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JUNE, 2006



ICE CREAM SOCIAL NIGHT

(For Deaf & Hard of Hearing and their Families)

Friday, June 23, 2006
6:30 – 9 p.m.

Schaumburg Township (Activity Room)
1 Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

INFORMATION NIGHT

- There will be a brief talk on ITAC's Voucher Programs - Come see the Amplified Phones, CapTel Phone, and Ultratec TTY 4425
- Free giveaways from ITAC

ICE CREAM... ICE CREAM...ICE CREAM!

- After the brief presentation, cool off with delicious ice cream sundaes!
- Meet old & new friends!

Free admission; Children are welcome!

RSVP is required by June 21st – Contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP, 847-884-0039 Fax, or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Sponsored by ITAC

The ITAC logo features a red silhouette of the state of Illinois to the left of the letters "ITAC" in a bold, red, sans-serif font. The letters are set against a background of horizontal yellow and black stripes.

TOWNSHIP'S NEW ZIP CODE

Starting July 1, 2006, Hoffman Estates ZIP Code changes. Schaumburg Township's ZIP Code will change, too! The new ZIP Code for Schaumburg Township is **60169**. Please update your address books after July 1st.

FYI: Here are details about the ZIP Code changes:

- Hoffman Estates addresses with ZIP Code of 60192 will keep the 60192 ZIP Code.
- Hoffman Estates addresses (east of Bartlett Road & south of I-90) with ZIP Codes of 60173, 60194, & 60195, will be given a new ZIP Code - 60169.
- Schaumburg residents and businesses, which have 60194 and 60195, will keep those ZIP Codes.
- Hoffman Estates addresses with 60195 north of I-90 will switch to 60192.
- Hoffman Estates addresses with 60067 and 60010 will keep their current ZIP Codes.
- Hoffman Estates businesses that have 60120 will switch to 60192.

Since 60169 is an entirely new ZIP Code, it is important that you do not use the new ZIP Code before July 1st. The USPS will be able to deliver mail with old ZIP Codes for over a year after the new ZIP Codes are implemented. If you have any questions, contact the Village Manager's office at 847-781-2605 V.



ITAC PROGRAMS

Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) has a program that gives out FREE amplified phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local phone service. There are four different phones from which to choose. In addition, there are other phones that are on the loan program: CapTel (captioned telephone), TTY with large visual display (LVD), and Braillephone.

Schaumburg Township is one of the ITAC Selection Centers where you can view and try different phones. Call 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or 847-884-0030 Voice to schedule an appointment to see the phone equipment (amplified phones, TTY, and CapTel only). You may surf www.itactty.org for additional information.

SCHAUMBURG FIRE ID

June is the month when we assist the Village of Schaumburg in updating 911 information for Disabled residents of Schaumburg. If you have completed a Fire ID form before, another form will be mailed to you. The form must be re-submitted every year. Failure to do so removes you from the Village of Schaumburg's 911 database. All information is kept strictly confidential. Forms are available in the Disability Services Department if you have not completed a form before. As for the residents in other cities, they should call their local police departments for information on their 911 systems.

IMPORTANT NEWS ABOUT ILLINOIS CARE Rx

On May 16, 2006, Governor Rod R. Blagojevich announced that **Illinois Cares Rx** would be extended until the end of year for seniors and persons with disabilities who have not signed up for Medicare Part D. Many low-income seniors and people with disabilities did not enroll in a Medicare Part D plan by the deadline of May 15th. The Governor wants them to get drug coverage through Illinois Cares Rx while they wait for the next enrollment in Medicare Part D.

Illinois Cares Rx program will continue to cover this population through December 2006. Open enrollment for Medicare Part D does not start again until **November 15, 2006**, which means they will not be able to receive Medicare Part D benefits until January 1, 2007.

To be eligible for Illinois Cares Rx, the annual 2005 income must be less than \$21,218 (1 person); \$28,480 (2 people in the same household).

(News Release from Illinois State Government)

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

There will be no Deaf Social/Support Group in June because we will have another event – Ice Cream Social Night on June 23rd (see page 1).

Also, since summer is a busy season for outings and vacations, there will be no support group in July. Please keep in mind:

No Support Group in June and July

LATEST VRS NEWS

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) is now setting VRS (Video Relay Service) rates for 2006-2007. It is also considering cutting the budget (cutting rates and reducing the amount of money collected for VRS, TTY, and IP Relay).

