



# DEAF LINE

DECEMBER 2019



Deaf Social/Support Group

**HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**



**December 10, 2019**

(2nd Tuesday)

**10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.**

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

- \*\* Wear Festive Holiday Clothes!
- \*\* Fun Games
- \*\* Door Prizes
- \*\* White Elephant Gift Exchange (Bring something clean to exchange)

**FOOD** - We will order pizzas from Lou Malnati's - Thin crust pizzas (cheese, spinach and sausage) and salad.

Cost: \$7 (cheese pizza + salad)

\$8 (spinach or sausage + salad)

**\*\*Please bring some homemade cookies to share with others at your table.**

Please RSVP and mail a check (payable to Schaumburg Township) to Sarita Phadke, Schaumburg Township Deaf Services, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169. You may bring money to the office anytime before the deadline.

**Deadline: December 5, 2019**

Please let Sarita know your choice of pizza (cheese, sausage or spinach): sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org or 224-520-9763 VP.



# Deaf Social/ Support Group 2020

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

Come and join us for fun  
and socialization!

## Dates *(subject to change)*

January 15th (3rd Wednesday)

February 18th (away)

March 25th (4th Wednesday)

April 21st

May 19th

June 16th

July 21st

August 18th

September 15th

October 20th

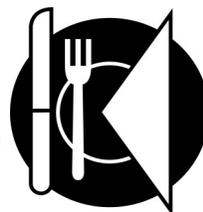
November 10th (2nd Tuesday)

December 8th or 15th (tentative)

**Time:** 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

**Where:** Schaumburg Township, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL

Please **RSVP:** 224-520-9763 VP or [sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)



Field Trip!

## FRIENDLY REMINDER

### **MEDICARE PART C/D ENROLLMENT:**

The deadline to enroll is December 7, 2019. This is a good time to review, change, join, or cancel your Part C (Advantage) or Part D plans (Prescription Drugs). Any changes to your Part D plan will be in effect January 1, 2020. If you are happy with your current plan, you do not have to do anything.

\*\* New this year, you will have to create an online account with [mymedicare.gov](http://mymedicare.gov) for personalized options. We can assist you if needed.

**BENEFITS ACCESS PROGRAM (formerly Circuit Breaker):** It is not too late to apply for this program (Seniors & Persons with Disabilities Ride Free, Free Transits and License Plate Discount). If you already applied last year (2018), you do not need to re-apply. Just wait until next year (2020). If you applied in 2017 or have not applied before, you would need to apply anytime before December 31, 2019. If you are not sure, please call our office (224-520-9763 VP) and we can check for you. Also, 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](mailto:sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org)



**Schaumburg Township**

**Supervisor Timothy M. Heneghan  
and the Township Officials**

wish you

*Happy Holidays!*



### **DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP Valentine's Day Celebration**

SAVE THE DATE:

**Tuesday, February 18, 2020**

at Venuti's Italian Restaurant in Addison, IL

Stay tuned for flyer in the next Deaf  
Line newsletter & via email.

### **FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES AND CELL PHONE AMPLIFIERS**

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified phones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Our Township is a Selection Center to test the phones. There are five phones to choose from and every three years you are eligible for another free phone.

For more information or an appointment to test the phones and/or cell phone amplifiers, contact the Disability Services at 847-884-0030 V or 224-520-9763 VP.



## WINTER SAFETY TIPS

Winter is here. Here are some helpful winter safety tips:

- Dress warmly in loose-fitting, layered clothes and wear a 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 to avoid freezing the fuel line.
- Shoveling snow can cause several health concerns, from muscle strains to heart attack Use an ergonomic shovel, warm up, keep up with the snow as it falls, push snow instead of throwing it, take breaks, keep hydrated, and use legs if you must lift.
- When you walk on ice and snow, be a “penguin”
  - \* Wear footwear with slip-resistant soles
  - \* Keep your arms out and hands free, Walk short steps and at a slower pace. Don't jump or slide.
  - \* Walk on designated paths – no shortcuts.
  - \* Watch where you are stepping.



