

SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES

DEAF LINE

JUNE 2002



Ice Cream Social Night *for Deaf & Hard of Hearing & their families*

Friday, June 28, 2002
7 – 9 p.m.

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

- Free Admission
- Come and cool off with yummy ice cream sundaes!
- Enjoy meeting new and old friends.
- There will be activities to choose from - basketball hoops, crafts (making pins and cards with rubber stamps), games, and others.
- **RSVP by June 27, 2002:** Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY; 847-884-0039 Fax; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



EXCITING INNOVATIONS FROM SPRINT ON THE INTERNET

Video Relay Service (VRS) – This is an interactive video teleconferencing service in which a deaf, hard of hearing or sign language user uses a sign language interpreter to relay calls to a hearing person without the use of a TTY. You will need a computer, a web camera, high-speed internet access, and video software. When you get into the website, www.usavrs.com or www.csdvrs.com, you will be able to sign to the interpreter who voices what you are saying to the other party.

This service has benefits –

- Enables the ASL user to communicate in his/her native language
- Allows the ASL user to use facial expression and body language
- Helps increase the speed of communication
- Removes communication barriers for slow typists – no typing and no “GA/SK” is needed.
- Has the ability to make interruptions.

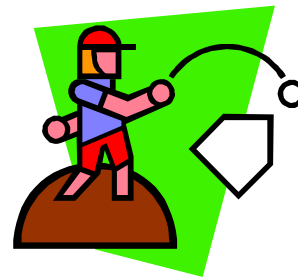
This service is available nationwide as of May 1, 2002.

Internet Relay – You can call the relay over the internet instead of a TTY. It has many unique features such as:

- Language preferences (English, Spanish, French Creole)
- Background color and text color & size options
- Can print and save
- Split screen
- GA & SK Macros
- Emotions (Happy Faces)
- Online Help
- Much more.

This service will not be available for a month or so.

For more information, contact Bill Stricklen, Account Manager of Sprint, at 1-877-698-5520 TTY; 217-698-3954 Fax; William.k.stricklen@mail.sprint.com Email.



BLACKWELL STUDENTS SINGING & SIGNING AT BASEBALL GAME

Friday, June 7th, 2002, is the day in which Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing students from Blackwell School in Schaumburg will be singing and signing the National Anthem at the Schaumburg Flyers Game at 7:20 p.m. It will be held at Alexian Field, 1999 Springinsguth Road, Schaumburg. Call and find out if there are tickets available at 847-891-2255 Voice. The ticket office hours are Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. and Saturday, 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Check the website: www.flyersbaseball.com.

SUMMER PROGRAMS

Northeast Dupage Special Recreation Associations (NEDSRA) is offering summer activities for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing such as:

- **Starved Rock Weekend** (June 21st & 22nd) – for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children whose ages are 10-17. Hiking, canoeing and camping at the Starved Rock State Park in Utica, IL. It is \$60. Deadline: June 13th.
- **Kayaking** (July 21st, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.) – for the Deaf and their friends, 18 years and older. Paddling & exploring on Lake Michigan. It is \$47. Deadline: June 21st.
- **Family Water Fun** (August 11th, 9 a.m. – 4 p.m.) – for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and KODA, & their families. Swimming at the Rockford Water Park in Rockford, IL. There are lots of water activities and playgrounds. It is \$14. Deadline: June 13th.

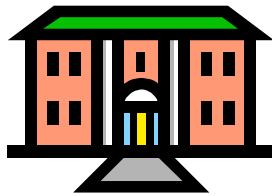
All NEDSRA programs are open to anyone, regardless of where they live. For more information, call Ann Roytek or Pam Clohesey at 630-620-4500, ext. 133 Voice; 630-620-7477 TTY; 630-620-4598 Fax.

INFORMATION PERTAINING TO SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP

SCHAUMBURG FIRE ID UPDATE

The Schaumburg Township Disabled Services Department is assisting the Village of Schaumburg in updating 911 information for disabled residents of Schaumburg. If you have completed a Fire ID form previously, you will be mailed another form at which time you may indicate any changes or corrections. These forms will be forwarded to the Schaumburg Police Department and entered into the 911 systems. All information is kept strictly confidential. If you do not receive a form, or have not signed up for the program before, you may request one by calling 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.

As for the residents of Hoffman Estates, they may obtain ID forms from the Village of Hoffman Estates. The Disabled Services office does not participate in their annual update. Residents in other communities are asked to call their local police departments for information on their 911 systems.



TOWNSHIP IS A COOLING CENTER

Schaumburg Township is a designated cooling center. So if you experience severe heat 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. For more information, call 847-884-1560 TTY or 884-0030 V.

JOB COUNSELING & PLACEMENT

Val Profit, Schaumburg Township's Employment Counselor, is available by appointment at the Township for free job counseling and job placement. This service is only for township residents. Call Val at 847-884-0030, ext. 2016 Voice to schedule an appointment.