For more information or to read about the details of the plan, go to www.vrsca.org.

If you have no computer access, contact Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



EDUCATIONAL CONFERENCE

Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC) will host a free conference, “**Building Blocks for Success: Ensuring Quality for the Future**”, for parents, educators, interpreters, educational interpreters and the deaf community, on June 17, 2006, at University of Illinois, 1 University Plaza, Springfield.

There will be several workshops that you can choose:

- Mandy Christian: “Reading to Deaf Children: Learning from Deaf Adults”
- Micki Baumgart: “Tune up your Processing Engine”
- Karen Putz: “We all want the same thing, a WASK (Well Adjusted Successful Kid)”
- Frances Beauvridge: “The Educational Interpreter Performance Assessment”
- Ronald Dans: “Advanced Classifiers for the Real World”
- Alfred Sonnenstrahl: “How to Ensure that Hearing Policy Makers Understand our Telecommunications Needs”

After the conference, there will be ASL storytelling by Jagannath Einhorn, a Deaf-Blind storyteller (Usher Type 1), at 6 p.m., at the same place. Please RSVP, so IDHHC can provide a free lunch. Email Kent Schafer: kschafer@idhhc.state.il.us. If you have no email access, call the IDHHC office at 877-455-3323 V/TTY or 217-557-4492 Fax. For additional information, check www.idhhc.state.il.us

GUIDELINES FOR INTERACTING WITH DEAF-BLIND PEOPLE

- When you meet a Deaf-Blind person, let them know by a simple touch on shoulder or arm that you are there.
- Immediately identify yourself by name or a sign name.
- Communicate directly with the Deaf-Blind person, even when using an interpreter.
- Use whatever communication method the individual prefers (print-on-palm, fingerspelling, ASL or writing with a bold, black pen, to name a few). Some individuals may have enough hearing to carry on conversations in quiet surroundings.
- Inform the Deaf-Blind person of their surroundings, including people and activities.
- When involved in group discussions, let the Deaf-Blind person know when it is his or her turn to speak.
- Always tell the person when you leave, even if it is only for a brief period. See that he/she is comfortable and safely situated. If standing, be sure he/she has something to place his hand on like wall, chair or table.
- When guiding a Deaf-Blind person, never place him ahead of you. Instead, let him/her hold your arm above the elbow. In this way, the person can usually sense any change in pace or direction. When going up or down the stairs, pause and then continue on. When walking through a doorway, let the person follow directly behind you.
- Treat a Deaf-Blind person as you would treat anyone else.

More about Deaf-Blind information (Communication Methods) in the next issue.

ASSISTIVE DEVICES AT SOLDIER FIELD

Soldier Field in Chicago offers several assistive devices for the Deaf and Hard of Hearing:

- Assistive listening devices (ALD)
- Closed Captioning Pagers
- TTY phones

You can get these devices on loan at Guest Services located at Gates 1 & 19. A credit card imprint is required.

GREAT APPRECIATION

I would like to thank **Sara Bianco** from Equip For Equality who gave a wonderful and informative presentation, "Self Advocacy" on May 23rd at Schaumburg Township. Sara explained how to advocate for yourself and the steps in getting to a goal. The audience learned a great deal! There will be another workshop by Sara this fall, but a different topic. Look for details soon. Thank you so much, Sara!



NEW LOOK - IP-RELAY

IP-RELAY.com launched a new feature designed to make your Video Relay experience better than ever! Now, when you connect to IP-VRS, you will see a welcome screen. No longer will you need to guess about whether you are connected to IP-VRS or not. You will see how fast the VRS answers your call and connect you to a certified video interpreter. There are two ways to use VRS:

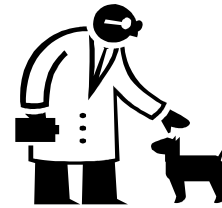
- tv.ipvrs.com from your videophone
- www.ip-vrs.com on your computer.



"I LOVE YOU" DVD

"I Love You", a Japanese film, is now available on DVD. This film tells the story of Asako, a Deaf woman who determined to start an acting group in her small town with the support of her daughter, Ai, who is hearing. Through her struggles and successes, she inspires both deaf and hearing people to work together to accomplish great things. The film is 111 minutes long, color and captioned in English. It is directed by Yutaka Osawa (Hearing) and Akihiro Yonaiyama (Deaf) who have created an award-winning film, shown all over the world.

