

DEAFLINE

MAY, 2006



Do you and your friends want to do something to make your world a better place?

Come to an Educational Workshop

“Self-Advocacy”

Presenter:

Sara Bianco

Tuesday, May 23, 2006
7 p.m.

At Schaumburg Township
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL.

Sara Bianco (Deaf) works for Equip for Equality as a Disability Community Organizer. Sara will talk about how to advocate for yourself and will explain the steps in the process to reach your goal.

- Learn how to self-advocate
- Know your rights
- Come at 6:30 p.m. for free refreshments. Workshop will start at 7 p.m. Sharp!

RSVP by May 22nd: Sarita Phadke, Deaf Services Coordinator, at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



COOK COUNTY SHERIFF DEPT.
PROGRAM – “UNWANTED
MEDICATION DISPOSAL”

Unwanted Medication Disposal will be held on **Wednesday, May 31, 2006, 8 a.m. & 3 p.m.** only. Schaumburg Township (One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL) will be one of the disposal sites where you can bring in your medicines for disposal.

Unused medications that are improperly disposed of can cause health and environmental problems. In order to prevent that, residents are encouraged to bring:

- Expired & unwanted prescription & non-prescription drugs
- Prescription drugs that are more than a year old
- Non-prescription medicines without expiration dates that are more than six months old
- Medicines that have missing or illegible labels

Notice: Hypodermic syringes are not accepted.

There are several locations where you can leave your medicines:

Chicago Locations:

- West Lawn Park – 4233 W. 65th Street
- Mather’s More Than a Café – 33 E. 83rd Street
- Chicago Police Dept 5th Dist – 727 E 111th St.
- Chicago Police Dept 9th Dist – 3501 S. Lowe Ave
- Swedish Covenant Hospital – 2751 W. Winona Street
- Chicago Police Dept 16th Dist – 5151 N. Milwaukee Avenue
- Chicago Police Dept 17th Dist – 4650 N. Pulaski Road
- Mt. Sinai Hospital – California Avenue at 15th Street
- Chicago Police Dept 15th Dist – 5701 W. Madison Street

Suburban Locations:

- Thornton Township in Calumet City
- Orland Park Township in Orland Park

- Stickney Township in Burbank
- Worth Township in Alsip
- Matteson Police Dept in Matteson
- Maine Township in Park Ridge
- Northfield Township in Glenview
- The Wellness Center Northwest Community Healthcare in Arlington Heights
- Village of Skokie in Skokie
- Southwest Suburban Center on Aging in LaGrange
- Casa San Carlos Retirement Community in Northlake
- Forest Park Senior Center in Forest Park
- Naperville Police Dept in Naperville

For more information, call:

- Schaumburg Township at 847-884-0030 V or 847-884-1560 TTY/VP
- Cook County Sheriff’s Office at 311 or 312-744-4000 in the City and 773-869-7724 in the suburbs
- Visit www.cookcountysheriff.org



DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP

Tuesday, May 16, 2006
1 – 3 p.m.

At Schaumburg Township (room # 114)
One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

- There will be a showing of a videotape, “**20th Century Stories – Deaf Lives & Experiences**” by Deaf natives. It was created by Bob Paul.
- If time permits, we will talk about issues & happenings. You may bring any information you would like to share with us.
- Refreshments will be provided.

RSVP by May 15th: Sarita Phadke at 847-884-1560 TTY/VP; sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



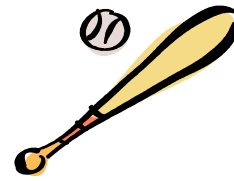
SB2292 – INTERPRETER OF THE DEAF LICENSURE ACT OF 2006

The Senate Bill #2292, Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2006, is the bill that would provide the transfer of rights, powers, and duties of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Commission under the Interpreters for the Deaf Act to the Commission under the Interpreter for the Deaf Licensure Act of 2006, effective January 1, 2008. It also establishes a Board of Interpreters to oversee the implementation of the licensure. It replaces references to "interpreter for the hearing impaired" with "interpreter for the deaf and hard of hearing". The licensure of interpreters will help Deaf and Hard of Hearing consumers and the professionals that serve them to ensure that every interpreter is qualified to handle complex communications such as medical, legal, relay services, mental health. Moreover, licensure will assure that interpreters are held to a high level of ethical and professional conduct, or be subject to punitive action for any violations.