VOLUNTEERS & EMPLOYEES RECOGNIZED

Schaumburg Township held its annual Volunteer & Employee Appreciation Dinner in April where volunteers and employees were recognized and appreciated. The Township presented the annual service awards to two employees who have gone above and beyond the call of duty – **Lin Greidanus**, Associate Director of Welfare Services and **Rose Szyszka**, Administrative Assistant of Disabled Services. Lin has been dedicated for helping clients in need and is willing to accommodate her schedule to meet clients' needs. Rose works very hard to make clients at ease and cares personally for them. On one incident, Rose was able to save a client's life by getting her emergency treatment, follow-up care and placement in a safe environment. There were many volunteers who received "The Friends of Schaumburg Township" awards, including **Bob Przyborowski**, a long-time volunteer for Disabled Services. Bob enjoys volunteering two or three times a week, helping with the Ablegram newsletter, inputting data, answering phones, and doing anything when needed. He is learning both Polish and sign language.

Congratulations to everyone who received awards and thanks to all our volunteers for the donation of their generous time!

INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT TOWNSHIP'S PAST

- In the 1860 census, Schaumburg Township's population was listed as 134, most of whom were farmers. In 1900, the number climbed to 863. In 1970, the population was 18,730. Today, the Township's population exceeds 127,000.
- St. Peter's Church on Schaumburg Road, built in 1847, is the oldest existing building in Schaumburg Township.
- In 1959, due to traffic concerns, there was an ordinance stating that no horses, cattle, swine, or sheep be allowed to run at large.
- Schaumburg Township Town Hall is named after Vernon A. Laubenstein who served as a Supervisor for more than 29 years.



ANNUAL DISABLED PICNIC

Schaumburg Township's 17th Annual Disabled Picnic for disabled residents and their families will be held on Saturday, **August 3rd** from noon to 3 p.m. This picnic will be held at the same location as last year, **Maple Park, which is adjacent to the Township building**. Mark your calendars and don't forget to RSVP in July. More details in the next newsletter. Reservations are required.



GUARDIAN ANGELS NEEDED

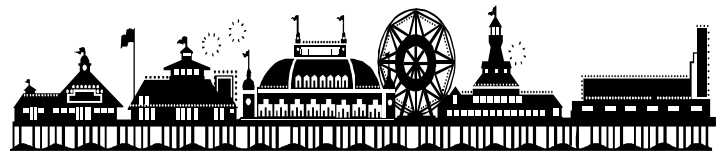
Schaumburg Township's Heritage flower garden is in need of volunteer Garden Angels to maintain the flowers and shrubs once a month. If you would like to be a Garden Angel, contact Kitty Molander at 847-884-0030, ext. 2022 V or 847-884-1560 TTY.

CHRISTIAN CAPTIONS

Christian Captions and Subtitle Services, Ltd. is a service that provides captioning services as a tool to help communicate the video messages – open & closed captioning; scroll-up and/pop-on styles; foreign languages; transcription & translation services and much more. For more information, call 815-740-1009 V or 1-866-230-1009 outside Chicago; info@christiancaptions.com Email; www.christiancaptions.com Website.

DEAF SENIOR CLUB

Deaf Senior Club will meet on Tuesday, June 11th, 2002, at 1 p.m., at the Glasser Auditorium, Mt. Sinai Hospital, Chicago. The topic will be "Prostate Cancer". Refreshments will be served. For more information, call Teri Hedding at 773-257-6289 TTY or hedt@sinai.org Email.



DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

The 7th Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day will be held at Six Flags Great America in Gurnee on Saturday, June 29, 2002, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m.

- Sign language interpreters are available at specific shows at designated times. Pick up the schedule of shows at the Deaf Event Booth or Guest Relations. There will be interpreters for the train ride and others.
- Tickets are \$23.25 per person. Hearing friends and family can also buy tickets for \$23.25.
- You can buy tickets at Lake County CIL or order them by calling Chris Majeri for the order form. Deadline for ordering tickets is June 21st.
- You can also buy tickets on the day of the event at the Deaf Event Booth near Guest Relations between 9:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.
- For your convenience, there will be TTYs at the Guest Relations, First Cross Aid Area, and paybooth at Southwest Territory near the restrooms.

For more information, contact Chris Majeri at 847-949-4440 TTY; 949-4445 FAX; Cmajeri@aol.com (Email).

DEAF-BLIND CONFERENCE

The Great Lakes Area Deaf-Blind Conference (GLADB), "**Together We Succeed**", will be held June 24-28, 2002, on the campus of Concordia University, River Forest. This 4-day conference will have workshops, socials, and tours to Chicago and its surrounding areas. For more information or to get the registration rates, contact Elizabeth Klein at 815-729-3622 V/Fax. If you leave a message, she will call you back on TTY. Her email is ecklein2000@yahoo.com.