You can purchase the DVD at \$24.95, which includes shipping within the US. If interested, send a check (payable to CIMI) to: Chicago Institute for the Moving Image, 1610 Highland Avenue, Suite 180, Chicago, IL 60660. Be sure to include your name, address, and phone number. For more information, check the website: www.deafcinema.org



DEAF VETERINARIAN

There is one profoundly Deaf Veterinarian, **Dr. Thomas McDavitt**, who can sign and lipread. For several years, he has been caring for dogs and cats at Hickory Hills Animal Clinic.

Deaf since the age of 5 from meningitis, Dr. McDavitt has been a vet for 13 years. Going to veterinary school was difficult, according to McDavitt, because it was hard to keep up even with an interpreter.

Communicating with his clients has not been a problem. Playing before examining is the way Dr. McDavitt greets his patients. The one task that Dr. McDavitt can not do is listen to heart beats, but one of his technicians listens. Dr can feel the heartbeat and can tell if it has a murmur. If he is suspicious, he will call a cardiologist for a second opinion. His favorite thing to do is surgery.

Dr. McDavitt has almost 5,000 clients, most of his clients are hearing, but he has about 25 deaf clients. For an appointment, call Dr. McDavitt's office at 708-599-0400 V. The address of the clinic is 8717 B West 95th Street, Hickory Hills, IL.



DEAF CAMPING OUTING

Illinois Deaf Campers will have an outing on June 22 – 24, 2006, at Evening Star Camping Resort, 23049 US Highway 136, Topeka, IL. There will be several events/activities such as bingo, children games, volleyball & horseshoe tournaments, scrapbooking, Deaf Harley Bike Show & Parade and much more. The admission fee is \$3 per member, \$5 per non-member, & \$4 for visitors (each day). Check the following websites:

- www.deaf-center.org/idc_camp.htm (flyers)
- www.eveningstarcamp.com (campsite)

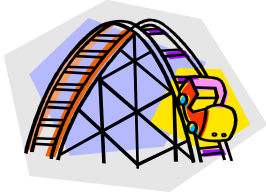
For more information, email:
idcsecretary@yahoo.com

BLACKBERRY PAGER ON SALE

Sprint is selling **Blackberry 7250 Pagers** for \$99.99 (regular price is \$449.99). This model has several features including automatic email, large QWERTY keypad, personal organizer, bluetooth-enabled, JAVA applications, high resolution 65K color display, wireless web access, spell check, Sprint IP Relay using AIM, and much more.

There is a service plan that includes unlimited emails, wireless web access, unlimited instant messaging, and nationwide data coverage. The monthly service is \$29.99.

The offer (\$99.99) is available through June 30, 2006. If interested or for more information, contact Emma Danielson, Sprint Accounts Manager, at emma.Danielson@sprint.com Email, 877-698-5520 TTY, 217-698-4031 Voice, or 217-698-3853 Fax.



ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

It is not too late to plan for the 11th Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day on Saturday, June 10, 2006, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. This event is sponsored by Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL) and Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC). There will be sign language interpreters at specific shows at designated times. There are three ways to buy tickets:

- You can order tickets online for \$27 per person. Log on to www.sixflags.com.
 - Enter promotional code “deafday”
 - “Pick a Park” choose: Great America & Hurricane Harbor
 - Enter the quantity and purchase tickets
 - Print the ticket.
- You can buy tickets on the day of the event at the door. Tickets will cost \$31 per person.
- You can buy tickets on any Tuesday or Thursday at the LCCIL office, 377 N. Seymour Avenue, Mundelein, IL.

For more information, contact Katy Yost at 847-949-4440 Voice; 847-949-0641 TTY/VP; katy@lccil.org Email.



DEAF YOGA CLASSES

There are ongoing Deaf Yoga Classes every Sunday from 2 to 3:30 p.m., at Sivananda Yoga Vedanta Center, 1246 W. Bryn Mawr, Chicago. They are taught in ASL by Rebecca Hozinsky (known as Rivka) who is a certified and experienced ASL interpreter.

The fundamentals of yoga (breathing, relaxation, exercise, diet, meditation, and positive thinking) will be covered. The class will be highly visual, hands on and especially for Deaf people. In addition, it will be designed to fit varying levels of experience and practice so that everyone feels comfortable. If interested, just show up (no need to sign up). Wear loose, comfortable clothing to the class, so that you can breathe and stretch easily. Also do not eat for 1 – 2 hours before the class. Mats, blankets, and pillows will be provided by the center. If you have health concerns, check with your doctor first about practicing yoga. The cost is \$12 per class (payable to Sivananda Center).