Medical providers have been urging an amendment that encourages the use of family members and friends as interpreters at hospitals, clinic, and other medical facilities. However, the use of family members and friends as interpreters in any setting is already prohibited by federal law under the Americans with Disabilities Act. In addition, the use of fingerspelling or rudimentary sign language by doctors, nurses and other medical staff have led to numerous problems for Deaf and Hard of Hearing patients. SB 2292 would require all service providers including medical entities to provide qualified interpreters by making sure their qualifications are measured by the licensure law.

This bill passed the Illinois Senate and now is in the Illinois House, awaiting the decision of the Rules Committee.

If you would like to voice an opinion, contact your local legislator or for more information on SB2292, check www.ilga.gov or www.iadeaf.org



DEAF DAY AT SCHAUMBURG FLYERS

Blackwell School in Schaumburg and Schaumburg Township Deaf Services will host a **Deaf Day** at the Schaumburg Flyers Baseball Game May 19, 2006, 7:05 p.m., at Alexian Field in Schaumburg. Deaf, Hard of Hearing & Hearing students from Blackwell will sign and sing the National Anthem. For tickets, call the Schaumburg Flyers office at 847-891-2255 Voice. For other information, call Joann Kort of Blackwell School at 847-885-6758 V/TTY.

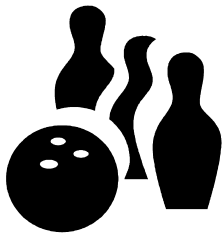


ITAC PROGRAMS

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 for more information or to schedule an appointment to see a variety of phone equipment (amplified phones, TTY, and CapTel only). You may surf www.itactty.org for additional information.

ACCESSCHICAGO

Save the date for AccessChicago: July 12, 2006! Hosted by the Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, AccessChicago is the Midwest's largest exposition of products and services for people with disabilities, which will be held at Navy Pier in Chicago, from 12 to 7 p.m. Exhibitor applications are now online - www.cityofchicago.org/disabilities. There will be a \$50 discount if received by June 12th. For more information, call 312-746-5773 Voice or 312-744-7833 TTY.



CISDAA'S BOWLING TOURNAMENTS

Chicagoland Illinois School for the Deaf Alumni Association (CISDAA) will host its Annual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic for all Deaf & Hard of Hearing bowlers on Saturday, May 13, 2006, 10 a.m., at Bowling Green, 30W150 Roosevelt Road, West Chicago. The bowling times are 11:30 a.m. & 2 p.m. There will be prizes for the winners. The entry fee for the men's division is \$50 and for the women's division is \$45. The admission for the fans to the bowling tournament and social night is \$6. The social night will be held at the same location. In addition, there will be Texas Hold 'em Poker Game Night starting at 6:30 p.m. For more information, contact Pam Wojcik at 773-589-9764 Fax, Jinxy23@aol.com Email, or pagepammie@tmail.com Pager.

WSAD'S NEW EXECUTIVE BOARD

West Suburban Association of the Deaf (WSAD) has a new Executive Board for the 2006-2008 term:

President – Dennis O'Brien

Vice President – Julia Anderson

Secretary – Sheila Blickhahn

Treasurer – T.K. Hill

Representative at Large – Chris Laskowski

For more information, surf WSAD's website:

www.wsadeaf.org

CAMP SIGN

Camp Sign, organized by the Chicago Park District, is a 6-week fun-filled summer day camp for Deaf & Hard of Hearing Youth (ages 6 through 12). It will be held June 25 – August 4, 2006, 11:30 a.m. to 6 p.m., at McFetridge Sports Center, 3843 N. California in Chicago. Activities include swimming, indoor ice skating, arts & crafts, field trips within the city, fishing, nature & environmental activities and much more! The cost is \$210. For more information, contact Sarah Faber, Program Specialist for the Deaf & Hard of Hearing, at 773-478-3374 TTY, 773-478-2609 Voice, or sarah.faber@chicagoparkdistrict.com Email.

