Appeal Process, Rights in the Vocational Rehabilitations (VR) Process, Self Advocacy in the VR and Self Advocacy in the Home Services Program (HSP). For more information, contact Darlene Washington at 708-333-8146 TTY; 708-333-8140 Voice; 1-800-641-3929 V/TTY; 708-333-8147 Fax.

Schaumburg Township Disabled Services wants to thank the **Heritage Bank, Parkway Bank** and **LaSalle Bank** for sponsoring the Holiday Parties for Disabled Adults, Children & their Families, and the Teen Dance respectively. Many thanks go to the following area businesses and public officials for their generous donations that made the Holiday parties for disabled adults and children & their families more enjoyable. We urge you to patronize the businesses below.

Kay Wojcik
Doris Karpel
Pilot Pete Restaurant
Second City
Lester Starr Jewelers
Loews Cineplex
Lynfred Winery
AMC
Embassy Suites
Melting Pot
Pappadeaux Seafood Kitchen
Carpenters Union Local 839
Prairie Rock Brewing Co.
American Enterprise Bank
Gameworks
Dick Christy/Prairie Center for the Arts
Jewel
Bob Chinn's
Target

Terry Parke
Janes Pate Philip
Village Tavern
Cookie by Design
Dooley's
Medieval Times
Mia Cucina
The Great Frame-Up
America United Bank
Cove Restaurant
Palm Court
Hawthorn Suites
Alphagraphics
Origins
Country Donuts
AT & T Pioneers
Absolute Vending
Corrine Morris

A special thanks to our many volunteers for their hard work in making the parties so successful! Every year tops the previous year!



DEAF CHICAGOLAND AIDS NETWORK

Deaf Chicagoland AIDS Network (Deaf CAN) is one of the new projects that Advocate Metro Outreach in Chicago offers to Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons living in the Chicago Metropolitan area. In addition, Deaf CAN collaborates with the Howard Brown Health Center and Illinois Masonic Medical Center to provide people with expertise in both HIV/AIDS and Deaf services.

Deaf CAN offers services such as:

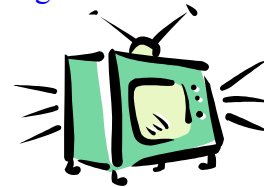
- **Prevention education** – It helps the Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals understand HIV/AIDS, learn how to protect other people, and learn how medicine can help.
- **Case Management** – It helps the Deaf community learn to solve problems with money, housing or health. It can also help them communicate with and understand their HIV/AIDS doctors.
- **Counseling** – It offers individual, couples, family and group counseling and helps them with depression, anxiety and anger.
- **Support Group** – It offers a support group for Deaf and Hard of Hearing persons with HIV+. This is to share your feelings and information with other people.
- **Psychiatric Services** – It can assist the persons if they need medicine to control depression, anxiety, anger or other feelings.
- **Crisis Intervention** – It is 24-hour a day, 7-day a week.

For more information, call 773-728-3737 TTY or 773-769-6200 Voice. All calls are confidential.

DIABETES WORKSHOPS AT MT. SINAI

- Deaf Seniors Club (55 years and up) will be held on Tuesday, January 8, 2002, 1 p.m., at the Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai Hospital, California Ave. at 15th Street, Chicago. Dr. Gary Kaufman will give general information on Diabetes. There will be free refreshments.
- Mt. Sinai Hospital is also offering a special Diabetes class for the Deaf community of all ages on Tuesday, January 15, 2002, 1 – 3 p.m., at Mt. Sinai Hospital. After the class, one can make an appointment for an individualized session to get personal information about Diabetes answered. RVSP by January 4th.

RSVP is required for both classes, so call Teri Hedding at 773-257-6289 TTY or hedt@sinai.org Email.