Contact Rivka at rivkanomad@mac.com Email for more information or surf

www.sivananda.org/chicago

FYI: Lila Lolling from Texas will present several workshops & classes for the Deaf at Sivananda Yoga Center in Chicago, on June 17 – 28, 2006. For more information on classes & fees, check

www.deafyoga.com/schedule.html

IDLA'S NEW OFFICERS

The new officers of Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) for the 2006-2008 term are:

President – Carmen Aguilar

Vice President – Iris Martinez

Secretary – Maria Hernandez

Treasurer – Miguel Herrera

There are several events throughout the year, so if you would like to receive event updates, meeting notices or a membership form, contact Maria Hernandez at mabelmih@hotmail.com Email.

Congrats, Officers!



CAMP LAKODIA'S PROGRAMS

Camp Lakodia, a Four-Seasons-Resort in Madison, South Dakota, offers several programs and activities for Deaf Youth and Adults through the year. They are:

- June 26 – 30: Deaf Kids Local Day Camp
- July 2 – 16: National Leadership & Literacy Camp (NLLC) for 5th – 8th Graders
- July 16 – 23: Basketball Camp for 5th – 12th Graders
- July 23 – August 5: NLLC for 9th – 12th Graders
- August 6 – 19: Kids of Deaf Adults (KODA) Camp for 5th – 12th Graders
- August 13 – 18: Quilting Retreat for both Deaf and non-Deaf Signers.
- October 1 – 6: Senior Citizen's Retreat
- October 6 – 9: Mom's Retreat
- October 13 – 15: Marriage Retreat

For more information on these activities and fees, check the website: www.cAMPLAKODIA.COM.

You may contact Deb Skjeveland, Program Manager: dskjeveland@camplakodia.org Email or dskjeveland.csd.tv VP.



i711 WIRELESS FOR BLACKBERRY USERS

i711 Wireless is now available for those who have Blackberry handheld pagers. You can now make a relay call from a Blackberry pager. All you need to do is to visit www.i711.com/wireless, choose "Blackberry Devices" and follow instructions to download i711 services. There is no cost to download the service. Once installed, i711 Wireless lets you make relay calls anywhere in the U.S. for free! Such service is available in T-Mobile Sidekick pagers and several Blackberry devices.

RESULTS OF 2006 STATEWIDE FINGERSPELLING BEE

The 2006 Statewide Fingerspelling Bee, hosted by the Illinois Deaf & Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC), was a success with 150 people in the audience! The results are below:

Group A winners (5th/6th graders)

1st - Yanay Rodriquez (Bell School, Chicago)
2nd - CayliJo Bateman (Illinois School of the Deaf, Jacksonville)

3rd - Rebecca Hoffman (Blackwell School, Schaumburg)

Group B winners (7th/8th graders)

1st - Leticia Campos (Kinzie School, Chicago)

2nd - Marlet Mancera (Bell School, Chicago)

3rd - Karen Valles (Kinzie School, Chicago)

The winners won a \$100 saving bond from the Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD); 1st, 2nd, and 3rd winners received trophies; each participant earned a medallion and certificate. The sponsors were Sprint Relay Services, Illinois Association for the Deaf (IAD), Illinois Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission (IDHHC), Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) and the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities (MOPD).

The next Annual Statewide Fingerspelling Bee will be held on May 4, 2007, in Springfield. Watch for details next year.

Congratulations, Winners!



DUPPIES NIGHT

Duppies Night is held once a month at different locations. It is a social event in which both Deaf and Hard of Hearing professionals and non-professionals meet to interact with each other. The dates are:

- **June 9th**: Dugan's Drinking Emporium, 128 S. Halsted Street, Chicago
- **July 14th**: McGinny's Tap, 313 W. North Avenue, Chicago
- **August 11th**: Pint, 1547 N. Milwaukee Avenue, Chicago

All bars have outside sites for drinking. For more information, contact the Duppies Night Coordinator, Michael Berger, at duppiesnite@aol.com Email.

