



DEAF LINE

DECEMBER 2016

DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP



"HOLIDAYS AROUND THE WORLD" **CELEBRATION**

Wednesday, December 14, 2016
11:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

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



Authentic Cuisine - Delicious food dishes from different countries of the world

Ethnic Dance - Entertainment from different countries

Fun Games & Bingo Games

Cost: \$8 per person
(Including lunch and dessert)

Pay (cash only) to Sarita at her office before December 8th

For more information, contact Sarita: sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org
or 224-520-9763



IAD NEWS

- ♦ Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) offers an extension of special rate for membership - \$5 to join or renew (1-year individual membership only). This promo ends on June 25, 2017 at 11:59 p.m. Current members can pay \$5 to extend their memberships another year. To join or renew, go to www.iadeaf.org/join
- ♦ IAD Board Meeting will be held on Saturday, December 3, 2016, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Life CIL office, 2201 Eastland Drive, Bloomington, IL. You will be able to hear the latest officer report, voice your concerns, and meet IAD officers, committee chairs and other members. Lunch will be provided. For more information, contact Shelley Williams - shelleyrwms@gmail.com Email.
- ♦ Save the date of IAD/IRID Joint Conference, "Igniting Integration" - June 22 - 25, 2017! It will be at Indigo Hotel in downtown Naperville.

FRIENDLY REMINDER

Medicare Part D Enrollment: The deadline to enroll is December 7, 2016. This is a good time to review changes in co-pays, premiums, deductibles and medication tiers within your plan or to make a change to a different plan for the upcoming year. Any changes to your Part D plan will be in effect January 1, 2017. If you are happy with your current plan, you do not have to do anything.

Benefits Access Program (formerly Circuit Breaker): It is not too late to apply for this program (Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Ride Free Transits and License Plate Discount). If you already applied last year (2015), you do not need to re-apply. Just wait until next year (2017). If you applied in 2014 or you have not applied before, you would need to apply anytime before December 31, 2016. If you are not sure, please call our office at 224-520-9763 VP and we can check for you.

We can assist you in filing your applications. To make an appointment to apply or for more information, contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP or sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org Email.



*Schaumburg Township
Supervisor Mary
Wroblewski and the
Township Officials wish
you Happy Holidays!*



Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following dates:

- ♦ Monday, December 26, 2016
- ♦ Monday, January 2, 2017



Our Township Deaf Social/Support Group will celebrate Valentine's Day with a Valentine Luncheon.

Save the date:

Wednesday, February 15, 2017

Details will be announced via emails and next Deaf Line newsletter. Stay tuned!



OPEN CAPTION MOVIES

Good News! Open Caption movies are back at AMC Street of Woodfield (601 N. Martingale Road, Schaumburg).

Movies will be shown on every Saturday at 11 a.m. This theatre has been remodeled and all the theatres (except IMAX) have recliner seating. They also have reserved seating. So it is recommended to purchase tickets online in advance. After selecting how many tickets you need, it will then take you to a seating chart and you pick your seats. When you arrive at the theatre, just bring the confirmation number or bar code can be scanned from your phone. Also, you can also buy tickets at the theatre.

The movies for December are:

- December 3rd - Bad Santa
- December 10th - TBA
- December 17th - Rogue One: A Star Wars Story
- December 24th - Assassin's Creed
- December 31st - Fences

(Thanks, Fernando Ochoa, for this information)

Deaf Social/ Support Group 2017

Time:

11:30 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Location:

Schaumburg Township
One Illinois Blvd.,
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

Every 3rd Tuesday of the month
(unless a different day is mentioned below)

Dates

(subject to change)

January 10th (2nd Tuesday)

February 15th (3rd Wednesday)

March 15th (3rd Wednesday)

April 17th (3rd Monday)

May 16th

June 20th

July 18th

August 15th

September 19th

October 17th

November 14th (2nd Tuesday)

December 12th (2nd Tuesday)



GREETINGS FROM DEAF SERVICES COORDINATOR

- ◆ From the bottom of my heart, I want to thank everyone who attended our Deaf Support Group meetings all this year and brought their delicious food to share with others.
- ◆ Great appreciation goes to all the hard-working volunteers who are dedicated to making the events smooth and successful! If you or know someone who may be interested in volunteering, let me know.
- ◆ If you would like specific events, presentations, or field trips for 2017, please let me know.
- ◆ Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Thank you so much, Sarita

ILLINOIS DEPT. OF HUMAN SERVICES OFFICE LOCATIONS

Each office receives applications for Cash, SNAP (Food Stamp) and medical assistance by fax, mail, or in person. The website is www.dhs.state.il.us/

- DHS Center in Cook County-Northern - 8001 Lincoln Avenue, Skokie, IL 60076. Phone: 847-745-3200 V; 847-745-3276 Fax
- DHS Center in Cook County-Kane/Elgin - 700 S. State Street, Elgin, IL 60123. Phone: 847-931-2700 V; 847-931-2727 Fax
- **NEW** - DHS Center in Cook County-North Suburban - 3501 W. Algonquin Road, 4th floor, Rolling Meadows, IL 60008. Phone: 847-483-7171 or 866-266-3802 V; 847-483-7290 Fax

Hours for these offices are: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
Monday through Friday (except State holidays).