### ASL GALLERY TALK

The Art Institute of Chicago is hosting a Gallery Talk and Kate Skarda Lewandowski will lead an interactive tour of works in the collection presented in American Sign Language (ASL). This public program is offered primarily for the Deaf community, but is open to all visitors. This event will be held on Wednesday, December 18, 2019, 6 to 7 p.m., at the Art Institute, 111 S. Michigan Avenue, Chicago. Meet in Griffin Court. Free admission for Illinois residents after 5 p.m. For more information, contact via email: [access@artic.edu](mailto:access@artic.edu)

## HOLIDAY EVENTS

- ◆ **The McLakes Chapter of IAD** presents *ASL Holiday Party* on Saturday, December 7, 2019, 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m., at Algonquin Township office, 3702 U.S. Highway 14, Cary, IL. There will be children's stories retold in ASL and a themed craft activity. No registration is required. Voice interpreters will be provided. This event is free and open to the public.
- ◆ **Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD)** will host an *ASL Holiday Storytime* on Saturday, December 14, 2019, 1 to 3 p.m., at Barnes & Noble, 590 E. Golf Road, Schaumburg, IL. This event features a signing Santa and his elves with special craft activities and holiday stories from around the world! It is a great opportunity for Deaf and Hard of Hearing to be told Holiday stories in their language, ASL! It is free and open to the public.
- ◆ **Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS)** will host their *Holiday Luncheon* on Sunday, December 15, 2019, 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. In addition, there will be an entertainment by a well-known performer, Christopher Smith: "Lena & Me" - A Black Deaf Queer with Multiple Sclerosis Show. The cost is \$30 per person. Deadline: December 11th (no refunds). 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.
- ◆ **Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) Chicago** will host their festive *Holiday Party* on Sunday, December 15, 2019, 1 - 4 p.m., at Clara's Italian Restaurant, 6650 Route 53, Woodridge, IL. There will be family style lunch. The cost is \$30 (member); \$32 (non-member). In addition, there will be a \$10 White Elephant grab bag for those who wish to participate (store-bought item or something interesting from home). RSVP at [www.aldachicago.org](http://www.aldachicago.org) by December 9th. For dietary restrictions, contact Michelle: [grinchy792@comcast.net](mailto:grinchy792@comcast.net) by December 3rd. For other questions, contact Donna: [cutenclever2@att.net](mailto:cutenclever2@att.net).
- ◆ **Deaf Night Out (DNO)** will host their *Happy New Year's Eve Party* on Tuesday, December 31, 2019, 9 p.m. - 2 a.m., at Pasteur, 5525 N. Broadway Street, Chicago, IL. The cost per adult (21+) is \$65 before December 20th and \$75 at door. It includes unlimited appetizers until 1:30 a.m., champagne at midnight, photo booth (9pm to midnight), Deaf DJ, ASL interpreter signing to songs all night, Deaf bartender and much more. If interested, send the money via cash app: \$DNOINCHICAGO. For more information, contact Bridget Lemus: [dnoinchicago@yahoo.com](mailto:dnoinchicago@yahoo.com) or visit the DNO page on Facebook.



### 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 10 locations. During the special holiday service before the new year, the trolley will run:

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

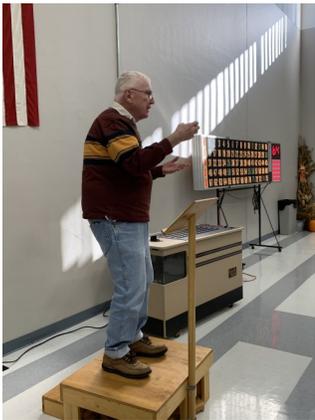
There is no service on Christmas Day. For more information, call 847-923-3880 or check [www.villageofschaumburg.com](http://www.villageofschaumburg.com)



### NEW SOCIAL GATHERING

There is a new social gathering group - Chicago Deaf Rainbow Alliance organized by Jarom Matheson and Krystal Cartgena. For more information about the group and meeting dates, email: [ChicagoDeafrainbowALL@gmail.com](mailto:ChicagoDeafrainbowALL@gmail.com)

# THANKSGIVING PICTURES



Thanksgiving feast was delicious!  
Everyone enjoyed the food, fun  
games and togetherness!

