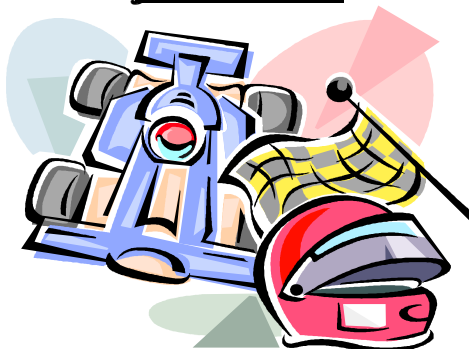




# DEAF LINE

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JULY, 2008



## **23<sup>RD</sup> ANNUAL PICNIC** **\*6 RACING THEME\*7**

**Saturday, August 2, 2008**  
**11 a.m.**  
**Maple Park**

Schaumburg Township residents with disabilities and their families are invited to Schaumburg Township's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Picnic being held at Maple Park, adjacent to the Township building. Schaumburg Hoffman Lions Club is our co-sponsor.

*Free Admission*

*Bingo*

*Entertainment - DJ & Magicians*

*Food*

*Door Prizes*

**Reservations are required by July 23, 2008.** Please call 847-884-0030 ext 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP. Due to insurance restrictions, pets are not allowed. A sign language interpreter will be provided. Bring your lawn chairs.

## DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

### **“ICE CREAM TIME”**

**Tuesday, July 15, 2008, 1 – 3 p.m.  
At: Schaumburg Township – Room 310 (upper level)**

- *Talk about important issues*
  - *Play games/Trivia*
- *Laugh and enjoy being with friends (old & new)*
  - *Cool off with ice cream sundaes!*

**RSVP by July 14<sup>th</sup>:** 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; 847-884-0039 Fax;  
[sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org) Email.

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### **LIHEAP COOLING PROGRAM**

The LIHEAP Cooling Program begins on July 7, 2008 until funds are exhausted. It is targeted to at-risk households like seniors, persons with disabilities, families with children (less than 3 years of age) and those with medical conditions that would aggravate by extreme heat.

To qualify, gross incomes (30 days) are: \$1,300 (1 person); \$1,750 (2 persons); \$2,200 (3 persons); \$2,650 (4 persons). Please have the following materials or paperwork ready before your appointment date.

- Original Social Security Cards for all household members
- Proof of all household income for last 30 days
- Most current ComEd Bills
- If on Public Aid, monthly medical eligibility card/cards
- If you are disabled, bring the proof of Social Security Disability status.

To schedule an appointment or for more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 Voice.

### **ALL ABOUT FEDERAL VIDEO RELAY SERVICES**

The Federal Video Relay Service (FedVRS) provides access for Federal employees offering prompt VRS service within 60 seconds. Sprint is the only VRS provider in the Federal Relay program. The service is available from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. (Eastern Time) Monday through Fridays except Federal holidays.

#### Who Can Use FedVRS?

- Federal or Military Employees (active or retired)
- Federally Recognized Indian Tribes
- Authorized Federal Contractors
- Anyone accessing a Federal agency for information (SSA, IRS, etc.)

#### FedVRS Access

- Videophone – [myfedvrs.tv](http://myfedvrs.tv)
- Spanish VP – [espanol.myfedvrs.tv](http://espanol.myfedvrs.tv)
- Webcam – [www.myfedvrs.us](http://www.myfedvrs.us)
- Voice Carry Over (VCO) – [vco.myfedvrs.tv](http://vco.myfedvrs.tv)
- Voice callers – 877-709-5797; then give Ext #

For more information, check [www.federalrelay.us](http://www.federalrelay.us)

## SORENSEN'S NEW FEATURE

Sorenson Communications introduced a new feature, "My DirectVP Number" that when dialed, will go directly to your videophone (VP) through Sorenson Video Relay Service (SVRS). It is a personal phone number for Deaf & Hard of Hearing users that can be given to their hearing & Deaf friends, family members, and co-workers making it more convenient for hearing people to dial a single number, free of charge, from anywhere in the US. Deaf people can now give out one number instead of two numbers (SVRS & VP). Hearing people no longer call the SVRS #. In addition, a Deaf person can use either DirectVP or VP # to contact another Deaf person. For more information or how to get your own DirectVP #, check [www.sorensonvrs.com/dvp](http://www.sorensonvrs.com/dvp)