CHICAGO CULTURAL ACCESSIBILITY CONSORTIUM

Chicago Cultural Accessibility Consortium (CCAC) offers their calendar showing different accessible events at theaters, museums and outdoor spaces in the Chicago area. It is a great one-stop resource to find out all the cultural events. Accessibility included are: ASL Interpretation, Open Captioning, ASL Led (museum tours), Audio Description (Blind/Low Vision), Touch Tour (Blind/Low Vision) & Sensory Friend/Autism-Friendly events. **Visit www.chicagoculturalaccess.org/calendar**

(Thanks, Rachel Arfa, for this information)



THE DAY OF THREE WISE KINGS

Illinois Deaf Latino Association (IDLA) will host an event, “The Day of Three Wise Kings”, on Saturday, January 14, 2017, 2 to 7 p.m., at St. Francis Borgia Center, 8025 W. Addison, Chicago, IL. There will be crafts/games activities, ASL storytelling, Latin foods, raffle prizes, piñata and gifts for children under 12 years. The admission cost is \$10 (family up to 4 people); \$2 (additional family member). RSVP is a must by January 6, 2017, or for more information, contact via email: idla.response@gmail.com. This event is sponsored by Catholic Office of the Deaf, CHOICES for Parents and Chicago Hearing Society (CHS).



NEW HANDYMAN REPAIR PROGRAM

The Village of Schaumburg offers a new Handyman Repair Program for eligible residents using funds from the Community Development Block Grant (CDBG). This program will assist low-to-moderate-income seniors (age 62 & up) and persons with disabilities with minor household repairs such as window/door repair, installation of ADA accessibility improvements, minor plumbing, and much more. The program is available to Village of Schaumburg residents only. Participants will be required to submit an application verifying their income eligibility. Financial assistance will be provided in the form of a maximum grant of \$500 for each home. For additional information or an application, visit www.villageofschaumburg.com/depts/cd/housing/handyman_program.htm or call Marisa Krawiec at mkrawiec@villageofschaumburg.com Email or 847-923-3851 V.



NEW YEAR'S EVE ROUNDUP PARTY

Swoboda Deaf Center (SDC) invites you to their New Year's Eve Roundup Party. There will be food, drinks, DJ, entertainment, western clothes contest, raffles and prizes.

When: Saturday, December 31, 2016, 6 p.m.
Where: Swoboda Ranch, 7050 W. Belmont Avenue, Chicago, IL
Cost: \$30 per adult; \$25 per senior citizen (age 60 and up)
Deadline to RSVP: December 19th

Mail a check to SDC or pay via PayPal (swobodadeafcenter@gmail.com and use friends & family option). For more information, contact via email: sdcnyc@gmail.com



Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program

SNAP ASSISTANCE

Schaumburg Township can assist with the applying for the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP), formerly known as food stamps. For an appointment or more information, call 847-884-0030 V and ask for either of the department:

1. General Assistance Department
2. Maureen Centeno in Disabled Services Department
3. Sharon DeMarchi-Belter in Senior Services Department



