



DEAF LINE

FEBRUARY 2020

**DEAF SOCIAL/SUPPORT GROUP
HOSTS:**

Valentine's Day

Tuesday, February 18, 2020
11:15 a.m. - 2 p.m.

Venuti's Italian Restaurant

2251 W. Lake Street, Addison, IL

\$25 per person

Italian buffet - over 25 food items &
desserts, beverages & tips

- ◆ Pay during January's Deaf Social/Support Group
- ◆ Pay to Sarita at her office
- ◆ Mail a check (payable to Schaumburg Township) to: Sarita Phadke, Schaumburg Township Deaf Services, One Illinois Blvd., Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

***Deadline: February 10, 2020
No Refunds after February 10th***

For questions, contact Sarita:

- ◆ 224-520-9763 VP
- ◆ sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org



Join us for fun!



BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

Good news! Starting on January 1, 2020, the Illinois Department of Aging announced the new annual income limits, making it possible for more individuals to qualify for the Secretary of State License Plate Sticker Discount, Senior Ride Free Transit Ride, and Persons with Disabilities Free Transit Ride.

Household	Old Income	New Income
1 Person	\$27,610	\$33,562
2 Persons	\$36,635	\$44,533
3+ Persons	\$45,657	\$55,500

It is not too late to apply for Benefit Access Program (formerly Circuit Breaker). If you already applied last year (2019), you do not need to re-apply. Just wait until next year (2021). If you applied in 2018 or have not applied before, you would need to apply anytime before December 31, 2020. If you are not sure, please contact Sarita at 224-520-9763 VP and we can check for you and can even assist you in filing your applications.

Good News

NEW DIRECT DIAL NUMBER

Our Senior Services and Disability Services have a new direct dial which makes it easier to reach these offices directly - **847-285-4541** Voice. You can also use the other number (847-884-0030).



EXPANDING SOCIAL SECURITY OFFICE HOURS

The Social Security offices will remain open until 4 p.m. on Wednesdays instead of noon. The typical field office will have hours from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information or to schedule an appointment, please call 800-772-1213 V.

2020 MEDICARE INFORMATION

Here are the new Medicare Amounts for 2020:

- Medicare Part A Deductible (inpatient hospital) - \$1,408
- Medicare Part B Monthly Premium - \$144.60
- Medicare Part B Annual Deductible - \$198

2020 SOCIAL SECURITY CHANGES

- * **Supplemental Security Income (SSI)** - \$783
- * **Substantial Gainful Activity (SGA)** - \$1260 (non-blind); \$2,110 (blind)
- * **SSI Student Exemption** - \$1,900 (monthly limit); \$7,670 (annual limit)

Based on COLA (cost-of-living adjustment), Social Security (SS) and Supplemental Security Income (SSI) beneficiaries will receive a 1.6% COLA increase for 2020.

For details, visit www.socialsecurity.gov

NOT TOO LATE

The Low Income Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) - Provides financial assistance to help those with limited income pay their utility bills (electricity & gas). Funding is still available to apply. For eligibility requirements or to make an appointment, please call: 224-520-9763 VP or 847-285-4541 V.



SNAP'S NEW INCOME GUIDELINES

Below is the new income limits for the SNAP program

(formerly Food Stamp) for households with a person over the age of 60 or with a disability:

Gross Monthly Income Guidelines:

- 1 person household - \$2,082
- 2 person household - \$2,818
- 3 person household - \$3,555

Township staff can assist filing SNAP application for you. Call 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.



CUB UTILITY BILL CLINIC

Schaumburg Township will host Citizens Utility Board (CUB) Utility Bill Clinic on Wednesday, March 11, 2020, 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. CUB representatives will review

your utility bills and assist people on how to save money on utilities. Bring your utilities bills. Please call 847-285-4541 or 224-520-9763 VP for further information or if you need an interpreter.

STAY WARM AT TOWNSHIP



Schaumburg Township is a designated Warming Center for those in need.
Hours: Monday - Thursday: 8:30 a.m. to 9 p.m.
 Friday: 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
 For more information, call 847-884-0030 Voice.

RTA Group Transit Orientation Presentation

Save the date for RTA Group Transit Orientation Presentation: April 8, 2020, 10 a.m. to 11 a.m., at Schaumburg Township.



Linda Chamberlain (RTA) and Richard Bascomb (Schaumburg DOT) will cover the following:



Local public transportation options, accessibility features on CTA, Pace, and Metra, planning an accessible trip, paying fare, Ventra cards, reduced fare and ride free programs, travel safety tips, and free travel training program. There will be an Q&A session. A sign language interpreter will be provided upon three weeks' notice.