“SOUND AND FURY” ON TV

The movie, “**Sound and Fury**”, will be shown on PBS on January 8, 2002, at 9 p.m. (Eastern Time). This movie, a 2001 Academy Award Nominee for Best Documentary Feature, is about a family’s struggle over whether or not to provide two deaf children cochlear implants. For more information, check www.pbs.org/wnet/soundandfury/index.html

(Illinois Deaf News)

WSAD’S NEW BOARD

West Suburban Association of the Deaf announced a new Board for 2002 – 2004.
President - Ed Glennon, Jr.
Vice President - Denise O’Brien
Member-at-Large - Kevin Ryan

Secretary - Nanette Comella
Treasurer - Dennis Russell

PROGRAMS FOR DEAF/HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) and Northeast DuPage Special Recreation Association (NEDSRA) are offering activities for Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals such as:

NEDSRA

- **Snow Play & Winter Campfire** (January 18, 2002, 7 – 9:30 p.m.) – For all ages. Cross-country skiing at the Cabin Nature Center, Wood Dale. There will be a campfire with lots of hot chocolate, roasted marshmallows and S'mores. It is \$7. Deadline is January 10th.
- **All-Night Teen Ski Trip** (February 8 & 9, 2002.) – For ages, 12-19 years. Skiing at the Chestnut Mountain in Galena. Cost is \$50 (lift only); \$60 (lift, lesson & rental of skis); \$65 (lift, lesson & snowboard rental). Deadline is January 15th.
- **Playtime with Friends** (March 2, 2002, 10 a.m. – noon) – It is for children (2-6 years) and their parents for a fun morning of activities at NEDSRA facility. It is \$3. Deadline is February 22nd.
- **Indoor Rock Climbing for those who are 21 and older** (March 2, 2002, 8 – 10 p.m.) – Get the fun of climbing the walls of rock at the Indoor Summits in Naperville. It is \$16. Deadline is February 16th.
- **Cantigny Museum** (March 7, 2002, 10 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – It is for those who are 50 years & older. See the Robert R. McCormick Museum. First, meet at the Episcopal Church in Elmhurst. It costs \$10. Bring extra money for lunch. Deadline is February 22nd.

All NEDSRA programs are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. For more information or to get a free catalog, call Pam

Clohesey at 630-620-7477 TTY; 630-620-4500 V; 630-620-4598 Fax.

NWSRA:

- **Ladies Night for Deaf, Hard of Hearing & those with other disabilities** (Wednesdays, Jan. 30 – March 13, 2002, & April 17 – May 8, 2002, 5-6:30 p.m.) – Get together to practice manners, social skills, and grooming as well as to learn simple meal preparation. It is at Pioneer Park, Arlington Heights and it costs \$41.25 for both sessions.
- **On the Go** (Saturdays, Feb 2 – March 16, 2002, & April 20 – May 11, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – It is for Deaf/Hard of Hearing and those with other disabilities (13-21 years) who will socialize with friends and visit certain attractions in the Chicagoland area. It costs \$99 for both sessions.
- **On the Move for Teen Deaf/Hard of Hearing and those with other disabilities** (January 21, 2002, 10:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.) – Have fun at Woodfield Mall. Lunch is included in the fee. Bring extra money for shopping purchases. It costs \$20.
- **Sports & Rec Camp for Deaf, Hard of Hearing and others with disabilities** (April 1 – 5, 2002, 9:30 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.) – Join for 5 action-packed days with sports and recreational activities during the spring break – outings, swimming, gym games, crafts and more! It will be at Jack Claes Pavilion, Elk Grove. It costs \$90.

The NWSRA programs above are for those who live in the 16 park district areas. If anyone is from out of these areas, she/he will have to pay an additional of 50% more. For more information on the 16 park districts or to get a free catalog, call 847-392-2855 TTY; 392-2848 V.

ADDICTION RECOVERY OF THE DEAF

There has been some confusion as to which numbers to call Addiction Recovery of the Deaf (ARD). The correct address and numbers are:

Addiction Recovery of the Deaf
1706 N. Kedzie Avenue
Chicago, IL 60647
773-227-8562 TTY
773-227-8530 V
773-227-8569 Fax

ARD is a treatment facility for the Deaf community with a substance abuse problem:

- **Residential** – A 90-day, 24-hour supervised program in which clients attend 3 hour group meetings, different self-help meetings and individual counseling sessions.
- **Intensive Outpatient** – provides 3-hour morning groups four times a week, along with weekly individual counseling sessions. The clients are responsible to attend the self-help meetings five times a week.
- **Outpatient** – Similar to Intensive Outpatient Program but groups meet twice a week and self-help meetings three times a week.