HOLIDAY PARTIES AROUND CHICAGOLAND



- ◆ **Bethel Deaf** will have their *Christmas Drama in ASL - "Mary's Memory Box"* on Saturday, December 10, 2016, 6 p.m., at Bethel Baptist Church, 200 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL. This drama will reveal important lessons from Mary, and other characters. It will be voice interpreted for hearing people. Snacks will be served after the drama. Nursery is available. Free admission - Donations accepted. For more information, contact Mark Coleman: 630-325-3872 VP; 630-550-3959 V/Text; markcoleman@bethelministries.org Email.
- ◆ **Deaf European American Association of Chicago (DEEAC)** will have their *Christmas Banquet* on Sunday, December 11, 2016, 12 p.m., at Cucina Biagio & Suparossa, 7319 W. Lawrence Avenue, Harwood Heights, IL. The cost per member (membership is 6 months or more) is \$10; Kids (3 to 9 years) \$8. For those whose membership is less than 6 months and non-members, the cost is \$35 and \$15 for children. Deadline: November 30th. If interested, mail a check or money order (payable to DEEAC) to Marcin Papciak, 9831 S. Nottingham Avenue, Unit 16, Chicago Ridge, IL 60415. For RSVP, contact Marcin: 708-572-6622 VP or Demir: 773-295-6351 VP/dbekiri5@gmail.com.
- ◆ **Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) Chicago** will have their *Holiday Party* on Sunday, December 11, 2016, 1 to 4 p.m., at Clara's, 6550 Route 53, Woodridge, IL. The family-style menu includes salad, herb-stuffed mushrooms, rigatoni with tomato sauce & meatballs, chicken parmigiana and desserts. The cost is \$27.50 (members); \$30 (non-members). Visit www.aldachicago.org/event-2356502 to register. Deadline: December 7th. For dietary restrictions, contact Dawn Linder: linder.dawn@yahoo.com no later than December 3rd. For more information, contact Michelle Donnelly: grinchy792@comcast.net Email.
- ◆ **St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens** is hosting their *Annual Christmas Party* on Tuesday, December 13, 2016, 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Porretta's Banquet, 3718 N. Central Avenue, Chicago. There will be a family-style Italian luncheon, jackpots, cash prizes, gifts and a cash bar. The cost per person is \$40 & the deadline is December 4th. No refunds! If interested, mail a check (payable to St. Francis Deaf Senior Citizens) to Annette Langston, 1705 N. 21st Street, Melrose Park, IL 60160. For more information, contact Annette: 708-223-2125 VP or langstonannette@gmail.com Email.
- ◆ **Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)** will host their *Holiday Luncheon* on Sunday, December 18, 2016, 12 to 4 p.m., at Manzo's Banquet, 1571 S. Elmhurst Road, Des Plaines, IL. There will be a family style lunch and a cash bar. The cost is \$25 per person. Deadline: December 10th. If interested, send your money (payable to CDS) to CDS, 407 W. Clarendon Street, Prospect Heights, IL 60070. For more information, contact Ellen Cooke: ecqqke@aol.com Email.



PICTURES FROM THANKSGIVING CELEBRATION





GENERAL WINTER SAFETY - Winter is here. Here are some helpful winter safety tips:

- ◆ Dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered clothes and wear hat, mittens and boots if you go outside. Cover your mouth with a scarf to protect your lungs.
- ◆ Seal drafts from doors and windows. Close off unused rooms. Keep heat sources at least 3 feet away from furniture and drapes. Never place a space heater on top of furniture or near water.
- ◆ Drink warm liquids - no caffeine or alcohol. Alcoholic drinks cause your body to lose heat faster.
- ◆ Pay attention to any travel warnings & avoid icy roads. Stay indoors and drive only if it is necessary. Walk slowly on snowy and icy walkways.
- ◆ Let someone know where you are going and when you expect to arrive.
- ◆ Be sure to have emergency supplies (water, canned/no-cook food, non-electric can opener, first-aid kit, flashlight/extra batteries, medicines, shovel, cell phone, road maps, emergency flares, extra clothes/blanket, etc.) in your car and home.
- ◆ Watch for signs of hypothermia (uncontrolled shivering, slow speech, memory loss, stumbling, sleepiness & extreme tiredness).
- ◆ Keep the gas tank full that will keep the fuel line from freezing.



SHOVELING SNOW SAFETY - Nationwide, shoveling snow is hard work and is responsible for many injuries and deaths each year. Here are some helpful safety tips:

- ◆ Do not shovel after eating or while smoking. Stay hydrated
- ◆ Use a lighter-weight plastic shovel instead of a metal one
- ◆ Take it slow and stretch out before you begin
- ◆ Shovel only fresh, powdery snow; it is lighter
- ◆ Push snow rather than lift it. If you do lift it, use a small shovel or partially fill the shovel
- ◆ When lifting snow, bend at the knees with a straight back and then lift with your legs, not your back
- ◆ Do not work to the point of exhaustion. Avoid strain
- ◆ Take frequent breaks when the snow is wet or the weather is very cold and windy
- ◆ Wear layers of loose clothing specially in cold weather. Wear good boots
- ◆ Do not pick up the shovel without a doctor's permission if you have a history of heart disease
- ◆ If you feel tightness in the chest or dizziness, stop immediately.