REMINDER: IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT CAPTEL



Effective January 12, 2006, a new regulation by the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) requires that any long distance charges associated with relay calls, including CapTel calls, must be billed to the caller. No more free long distance calls. This ruling affects both regular relay calls as well as CapTel. This means, if you make a long distance call on your CapTel phone (or if you are calling a CapTel user and the call is long distance), any long distance charges will be billed to your local telephone number.

The long distance provider you have chosen for your home service is NOT automatically billed for CapTel calls. You must contact CapTel Customer Services to show which long distance company should be billed to make sure long distance charges are billed through your existing long distance service or calling plan. That way, any long distance charges will automatically be billed under your arrangements with your long distance carrier.

If you do not inform CapTel customer service, any long distance calls made on your CapTel phone will be charged under the long distance service your state relay provider uses (Illinois provider, Sprint).

If you have any questions when you receive your phone bill, contact your local phone service provider. To show your carrier of choice, contact the CapTel Customer Services:

- CapTel@CapTelMail.com Email
- 1-888-269-7477 Voice/CapTel
- 1-866-670-9134 En español
- 1-800-482-2424 TTY
- 608-238-3008 Fax

Please note: This ruling affects long distance phone calls only. There is never any charge for using the CapTel captioning service.

A **CapTel Database Profile** can be set up for those wishing to specify a preferred phone carrier, Spanish to Spanish service, or other services. Any charges will appear on the customer's monthly phone bill. If you need a copy of the Profile Request Form, call Schaumburg Township Deaf Services at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or ITAC at 1-800-841-6167 V/TTY.

You can make CapTel calls using a Calling Card. You can buy a card at any discount store that sells calling cards with different minute amounts. Below is the procedure of how to make a CapTel call using a calling card:

1. Dial the calling card's 800 # using your CapTel.
2. CapTel service connects you to the calling card's 800 #.
3. Type the calling card information directly as instructed on the phone keypad.
4. You will then be instructed to type the number you wish to call.
5. Your conversation will be paid for via the calling card.

Exception:

Calling an 800 calling card number, then dialing our 800 CapTel Service number. You may get a message saying your call cannot be completed as dialed because it recognizes there is no billing needed for an 800 to 800 number. In this case, you should dial the call without the card, or try dialing the Captioning Service **FIRST**, the calling card **SECOND**, and then the number you are calling.

If you have any questions about the new FCC rule or regarding this information, call the following information mentioned above or Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

NEW LAW IN WASHINGTON STATE

A new law was passed in Washington State in March, 2006. This law, proposed and written by a 16-year-old Deaf teenager, Ashli-Marie Grant, allows for an interpreter to be present in the car during the driving test for a driver license. Ashli-Marie was not allowed to use an interpreter while taking her driving exam but yet she still passed the test. She felt unnecessarily humiliated by the process. She first tried to decipher fingerspelling instructions while she drove, and then had to pull over to read notes. Later, she brought the issue to the attention of Senator Craig Pridemore, D-Vancouver, who sponsored Senate Bill 6415, requiring the state Department of Licensing to allow interpreters in the car during exams for deaf or hearing-impaired applicants. The interpreter must be chosen from a DOL-supplied list. You can find more details on the website:

www.sdc.wa.gov/Releases/Pridemore/2006/ashlimarie.htm

(Sent by Diana Thorpe)

THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Summer is here! So here are some things to keep in mind:

- 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.
- Dos/Don'ts
 - Drink plenty of water & juices and avoid coffee, cola, and alcoholic beverages that are dehydrating. Also, avoid heavy food
 - Stay indoors as much as possible and limit exposure to the sun.
 - Use air conditioning and keep the blinds closed; take cool showers
 - Wear loose, light cotton clothes
 - Never leave children or pets alone in cars.
 - Check on family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and/or live alone.

Have a *great and safe summer* from the Disability & Deaf Services Department:

Gerry, Kitty, Rose, Jeanette & Sarita

The monthly Deaf Line newsletter is free for Schaumburg Township residents and all agencies & organizations serving the Deaf, and Hard of Hearing consumers. Deaf Line and Ablegram newsletters can be viewed on Schaumburg Township's website.

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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, June 18 – **Father's Day**
- Friday, June 23 – **Ice Cream Social Night** for Deaf & Hard of Hearing and their Families at SCH TWP, 6:30 – 9 p.m. (RSVP by June 21st: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, June 28 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.

Friendly Reminder: No Deaf Social/Support Group in June & July, 2006

