



DEAF LINE

JUNE, 2008

OUR NEXT T DEAF SUPPORT GROUP MEETING



A Field Trip to the Spring Valley Nature Sanctuary

We will be “walking and enjoying the early summer”. Spring Valley has 135 acres of restored prairies, woodlands, wetlands and trails.

When: Tuesday, June 17, 2008

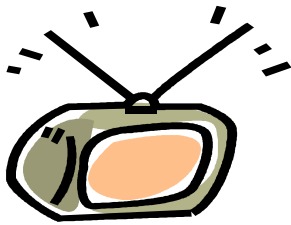
Where: Meet at the center: 1111 E. Schaumburg Road,
Schaumburg, IL

Time: 1 p.m. (be on time)

RSVP please: Contact Sarita at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP;
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.

Important Information:

- ✓ Walk at your own pace.
- ✓ Wear appropriate clothes & shoes according to the weather.
- ✓ Good idea to bring your water bottle.
- ✓ If the weather is bad (raining), we will meet at Schaumburg Township at 1 p.m.



IS YOUR TV ANALOG?

Starting February 17, 2009, all U.S. TV stations will stop broadcasting in analog format and will transmit only in digital instead. Digital broadcasting promises to provide a clearer picture and more programming options and will free up airwaves for use by emergency responders.

The Congress created the TV Converter Box coupon Program for households wishing to keep using their analog TV sets after February 17, 2009. This program allows consumers to get up to 2 coupons, each worth \$40 that can be applied toward the cost of eligible converter boxes. If you have a TV connected to cable, satellite, or other pay TV service, you do not need a TV converter box from this program.

Consumers have three options to explore before making decisions:

- Keep your existing analog TV and buy a TV converter box that can be plugged into your TV and will keep it working even after February 17, 2009 or
- Connect to cable, satellite or other pay service, or
- Buy a new digital TV.

For more information, call: 1-888-388-2009 Voice, 1-877-530-2634 TTY – English, or 1-866-495-1161 TTY – Spanish. Check www.dtv2009.gov



ITAC PROGRAM

Our ITAC Selection Center is available for Amplified phone, CapTel phone, & TTY viewing or testing. ITAC's program distributes FREE phones and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service. There are four different amplified phones from which to choose. In addition, there is the CapTel (captioned phone) loan program. For more information, call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 847-884-1560 TTYVP.



DEAF BILINGUAL COALITION CONFERENCE

The Deaf Bilingual Coalition (DBC) will host its first Annual DBC Conference on June 27 – 30, 2008, at the Hyatt Regency, 333 W. Kilbourn Avenue in Milwaukee, WI. The DBC's mission promotes the basic human right of all Deaf infants and young children to have access to language and cognitive development through American Sign Language (ASL). The conference will have workshops and presentations by keynote speakers, exhibits, entertainment, and children's activities. It is FREE, but registration is required. To register, go to the website: www.deafbilingualcoalition.com, print the registration form, and mail to: DBC Education Conference, 3045 140th Avenue, NE, Ham Lake, MN 55304.

For more information, email: deafbilingual@gmail.com

REPORTS ON TOWNSHIP EVENTS

Make and Take: It was a successful event & everyone enjoyed making beautiful cards. The audience showed interest in having more make and take events in the future. Stay tuned for more information!

Special thanks go to the following people for providing materials for the cards:

- Sheila Hajduk
- Carol Nemecek-Kowalski
- Lupe Linder
- Kim Mokris
- Eileen Rozborski

Chocolate Factory Tour: It was an amazing tour at the Long Grove Confectionery and 25 people attended. They learned the brief history of the chocolate kitchen and saw incredible chocolates being produced the old-fashioned way using lots of care, fresh ingredients, and no preservatives. In addition, there was a good aroma of chocolate everywhere. Each person received a small package of delicious chocolates and a 10% discount coupon for chocolate purchase.

FUN THINGS TO DO

The Chicago Hearing Society (CHS) will host fun events in June:



There will be a **Fun Kayaking Trip** for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Hearing (age 10 and up) on June 15th, 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., at McDowell Grove Forest Preserve in Naperville. Paddle down through 8 miles of scenic areas of DuPage River and watch for wildlife. Wear comfortable clothes and bring your own lunch, towel, sunscreen, and water bottles (no glasses allowed). Also, bring extra clothes to be left in car. The cost is \$20. Sign up by June 2nd.



A **Summer Solstice Bike Ride** for all ages will take place on Saturday, June 21, 2008, 9 a.m. Bring your own bike and ride with other riders in a 19-mile trail of Waterfall Glen Forest Preserve in Darien. You can ride at your own pace and stop whenever you are tired. Bring your own food/drink. If interested, meet at the main entrance on Northgate Road (west of Cass Avenue), Everyone is welcome.