All three programs have groups with various topics related to community living skills, behavior issues, 12-steps, self-help meetings, sponsorships, emotions/feelings, health issues, recovery issues, and relapse issues.

For more information, contact Sylvia Orozco, Manager, at sorozco@anixter.org or Joseph Riggio, Assistant Manager, at jriggio@anixter.org. They can also be reached through TTY or FAX mentioned above.

WEBSITE

Helen Keller National Center now has a website – www.helenkeller.org. You will

learn more about their programs and services for the Deaf-Blind people.



IMPORTANT NOTICE

A new area code – **224** for the North & Northwest Suburbs of Chicago – went into effect December 13, 2001. The new area code covers or “overlaps” the same geographic area that the 847 area code covers. It is because of the growing demand for new telecommunications services such as wireless, faxes, modems, pagers, etc.

- Customers with existing 847 phone numbers will NOT have to change their current phone numbers. The 224 area code will only be assigned to new lines. It includes new phone lines for existing customers. For example, if you request a second line for a fax machine, you will most likely get a 224 area code. However, the 847 area code may possibly be assigned if one is available.
- Starting January 5, 2002, if you make any call within, into, or from either the 847 or the 224 area codes, you will need to dial all 11-digits. For example, if you have an 847 area code and would like to call you neighbor or someone who also has an 847 area code, you must dial all 11 digits (1 + area code + phone number).
- The addition of the 224 area code will NOT change your local calling area.
- Now is a good time to update any automated dialing systems (auto dialers, computer modems, calling features, etc.) to handle 11-digit dialing.

Notice – Make sure to dial 1-847-884-1560 for the Schaumburg Township Deaf

Services, even when you are calling from the 847 area code, starting January 5, 2002.

LCCIL EVENTS

Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) is hosting several events, which will be held at the LCCIL office, 377 N. Seymour Avenue, Mundelein, IL.

- **Hard of Hearing & Late Deafened Adults Support Group** will be held on January 2, 2002, 7 to 8:30 p.m. It is to help those people with issues related to communication, assistive devices and self-management.
- **Deaf & Hard of Hearing Social/Pictionary** will be held on Saturday, January 26, 2002, 7 to 9 p.m. There will be information on ITAC and 711. Brochures and magnets will be available for everyone. Food and drinks are provided. Everyone is welcome. RSVP is required.
- **Support Group for Parents with Deaf and Hard of Hearing Children** will be held on January 29, 2002, 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. Parents will meet other parents who can share and discuss similar experiences regarding their Deaf and Hard of Hearing children.

For more information, contact Chris Majeri at 847-949-4440 TTY.

SILENT CALL'S NEW PRODUCT

Silent Call Communication in Michigan introduces a new product – **TransMATter**. It is a floor mat with a pressure-activated transmitter that works with all of Silent Call Receivers and Coordinator Systems. Normal footstep pressure will activate this mat, which can be easily hidden under carpets, area rugs, and decorative doormat. (indoor use only). **How the TransMATter can be used:** Someone getting out of bed like elder person or child; notification when someone enters or leaves a room at different places like nursing home, group home, hospital, residential home, etc.; wheelchair pager – someone who has little or no use of their limbs.

For more information, call 1-800-572-5227 V/TTY; 248-673-5442 Fax; silentcall@ameritech.net Email; www.silent-call.com.

The Deaf Line newsletter is free. If you or someone you know would like to receive this monthly newsletter, call Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY or 847-884-0039 FAX.

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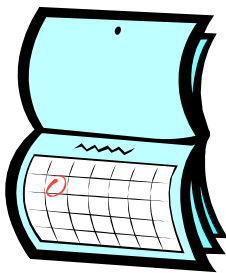
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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Monday, January 1, 2002 – SCH TWP CLOSED DUE TO HOLIDAY
- Wednesday, January 10 – Diabetes Support Group at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Wednesday, January 23 – Township Board meeting at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Advance Notice: Social Night for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing will be held on Friday, February 1, 2002, 7 – 9 p.m., at SCH TWP. RSVP needed by January 31st – call 847-884-1560 TTY.

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