# PICTURES FROM ITALIAN COOKING CLASS



# DECEMBER 2019



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4 CBS/HAD Senior gathering at CBS, Skokie; 10:30am to 3pm	5 DSSP meeting in Chicago, 9am to noon  RSVP/payment due for Deaf Social/Support Group Meeting	6	7 Last day of Medi- care Enrollment!  McLakes's Holi- day Party at Algonquin Town- ship, Crystal Lakes; 10am
8 ** "A Christ- mas Carol" at Goodman Thea- tre, Chicago; 7pm (312-443- 3800)	9	10 Deaf Social/ Support Group - at SCH TWP; 10:30am to 3pm (RSVP: 224-520- 9763) - See front page for details	11 Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens at Croatian Cultural Club, Joliet; 9am to 4pm	12 Rockford Senior Citizens' Holiday Party at Hoffman House, in Rockford; 11am	13 * "Romeo & Juliet" at Shake- speare Theatre, Navy Pier, Chi- cago; 7:30pm (312-595-5600)	14 IAD's ASL Story time at Barnes & Noble, Schaum- burg; 1 to 3 p.m.; Free and open to the public
15 CDS's Holiday Party at Manzo Banquet in Des Plaines; 12pm (Deadline: December 11th)	16	17 ** "Jumanji: The Next Level" at AMC Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 7pm	18 SCH TWP Board Meeting at SCH TWP, Hoffman Estates, 7pm	19	20	21 Winter Begins!  ** "Star Wars: The Rise of Sky- walker" at AMC Streets of Wood- field, Schaumburg; 10:30am
22 Hanukkah begins at sun- down  * "Hamilton" at CIBC Theatre, Chicago; 2pm (312-977-1710 #5)	23	24 SCH TWP CLOSED at Noon (Christmas Holi- day)	25 SCH TWP CLOSED  Merry Christ- mas!	26 Happy Kwanzaa!	27 * "Beauty and the Beast" at Paramount Theater in Aurora; 8pm; \$30 per person (630-723-2489)	28 ** "Star Wars: The Rise of Sky- walker" (rerun) at AMC Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 10:30am
29	30	31 SCH TWP CLOSED at Noon & also on January 1, 2020 (New Year Holi- day);			  * ASL Interpret- ed Show	  ** Open Captioned Show



## OPEN CAPTION MOVIES

Open Caption movies will be shown every Saturday at AMC Streets of Woodfield (601 N. Martingale Road Schaumburg, IL).

The movies for December 2019 are:

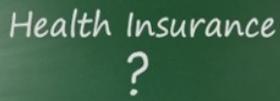
- ◆ December 7th at 10:30 a.m. - **Frozen 2** (re-run)
- ◆ December 14th at 10:30 a.m. – **Jumanji: The Next Level**
- ◆ December 17th at 7 p.m. - **Jumanji: The Next Level**
- ◆ December 21st at 10:30 a.m. - **Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker**
- ◆ December 28th at 10:30 a.m. (re-run) - **Star Wars: The Rise of Skywalker**

(Thanks, Fernando Ochoa, for this information)



Schaumburg Township will be closed on the following dates, in observance of Christmas & New Year holidays:

- \* December 24th at noon
- \* December 25th
- \* December 31st at noon
- \* January 1st, 2020



## 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; 224-520-9763 VP.

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## Township Officials

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**Diane Dunham**—Trustee

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**Charlotte Kegarise**—Trustee

**W. Robert Vinnedge**—Clerk

**John R. Lawson, C.I.A.O.**—Assessor

**Scott M. Kegarise**—Highway Commissioner

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AND SAFE  
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- Wednesday, December 18 - **SCH TWP Board meeting**, 7 p.m.
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- Tuesday, December 31 - **SCH TWP CLOSED** at noon
- Wednesday, January 1, 2020 - **SCH TWP CLOSED** (New Year Holiday)