For more information about these two events, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY, 773-248-9176 Fax, or jprusak@anixter.org Email. For forms or details, check the website: www.chicagohearingociety.org

ELIMINATE UNWANTED CATALOGS

The 19 billion catalogs mailed to Americans every year consume 3.6 million tons of paper and 53 million trees. If you want to stop the deluge at your house, check out Catalog Choice, a new online, free service that allows you to decide what gets in your mailbox. Use it to reduce your mailbox clutter, while helping to preserve the environment. All you need to do is to register on www.catalogchoice.org

(AARP Newsletter, May 2008)

"SENIORS RIDE FREE" RTA PASS

Seniors are eligible for free rides on Metra train, CTA and Pace buses. The RTA Pass application is available at Schaumburg Township. The RTA Pass requirements are: 65 years or older; Illinois Driver's License or Illinois State ID; a dollar fee for the picture. If you already have a reduced fare pass, you do NOT need to apply for a new card.

RTA Passes are processed by Schaumburg Township Transportation Department between the hours of 10 a.m. and 3 p.m. Monday through Friday.

DEAF PICNICS IN JUNE

Saturday, June 14th: The **Deaf Asian Americans Association of Chicago (DAAAC)** will host a Picnic Day, 10a.m. – dusk, at Twin Lake Pavilion 1, 1200 E. Twin Lake Drive, Palatine, IL. There will be Asian games, prizes, Asian food, and drinks (no alcoholic beverages). Bring your own chairs & blankets. The cost including food is: \$5 (adults); \$3 (children 5 – 12 years); Free (children under 4). For more information, email: daaac07@yahoo.com

Saturday, June 14th: **CSDVRS/WSAD** (West Suburban Association of the Deaf) will host their Picnic from 11 a.m. to dusk at Busse Woods, Grove #5 in Elk Grove Village (SW corner of Arlington Heights Road and Higgins Road). There will be free food, prizes, and games including deal or no deal game. In addition, there will be games and moon jump for kids. For more information, check www.wsadeaf.org

CAMP SIGN

The Chicago Park District is organizing a 6-week fun-filled summer day camp for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth (ages 6 through 12) called **Camp Sign**. There are two locations in Chicago: North Side – McFetridge Sports, 3843 N. California and South Side – Gage Park, 2411 W. 55th Street. It will be held June 23 – August 1, 2008, 12 to 6 p.m. Activities include daily lunch & snacks, swimming, arts & crafts, field trips, games, nature & environmental activities and much more! The cost is \$232 (north side location) and \$185 (south side location). Registration takes place at the participating parks. For more information, contact Sarah Faber at 773-478-3374 TTY, 773-478-4783499 Voice, or sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com Email.

ANNUAL DEAF & HARD OF HEARING DAY AT SIX FLAGS

Sponsored by Lake County Center for Independent Living (LCCIL), the 13th Annual Six Flags Great America Deaf & Hard of Hearing Day will be held on Saturday, July 12, 2008, from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Great America in Gurnee. There will be sign language interpreters at specific shows at designated times.

There are two ways to buy tickets:

- You can order tickets online for \$28 per person. Log on to www.sixflags.com.
 - “Pick a Park” – Select Six Flags Great America, Chicago
 - Enter promo code “deafday”
 - Enter the quantity and purchase tickets
- You can buy tickets on the day of the event at the door. Tickets will cost \$31 per person.

If you have any questions, contact LCCIL at 847-949-0641 TTY/VP; 847-949-4440 Voice; 847-949-4443 Fax; tina@lccil.org Email.

HARPER’S VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

The Harper's 4th Annual Volleyball Tournament was a smashing success with 420 fans and 160 players & coaches participating on April 19th! Check out www.harperevents.com for game results played by both High School and College Divisions. Debbie Sampson (Chairperson) would like to thank the Gold Sponsor, SorensonVRS and Friend Sponsors, Deaf Communication by Innovation and Illinois Association for the Deaf for all their on going support! She also thanks the wonderful committees, referees and volunteers who worked hard in making this tournament a success. You can view the names on the website.

UNCLAIMED MONEY

Looking for lost money? The National Association of Unclaimed Property Administrators is holding \$32.8 billion worth of unclaimed stocks, dividends, life insurance proceeds, bank accounts, and other assets. To find out if any of these assets have your name on them, go to www.missingmoney.com or www.unclaimed.org. Make sure you use the right web address – some look-alike sites charge fees.



5TH ANNUAL DISABILITY PRIDE PARADE

The 5th Annual Disability Pride Parade – “Celebrating Worldwide: Disabled, Proud, Present and Diverse” will be held on Saturday, July 26, 2008. The purpose is to organize a fully inclusive, annual event celebrating and strengthening the pride, power, and unity of people with disabilities, families, and allies and also to generate national visibility of the Disability community. The Grand Marshal will be Tony Coelho who authored the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA). The step-off is at 11 a.m.: Dearborn and Van Buren, marching north to Washington. The post-parade program will be at the Daley Plaza. ASL interpreters will be provided. For more information or to register online, go to www.disabilityprideparade.com or call 773-218-1474 V.