## RAD 2009 CONFERENCE IN CHICAGO

The Windy City Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf (WCRAD) is hosting the RAD (Rainbow Alliance of the Deaf) 2009 Conference on June 30 – July 4, 2009, at the Sheraton Chicago Hotel & Towers in Chicago, IL. Join your friends from all over the country to enjoy the opening & closing ceremonies, exhibits, meetings, workshops, pageants, tours, DeafOut Multimedia Festival, and many more. Information regarding conference registration, combo rates, and layaway plans can be found by visiting [www.wcrad.org](http://www.wcrad.org)

## INSIGHT CINEMA CLOSED

In April, Insight Cinema closed its doors after 15 years due to lack of resources to continue its services. Insight Cinema was a non-profit organization that promoted captioned movies for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing in USA. Captioned movies will still be available in most cities that the Insight Cinema lists. You can get the show information from the link, [www.insightcinema.org](http://www.insightcinema.org)



## ACCESSCHICAGO 2008

**AccessChicago** is the Midwest's largest exposition of products and services for people with disabilities. Sponsored by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD), AccessChicago will take place on Thursday, July 17, 2008, 12 to 7 p.m., at Navy Pier, Festive Hall A, 600 E. Grand Avenue, Chicago. Admission is free to everyone. For more information, visit the website: [www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities](http://www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities)



## ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

The 13<sup>th</sup> Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Awareness Day takes place on July 12<sup>th</sup> from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. Tickets will be \$28 online (use promotional code: deafday on [www.sixflags.com](http://www.sixflags.com)) and \$31 at the gate. They include admissions to Six Flags Great America, Hurricane Harbor, and many interpreted performances. For more information, call 847-949-4440 V, 847-949-0641 TTY/VP, or [tina@lccil.org](mailto:tina@lccil.org) Email.

## ALDA CON 2008

The Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) will celebrate its 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary by hosting its Annual ALDAcon in beautiful downtown Chicago "Where it All Began". This conference will be held October 29 – November 2, 2008, at the Doubletree Hotel in Chicago. Dr Robert Davila (Gallaudet University President), Dr. I. King Jordan (President Emeritus of Gallaudet), and Dr. T. Alan Hurwitz (Vice President and Dean of National Technical Institute of the Deaf) will be the keynote speakers. In addition, there will be workshops, exhibits, entertainment, and much more. For more information, check [www.alda.org](http://www.alda.org)