HOME BASED SUPPORT PROGRAM

Illinois' Home Based Support Program may end July 1, 2002. This program provides funding to adults with disabilities or mental illness, which allows them to live in their homes and in their own communities rather than be placed in group homes or institutional settings. While the new program Supported Living Service (SLS) was designed to mimic the Home Based Program, the needs of many people would no longer be covered and many would be without services currently provided. The Family Support Network (FSN) is requesting a hold on this plan immediately. Putting a hold on the process will allow the disability community and policymakers to review this decision in a thoughtful manner.

Families in the Home Based Program can:

- Visit their legislators in his or her home district and tell them their story.
- Send your email address to fsn@familysupportnetwork.org. This allows the FSN to communicate with you and for free!
- Obtain new information and handouts regarding Home Based Support changes by accessing the website:

www.familysupportnetwork.org

The Home Based Program actually saves money since institutionalization is much more costly.

(The Family Support Network, 2002)



A+/PC TECH CERTIFICATION

There will be an A+/PC Tech Certification class, taught in sign language, for 5 weeks, from July 24th to August 22nd, at Elmhurst College, Elmhurst, IL. This class, which is offered jointly by Elmhurst Partners and Information Management Group, is for both high school students and adults. The fee is \$2,295, including books, materials, an A+ exam voucher, and free PC that you build. For more information, or to register, call 630-617-8777 Voice or 630-617-6471 Fax.



NEED HELP???

Schaumburg Township Disabled Services has a listing of volunteers who are eager to help people who are deaf or hard of hearing and live in the Schaumburg Township area. So if you or someone you know needs help from volunteers to do certain things, contact Kitty Molander, Volunteer Coordinator, at 847-884-0030, ext. 2022 V or Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY. You can also reach Kitty or Sarita via email at kmolande@schaumburgtownship.org or spfadke@schaumburgtownship.org respectively.

SENIOR HEALTH & RESOURCE FAIR

The **2002 Senior Health and Resource Fair** will be held on Tuesday, August 6, 2002, 8 a.m. to 1 p.m., at the Prairie Center for the Arts, 201 Schaumburg Court, Schaumburg. The fair will have health screenings, display tables for agencies and businesses, program speakers, handouts, door prizes, and much more. For more information and registration, call Sue Salach, Devonshire of Hoffman Estates, after July 1st, at 847-490-5800, ext. 225 Voice.

SPEECH TO SPEECH SERVICE

ITAC is expanding its **Speech to Speech (STS)** outreach efforts by providing educational materials and STS training to community groups, government agencies and medical organizations in Illinois. STS is a service, which allows people with speech disabilities to use their own voice, while utilizing the assistance of specially trained CAs (Communications Assistant) to make their calls. When spoken words become difficult, the CA assists verbally, making communication between both parties as clear and personal as possible. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) had mandated all states to have this service since 2001. The dedicated STS number is **1-877-526-6690**. For more information or to arrange a group presentation, call Bettie Johnson, ITAC's Product Manager, at the ITAC office at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY.



BOWLING EVENTS

- HANDS is hosting a social gathering for everyone of all ages, including children, on Saturday, June 8, 2002, 1 to 4 p.m. This event will be held at the Diversey Rock and Bowl, 2211 W. Diversey, Chicago. The costs, including unlimited bowling, are \$4 (members) and \$6 (non members). There will be food and door prize. For more information, contact Susan Rangel at 773-978-8552 TTY or 773-978-8553 Fax.
- Springfield Deaf Club is hosting its 20th Annual Richard Koehne Memorial Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic on Saturday, June 8, 2002, at the King Pin Lanes, 3115 Sangamon Avenue in Springfield, IL. It is for any Deaf or Hard of Hearing person who wants to compete in the bowling. There are prizes for the winners. The entry fee for men's division is \$40 and for women's division is \$35. Fans are welcome to witness the competition. After the bowling, there will be a social gathering for the bowlers and fans at the same place, from 6 pm to 1 am (donations: \$6). If you would like to participate, or for more information, contact David Gurley at 217-789-0137 TTY/Fax or Marion Dramin at 217-546-4887 TTY; 217-787-5219 Fax. You can email: spflddeaf@aol.com

CORRECTION

Deaf Line, May 2002, printed an incorrect fee for the NWSRA open family swim. The correct fee is: If you are registering for open swim only, the cost is \$60 but if registering for other NWSRA programs, the cost is \$40.

* New Information: The open family swim is held at Waterworks in Schaumburg, and Seascape Family Aquatic Center in Hoffman Estates. Call NWSRA for other pools at 847-392-2848 V or 847-392-2855 TTY.

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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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Wednesday, June 12 – **Diabetes Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1:30 - 3 p.m. (RSVP needed – Call 847-884-0030 V or 884-1560 TTY)
- Sunday, June 16 – **Father's Day**
- Friday, June 28 – **Ice Cream Social for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing and their Families** at SCH TWP, 7 – 9 p.m. RSVP needed – call 847-884-1560 TTY.

Looking Ahead: **Disabled Services' Annual Picnic** on Saturday, August 3rd, 2002. Reservations Required. Look for the details in the next Deafline newsletter.

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