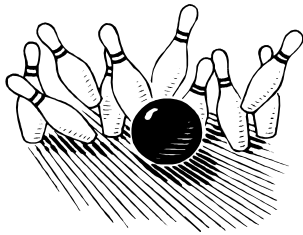
Schaumburg Township is a designated Cooling Center available from 8:30 a.m. to 10 p.m. Monday through Friday.



IDGA’S GOLF OUTING

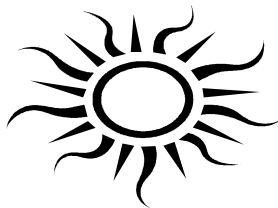
It is not too late to sign up for the 28th Annual Golf Outing hosted by Illinois Deaf Golfers Association (IDGA). This event will be held on Saturday, June 21 & 22, 2008, at Chapel Hill Country Club in McHenry, IL. The cost per golfer is \$110 for 2 days golfing. It is limited to 40 golfers. First come, first serve! The deadline is June 13th. Visit www.ildga.org for detailed information on this event, registration and other information. Contact the following people:

- Brian Van Thyne – secretary@ildga.org
- Lisa Roth – treasurer@ildga.org



BOWLING TOURNAMENT FOR DEAF SENIORS 50+

The West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) will host its first Individual Handicap Deaf Seniors Bowling Tournament on Saturday, June 7, 2008, at Arlington Lanes, 3435 N. Kennicott Avenue, Arlington Heights, IL. It is open to all Deaf & Hard of Hearing bowlers. There are 2 time slots for bowling – 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. There are prizes for winners. The entry fee for bowlers is \$45. The admission fee for bowlers/fans is \$6 all day and night. Children under 12 are free. There will be bowlers and fans night out at Pop's Pizza and Sports Bar, 817 E. Nerge Road in Roselle. For more information, check www.wsadeaf.org



THINGS TO KEEP IN MIND

Summer is around the corner! 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.



ANNUAL FARMER'S MARKET

Schaumburg Farmer's Market begins June 13th. It will be held from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. and runs every Friday until October 10th. The location is the parking lot at the American Indian Center's Trickster Gallery in Town Square (corner of Schaumburg and Roselle Roads).

For additional information, call 847-923-3855 Voice.

LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS

Want to take your leadership skills to the next level? Now you can at the Gallaudet Leadership Institute (GLI) at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. Established in October 2002, GLI is an institute that provides Deaf and Hard of Hearing individuals with programming specifically tailored to their personal and professional needs. GLI addresses the acute leadership shortages in education and other social service professions, including Deaf-centric for-profit and non-profit agencies and corporations.

This summer, GLI is offering a variety of programs:

- Merrill Lynch Entrepreneur Leadership Training Program
- Educational Leadership
- Deaf Women's Leadership Program
- Consumer, Family, and Community Advocacy
- Association Leadership
- Language Planning & Leadership in Education
- Early Education Professional Development Leadership Program.

For more information or application, check <http://gli.gallaudet.edu> or contact the GLI Coordinator, Wendy Wiatrowski: wendy.wiatrowski@gallaudet.edu Email.

Have a *great and safe summer* from the Disability & Deaf Services Department:
Gerry, Bonnie, Lauren, Rose & Sarita

GAS MILEAGE TIPS

With the soaring of gas prices, here are some tips to help you reduce the amount of gas you use:

Drive More Efficiently

- Drive sensibly – aggressive driving (speeding, rapid acceleration, and braking) wastes gas. It can lower gas mileage by 33% on highway speeds and by 5% around town.
- Observe the speed limit – each vehicle reaches its optional fuel economy at a different speed.
- Remove excess weight – avoid unnecessary items in your vehicle especially heavy ones. Extra 100 lbs could reduce your MPG by up to 2%.
- Avoid excess idling. Idling gets 0 miles per gallon. Cars with larger engines waste more gas at idle than cars with small engines.
- Use cruise control on highways, which helps you maintain a constant speed, thus saving gas.
- Use overdrive gears that will save gas and reduce engine wear.

Keeping Your Car In Shape

- Keep your engine tuned properly and regularly.
- Check and replace air filters regularly.
- Keep tires properly inflated.
- Use the recommended Grade of Motor Oil.

Trips

- Commuting – If you can, try to avoid peak rush hours, so you will spend less time sitting in traffic and consume less fuel. Take advantage of carpools and ride-share programs. Another option is telecommuting (working from home) if your company allows it. Also, consider using the public transportation.
- Traveling – A roof rack or carrier can decrease your fuel economy by 5%. Avoid carrying unneeded items specially heaving ones.

Choosing a More Efficient Vehicle

- Thinking to buy a new car? You can check www.fueleconomy.gov that has gas mileage estimates and more information for 1985 – 2008 model year cars.

For more information, visit www.fueleconomy.gov



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DATES TO REMEMBER

- Friday, June 13 – **Deaf Chat Coffee Gathering** at Starbucks, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg, 7 – 11 p.m.
- Sunday, June 15 – **Father's Day**
- Tuesday, June 17 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** meets at Spring Nature Center, Schaumburg; 1 p.m. If rains, meet at SCH TWP (RSVP Needed).
- Wednesday, June 25 – **Township Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.