## PICNICS AROUND CHICAGOLAND

- Saturday, July 5<sup>th</sup> – **104<sup>th</sup> Annual Frat Picnic**, 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., at Ned Brown Meadow in Busse Forest Preserve, Grove #28, in Elk Grove Village. Open to everyone. Free food and drinks for members who must RSVP before July 3<sup>rd</sup>. Non members can purchase food and drinks. Email: [bripogo1975@yahoo.com](mailto:bripogo1975@yahoo.com).
- Saturday, July 19<sup>th</sup> – **1<sup>st</sup> Annual Central Illinois KODA Picnic**, from 2 to 10 p.m., at Lake Springfield Park, shelter # 6, Springfield. Free admission. Bring your own meal/drink. There will be playground, games, water balloon game, and much more. To RSVP, contact Jodi Miller: [jodimiller@sprint.blackberry.net](mailto:jodimiller@sprint.blackberry.net)
- Sunday, July 27<sup>th</sup> – **Chicago Catholic Ephpheta Annual Picnic**, from 11 a.m. to dusk, at Argonne Park, Darien (3 miles south of I-55). Mass starts at 11 a.m. Free admission. There will be refreshments for sale. Pets are not allowed. Rain or Shine! For more information, contact Charles Bright: [bripogo1975@yahoo.com](mailto:bripogo1975@yahoo.com).
- Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Schaumburg Township's 23<sup>rd</sup> Annual Disability Picnic**, for Schaumburg Township residents, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m., at Maple Park, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates. There will be free lunch, entertainment, bingo, and door prizes. RSVP by July 23<sup>rd</sup> – 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.
- Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – **5<sup>th</sup> Annual Deaf European American Association Picnic**, 10 a.m. – 7 p.m., at Labagh, 5300 N. Cicero Avenue, Chicago. Free admission. There will be games for adults and kids, raffles, prizes, and much more. For more information, check [www.deaac.org](http://www.deaac.org)
- Saturday, August 2<sup>nd</sup> – **7<sup>th</sup> Annual Picnic by Wilderness Snowmobile Club of the Deaf**, 11 a.m. – dusk, at Deicke Park Shelter, 11419 S. Route 47, Huntley, IL. There will be food, drinks, door prizes, and games. There are playground and baseball fields. The cost is \$6 (adults); \$5 (seniors); \$3 (children, 5 – 12 years).
- Saturday, August 16<sup>th</sup> – **3<sup>rd</sup> Annual Deaf Picnic hosted by 4 Deaf Clubs** (Southern Lake Assn. of the Deaf, Delavan, Racine-Kenosha Club of the Deaf, Madison Assn of the Deaf & Greater Milwaukee Assn of the Deaf), 10 a.m. to 8 p.m., at Darien West Side Park, 335 W. Madison Street, Darien, Wisconsin. Rain or shine! There will be children & adult games, door prizes, and food/beer for sale. There will be exhibition booths.
- Sunday, August 17<sup>th</sup> – **Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (CISDAA) Picnic**, from 10 a.m. till 6 p.m., at Argonne National Laboratory Park, Darien, IL. Free Admission. There will be food/drinks for sale. Rain and Shine! For more information, contact John at [pineland2@comcast.net](mailto:pineland2@comcast.net) Email.
- Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – **4<sup>th</sup> Annual McHenry County Deaf Club Picnic**, 11 a.m. to dusk, at Veteran Acres Park, corner of Route 176 and Walkup Avenue, Crystal Lake, IL. Free admission. There will be games, door prizes, and raffles. The cost of food (including one free drink) is \$6 (adults); \$3 (children 3 to 12 years); free (children under 3 years). Alcohol is not permitted on park property. Email Dee Mills: [dmills1415@aol.com](mailto:dmills1415@aol.com)
- Saturday, August 23<sup>rd</sup> – **20<sup>th</sup> Annual Illini Chapter of IAD Picnic**, from 12 to 8 p.m., at Elk's Lake Pavilion in Lake of the Woods Park in Mahomet, IL. There will be games, door prizes, races, washer tournament, and much more. There will be sodas, water, & ice cream for sale. Dinner (BBQ beef and smoked turkey) will be served between 4:30 and 6 p.m. The cost is \$7 (adults & seniors); Free (children 6 & under). For information, check [www.iadeaf.org/events.htm](http://www.iadeaf.org/events.htm) or contact Marietta Coufal: [accy19672002@yahoo.com](mailto:accy19672002@yahoo.com) Email.
- Saturday, September 13<sup>th</sup> – **3rd Annual Rockford Family Picnic by Northern IL Club for the Deaf**, from 10 a.m. to dusk, at Davis Junction Park, Rt. 72, Davis Junction, IL. Free admission. Food and refreshments will be for sale. Do not bring food or beverages. For more information, contact Dawn Martin: [NICDSecretary@yahoo.com](mailto:NICDSecretary@yahoo.com) Email.

## NEWS FROM SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

- There will be a meeting hosted by AgeOptions, the Suburban Area Agency on Aging, Progress Center for Independent Living (PCIL), and Schaumburg Township Senior and Disability Services on August 13, 2008, from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Schaumburg Township. It is to discuss the development of a suburban aging and disability resource center and make recommendations for future directions on the project. Refreshments will be served. Please RSVP: 847-884-0030, ext. 2025 or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP.
- Schaumburg Township will be closed on Friday, July 4, 2008 due to Independence Day.
- There will be no Deaf Social/Support Group in August.
- Schaumburg Township is a designated cooling center. So if you experience severe heat, power outage, or do not have A/C, the Township is available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday as an emergency cooling center.

## ADA ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Illinois Department of Human Services in cooperation with other State Agencies and Councils invite you to celebrate the 18th Anniversary of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) – “ADA Live the Dream” on July 15, 2007, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m., at the James R. Thompson Center, 100 W. Randolph Street, Chicago. Featured are the workshops, exhibits from a variety of federal, state, and local organizations, artwork exhibit & fashion show, 3-on-3-wheelchair basketball exhibition, ADA help table, and entertainment by persons with disabilities. The entire event is free and accessible. For more information call: 312-793-0034 V, 312-793-3597/888-614-2385 TTY, or [DHS.ADACelebration@illinois.gov](mailto:DHS.ADACelebration@illinois.gov) Email.

## SEX OFFENDERS IN YOUR AREA?

Are there sex offenders living in your area? To find out, go to the Family Watchdog website:

[www.familywatchdog.us](http://www.familywatchdog.us).

- Get free alerts of sex offenders who move in your area
- View sex offender statistics
- Check out the website for more important safety information.