FREE WOODFIELD TROLLEY

Schaumburg's Woodfield Trolley provides the public with easy & fun access to all of Greater Woodfield's shopping and entertainment destinations. Park once and take the trolley the rest of the day to any one of its 9 locations. During the special holiday service before the new year, the trolley will run:

- ◆ Monday - Friday: 12 to 9 p.m. - every 30 minutes
- ◆ Saturday: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. - every 15 - 20 minutes
- ◆ Sunday: 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. - every 30 minutes

There is no service on Christmas Day. For more information, call 847-923-3880/847-923-3861 V or check www.villageofschaumburg.com



SEASONAL LIGHTS RECYCLING

Do you have strands of seasonal lights that may not be working or are no longer wanted? Don't throw them in the garbage. Elgin Recycling collects materials, then separates and processes them, so that the metal, glass and plastic from cords can be made into new products. To find a location, visit www.elginrecycling.com or www.swancc.org



DECEMBER 2016



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 * ASL Interpret- ed Show	 ** Open Captioned	SCH TWP - Schaumburg Township SDC - Swoboda Deaf Center		1	2	3 IAD Board Meet- ing at Life CIL, Bloomington, IL; 9am to 4pm; lunch will be provided
4	5	6	7 CBS/HAD Senior gathering at Congregation Bene Shalom, Skokie; 10am to 4:30pm (nbalk 72@gmail.com)	8 * "Beauty & the Beast" at Muse- um of Contem- porary Art, Chicago; 7:30 pm (312-397- 4010 V)	9 WCRAD Coffee Chat Social at Starbucks, 4753 N. Broadway Chicago; 6 to 9pm	10 Bethel Baptist Church hosts A Christmas Drama in ASL at BBC, 200 N. Roselle Road, Schaum- burg; 6pm
11 ** "A Christmas Carol" at Good- man Theatre, Chicago; 2pm (312-443-3800 V)	12	13 DSSP Meeting at CHS Build- ing, 2001 N. Clybourn, Chicago; 9am to Noon	14 Deaf Social/ Support Group - International Holiday Cele- bration" at SCH TWP; 11:30am RSVP: 224-520- 9763 VP	15 * "The Little Mermaid" at Paramount Theatre, Aurora; 7pm (630-896-7676 V)	16 ** "Give It All Back" at Victory Gardens Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm	17 * "The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night Time" at Oriental Thea- tre, Chicago; 2pm (312-977-1700 #5 V)
18 CDS' Holiday Luncheon at Manzo's Ban- quet, Des Plaines; 12 to 4pm; \$25 before December 10th	19	20	21 Winter Begins! SCH TWP Board Meeting at SCH TWP, Hoffman Estates, IL; 7pm	22	23	24 Hanukkah Begins at Sundown!
25 Merry Christ- mas!	26 Kwanzaa Begins! SCH TWP CLOSED (Christmas Holi- day)	27	28	29 ** "King Charles III" at Chicago Shake- speare Theatre, Chicago; 1pm (312-595-5600 V)	30 ** "King Charles III" at Chicago Shakespeare Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-595- 5600 V)	31 New Year's Eve! SDC's NYE Roundup Party at SDC, 7050 W. Belmont Ave, Chicago; 6pm



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Disabled Services

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John R. Lawson, C.I.A.O.—Assessor

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



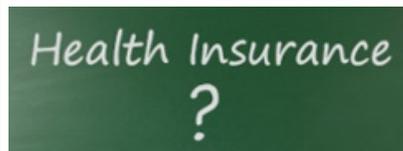
ITAC PROGRAM

Our ITAC Selection Center is available for Amplified phone, CapTel phone, and TTY viewing or testing.

ITAC's program distributes FREE phones, CapTel (captioned phone) and TTYs to any Illinois resident with a certified hearing loss, and local residential phone service.

For more information, please call 847-884-0030 ext. 2025 V or 224-520-9763 VP.

Visit www.itactty.org



SHIP PROGRAM

The Senior Health Insurance Program (SHIP) offers free individual counseling services at local sites throughout Illinois. There are trained volunteers who can assist with various Medicare issues. There are several SHIP counselors at Schaumburg Township who can assist you in any way. Sarita Phadke is one of the SHIP counselors. For an appointment, call 847-884-0030 V; 224-520-9763 VP

SHIP is not affiliated with any insurance company. SHIP counselors do not sell or solicit any type of insurance.



Have a Wonderful and Safe Holiday!

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RSVP by December 8th
 - ◆ **Wednesday, December 21 - Winter Begins!**
 - ◆ **Wednesday, December 21 - SCH TWP Board meeting, 7 p.m.**
 - ◆ **Sunday, December 25 - Merry Christmas!**
 - ◆ **Monday, December 26 - Kwanzaa Begins!**
 - ◆ **Monday, December 26 - SCH TWP CLOSED** (Christmas Holidays)
 - ◆ **Saturday, December 31 - New Year's Eve**

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