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE COUNSELOR

Michelle Mendiola (Deaf) is a new Domestic Violence Counselor at Chicago Hearing Society (CHS). Michelle works with individuals who are Deaf or Hard of Hearing and victims of domestic violence by providing short-term counseling, crisis intervention, advocacy and referrals to appropriate community resources for services. Services are confidential and free of charge. If you have any questions or need help with issues mentioned above, contact Michelle at 773-248-9174 TTY or mmendiola@anixter.org Email.

FYI: Don't get confused between 2 names of people who work at the same office (CHS):

- **Michele** Cunningham – Victim Assistance Counselor
- **Michelle** Mendiola – Domestic Violence Counselor

GOLF OUTINGS

- Illinois Deaf Golfers Association (IDGA) will host its **26th Annual Golf Outing** on Saturday, June 17, 2006, 10:30 a.m., at Crystal Wood Golf Course, Rt. 47 in Woodstock, IL. The golfing is limited to 50 golfers - First Come, First Serve. In addition, there will be a "Tree Planting" service to honor a Deaf Pro Instructor, Gil Lentz, and one of four IDGA Founders, Ken Kazmierski, at 9:30 a.m. The cost is \$74 per golfer and the deadline is **June 3, 2006**. If interested, go into www.ildga.org to download the entry form or to view the flyer. For more information, surf the website or contact Lisa Roth at treasurer@ildga.org Email.

- **8th Annual Central Illinois Deaf Golf Association (CIDGA)** will be held June 3 – 4, 2006, at Lake of the Woods Golf Course, 405 N. Lake of the Woods Road in Mahomet, IL. It is open to all men and women who are interested in golfing. Prizes will be given out. The cost for golfing (2 days) is \$95 and the deadline to submit the entry form is **May 27th**. If interested, send a check or money order (payable to CIDGA) to Bob Dramin, 22 Wadsworth Drive, Jacksonville, IL 62650. For more information, contact Bob at 217-243-7232 TTY/VP/Fax or cidga@aol.com Email. You can view the flyer or to get the entry form on: www.deaf-center.org/cidga_june06.htm



ACTIVITIES FOR DEAF & HARD OF HEARING CHILDREN & TEENS

The Chicago Hearing Society offers several exciting activities planned for Deaf and Hard of Hearing children and teens as listed below:

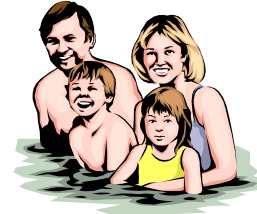
- **Hersey High School Open Gym** on Friday, May 12th, at Hersey High School in Arlington Heights. Details will be announced at a later time.
- **Dodgeball Tournament** on Saturday, May 13th. You can organize or bring your own team – check www.dodgeballusa.com
- **Splash-astic** (indoor pool at Pelican Harbor in Bolingbrook) on Saturday, May 20th, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. It costs \$8 per swimmer. Transportation will be provided for 8-14 years old children only. Sign up by May 15th.
- **Deaf Day at Great America** in Gurnee on Saturday, June 10th from 8:30 a.m. to 11 p.m. The cost is \$27 per teen. Transportation will be provided for high school teens only (only 40 seats one the bus - first come, first served). Sign up by May 30th.
- **Chicago Force Football** on Saturday, June 24th, from 1:15 to 6:30 p.m., at Lane Tech HS Field in Chicago. There will be two Deaf women playing on Semi Pro Women Football Team. The cost per child (7 – 14 years old) is \$3. Transportation will be provided. Sign up by June 14th.
- **Chicago Fire Soccer Game** on Sunday, June 25th, from 4 to 9:45 p.m., at Chicago Fire's new stadium in Bridgeview. Transportation will be provided for those whose ages are 7 to 18 years. Sign up by June 15th.

For updates & new activities, be sure to check www.chicagohearingsociety.org often. For more information, contact June Prusak at 773-248-9174 TTY, or jprusak@anixter.org Email.