## DEAF TRAVEL AGENTS

There are Deaf travel agents who can help the Deaf and Hard of Hearing with their travel plans, as they are aware of their needs. Here is a list of Deaf travel agents that you can contact for travel planning or for more information:

- The Sunset Cruise Agency – Terzino Bomprezzi, Owner. Contact information: 901-408-1913 VP; [bomprezztravel1@aol.com](mailto:bomprezztravel1@aol.com) Email. Website: [www.deafcruises.com](http://www.deafcruises.com)
- Sign-N-Tours – Dorothy Garner, Owner. Contact information: 256-353-8047 VP; 256-301-1993 TTY; 256-353-8047 Fax; [sign\\_tours@bellsouth.net](mailto:sign_tours@bellsouth.net) Email. Website: [www.signs-n-tours.com](http://www.signs-n-tours.com)
- Deaf Globetrotters Travel – Don Hahn, Owner. Contact information: 713-271-7818 VP; 800-646-8157 V; [deafglobtravel@gmail.com](mailto:deafglobtravel@gmail.com) Email. Website: [www.deafglobetrotterstravel.com](http://www.deafglobetrotterstravel.com)
- Hands On Travel – Terry Giansanti, Owner. Contact information: 520-797-4478 Fax; [hot@handsontvl.com](mailto:hot@handsontvl.com) Email. Website: [www.hansonitalia.com](http://www.hansonitalia.com)

(Fookem & Bug: <https://fookembug.wordpress.com>)

## FUN EVENTS AT BBC

Bethel Baptist Church will host fun events for children and teens:

- July 5<sup>th</sup> & August 2<sup>nd</sup> – Deaf Teen Open Gym. Enjoy games, competitions, and free food. Meet Frank Laurent (Deaf) from Tanzania, Africa and learn about Deaf culture in that country.
- July 7<sup>th</sup> to 11<sup>th</sup> – Deaf Kids Club. Learn about the Bible, enjoy games, eat great snacks, and meet other children from other schools.

These events will be held from 6 to 9 p.m., at Bethel Baptist Church, 200 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL. For further information, contact Pastor Mark Coleman at 847-885-3230 V; [pmc@tmail.com](mailto:pmc@tmail.com) Email; [markcoleman@bethelministries.org](mailto:markcoleman@bethelministries.org) Email

## HOME SAFETY TIPS

### Garage Safety:

- Attached garages always have a door to the house. It is a common entry point for criminals. So make sure the door from your garage to your home should be as secure as your front door.
- Choose garage doors with little or no windows.
- Always close your garage door, even if you are only running to the supermarket for milk. You should close it when you are outside, because criminals can observe what you have inside and come back later for the things.
- If there is a side door to the garage, be sure that the door is sturdy with a deadbolt and keep it locked.
- Replace damaged panels, hinges, and or/locks.

**Internet Safety:** Allowing kids to go online without supervision is like leaving them alone in the city. Kids don't know what is out there and whom they are communicating with. They need rules and guidance when looking through sites and entering personal information. Here are tips to minimize risks:

- Choose search engines carefully – some are designed for kids and others offer kid-safe options
- Tell kids when they come across any material making them scared, confused or uncomfortable to tell you or trusted adult.
- Talk with kids about risks of email accounts; opening spam or emails from people they don't know in person. Ask them to show you suspicious communications.
- If kids get emails containing threats, report it to your local police department.
- Kids who post their profiles sometimes compete to see who has the greatest number of contacts. It causes them to allow "guests" they normally would not invite to have access to personal information.

**GPS Device:** More and more drivers are buying GPS devices that have become more prone to theft as drivers tend to leave these devices open in their vehicles. Here are some police tips to prevent it:

- Remove your GPS and holder to carry with you.
- You can leave them in the trunk.
- Do not leave GPS in the glove compartment since thieves look there first.

(Schaumburg Police Dept. Crime Prevention Newsletter, June 2008)



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### Township Officials

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**Timothy Heneghan** – Clerk

**Diane Dunham** – Trustee

**Susan Giannone** – Trustee

**Richard Taccini** – Trustee

**Scott Kegarise** – Trustee

**John Lawson** – Assessor

**Robert Fecarotta** – Highway Commissioner

**Margaret (Peggy) Franklin** – Collector

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, July 4 – **SCH TWP Closed – Independence Day**
- Saturday, July 5 – **Frat Picnic** at Busse Forest Preserve, 11 am – 3 pm
- Friday, July 11 – **Deaf Chat Coffee Gathering** at Starbucks, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg, 7 – 11 p.m.
- Tuesday, July 15 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, Board Room, 1p.m.
- Saturday, July 19 – **Central Illinois KODA picnic** in Springfield, 2 to 10 p.m.
- Wednesday, July 23 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.
- Sunday, July 27 – **CCE Picnic** at Argonne Park, Darien, 11 am to dusk

Coming Up: August 2<sup>nd</sup> – **Schaumburg Township's Disability Picnic** for Township residents only, 11am – 2pm



*Happy July 4<sup>th</sup>!*