APPRECIATION

Schaumburg Township Deaf Services extends its appreciation to **Jean Fitzpatrick** for sharing her cruise trip in South America at the Deaf Support Group. Jean shared her rich experiences, visiting several countries in South America and bringing a lot of beautiful pictures.

Thanks, Jean, for sharing with us!



OPEN FAMILY SWIM

Northwest Special Recreation Association (NWSRA) is offering **Open Family Swim** for individuals with disabilities and their immediate family members living at the same address within an NWSRA member park district. You should call first to find out what pools are included before you register. If you are registering for Open Family Swim only, the cost is \$80 for up to five immediate family members from June 1, 2006 to May 31, 2007. If registering for other NWSRA programs, the fee is \$60. If interested, call NWSRA at 847-392-2855 TTY or 847-392-2848 Voice and ask for the brochure and registration form.

MIDWESTERN REGIONAL BLACK DEAF ADVOCATES CONFERENCE

The 2006 Midwestern Regional Black Deaf Advocates Conference – “**Black and Deaf: Together, We Stand Strong**” will be held July 20 – 22nd. This conference is sponsored by several Black Deaf Advocates Chapters (Chicagoland, Detroit, Indianapolis, Kansas City, Kentucky, and St. Paul/Minneapolis). It will be held at the Doubletree Hotel, 5000 W. 127th Street in Alsip. The registration fees are: \$120 (members), and \$140 (non-members) before June 24th. After June 25th, the fees are \$130 (members) and \$150 (non-members). Fees for the seniors (55+) and college students are: \$110 (members) and \$130 (non-members). After June 25th, the cost is \$120 for both members and non-members. There are individual rates as well. Check www.clbda.org or www.nbda.org for more information or flyer.

ARD IS GROWING

Addiction of the Deaf (ARD), a program operated by Anixter Center, is expanding its outpatient services for Deaf and Hard of hearing consumers with substance abuse treatment needs such as:

- Substance Abuse Assessments
- Group & individual counseling
- Referrals to a variety of services
- Hosting on-site AA meetings

As of May 31, 2006, ARD will no longer offer inpatient/residential services. For more information, call 773-227-8562 TTY, 773-227-8530 V, or 773-227-8569 Fax.



HEALTH CORNER

May is National **High Blood Pressure** Month. About 65 Million American adults – nearly 1 in 3 – have high blood pressure. Those who do not have high pressure at age 55 face a 90% chance of developing the disease during their life times.

Hypertension is the medical term for high blood pressure. Blood pressure is the force of blood against the walls of arteries. It is dangerous because it makes the heart work too hard and contributes to hardening of arteries (arteriosclerosis). High blood pressure can also cause other problems like heart failure, kidney disease, and blindness.

Blood pressure usually cannot be cured but it can be controlled or prevented. Lifestyle changes include healthy diet, physical activity, weight control, limit of sodium and alcohol intake, and smoking cessation.

High blood pressure increases the risk for heart disease and stroke. Commonly known as the “silent killer”, it is very important to consult often with your doctor, and use good life style changes. By following the life style changes, you lower the chances of developing a disease.

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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Richard Taccini – Trustee

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Robert Fecarotta – Highway Commissioner

Margaret (Peggy) Franklin – Collector

Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center for the Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) Program (TTYs, CapTel Phone, and Amplified Phones)

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SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP DEAF SERVICES
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HOFFMAN ESTATES, IL 60194**



DATES TO REMEMBER

- Sunday, May 14 – **Mother’s Day**
- Tuesday, May 16 – **Deaf Social/Support Group** at SCH TWP, 1 – 3 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Friday, May 19 – **Deaf Day at the Schaumburg Flyers Games**, 7:05 p.m.
- Tuesday, May 23 – **“Self-Advocacy” Workshop** at SCH TWP, 6:30 p.m. (RSVP: 847-884-1560 TTY/VP)
- Wednesday, May 24 – **TWP Board meeting** at SCH TWP, 7:15 p.m.
- Monday, May 29 – **Schaumburg Township Closed** (Memorial Day Holiday)
- Wednesday, May 31 – **Unwanted Medication Drop Off Day** at SCH TWP, anytime between 8 a.m. and 3 p.m.