Contact the Disability Services: 847-285-4541 for more information.

CONDOLENCES



It is sad to inform that Helen Smith passed away on January 13, 2020, at the age of 84. Helen had been attending our Deaf Social/Support Group several times in the past. She always smiled and will be missed by many.

FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE



CHS offers free Income Tax Filing Assistance for the Deaf, Hard of Hearing and DeafBlind individuals

with low incomes.

Michelle Mendiola from CHS will be on site at Schaumburg Township on Thursday, March 19, 2020, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m. Virtual taxes (walk-in/drop off) will be done at the Township.

Contact Michelle for an appointment and what paperwork to bring: mmendiola@anixter.org or 773-904-0155 VP.



REAL ID INFO

Beginning October 1, 2020, the federal government will require your driver license or ID card (DL/ID) to be REAL ID compliant for use as

identification to board a domestic flight or to enter a military base or a secure federal facility. Not everyone needs a REAL ID card. You can decide whether you need a REAL ID or standard DL/ID.

Need a Real ID if:

- You do not have a valid U.S. passport or passport card; AND
- You use airplanes as a mode of domestic transportation; or
- You visit military bases or secure federal facilities.

You Do Not Need a Real ID if:

- You have a valid U.S. passport or passport card, or
- You do not travel in airplane in U.S.; or
- You do not visit military bases; or secure federal facilities.

You have time before Real ID goes into effect on October 1, 2020. Fees for a Real ID are the same as a standard DL/ID.

For more information or a complete list of acceptable documents to bring, call 833-503-4074 or visit www.realid.ilsos.gov

HOURS/EXCLUSIVE DAYS ADDED FOR REAL ID APPLICATIONS

Some driver services facilities throughout Chicago area and northern Illinois have added exclusive days for REAL ID applicants to accommodate the increased volume.

The new hours until December 31, 2020 are: Tuesday through Friday, 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Saturday 7:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The suburban facilities are: Aurora, Plano, Elgin, Elk Grove Village, Schaumburg, Joliet, South Holland, Lake Zurich, Bridgeview, Lombard, Waukegan, West Chicago, Chicago Heights, Deerfield, Woodstock, Midlothian, Des Plaines and Naperville.

The Chicago Central (JRTC) facility will be open Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.



2020 DEAFNATION EXPO SCHEDULE

DeafNation announces an exciting lineup of Expos for 2020. Below is a list of the Expos in 2020:

- March 28th: Fort Worth, Texas
- April 4th: Atlanta, Georgia
- April 25th: Kansas City, Missouri
- May 1st & 2nd: Washington, D.C.
- September 17th & 18th: Rochester, New York
- October 17th: Portland, Oregon

Check www.deafnation.com for details.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR VOLLEYBALL TOURNAMENT

Harper College Deaf Institute will host 16th Annual Co-Ed Deaf Volleyball Tournament for High School Teams on Saturday, April 4, 2020, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., at Bethel Baptist Church, 200 N. Roselle Road, Schaumburg, IL. They are looking for volunteers for different positions: Concessions (selling food and drinks); scorekeeping all day; door patrol.

If interested to help out, contact Debby Sampson before March 11th: deafevents@harpercollege.edu. If you choose concessions or door patrol, please let Debby know which shift (morning or afternoon). It is a first come, first serve basis until the slots are filled. For more information about the tournament, visit www.harperevents.com



ALDA CHICAGO GOES FUN BOWLING

Association of Late Deafened Adults (ALDA) will host fun bowling on Sunday, February 16, 2020, 1:30 to 4:30 p.m., at Suburbanite Bowl, 201 N. Ogden Avenue in Westmont. The cost per person is \$12 (unlimited bowl) & \$4 (shoes) - Pay at bowling alley. Come & socialize if you do not want to bowl. After that, eat out at Zazzo's Pizza & Bar (200 W. Ogden Avenue, Westmont). Please RSVP by February 14th - visit www.aldachicago.org. For more information, contact Donna: cutenclever2@att.net

UPCOMING Events

2020/2021 NATIONAL CONFERENCES/ EVENTS

June 25 - 28, 2020: National Deaf People of Color Conference - "Breaking Walls: Exploration & Navigation of the Empowering the Self" in Boston, MA. Topics, activities, and workshops offered will be beneficial to all different kinds of Deaf People of Color. Check www.deafwomenofcolor.org

June 30 - July 5, 2020: National Association of the Deaf (NAD) 55th Biennial Conference will be held at Sheraton Grand in Chicago, IL. Check www.nad.org

July 9 - 12, 2020: Oiol Festival will be held at Gallaudet University in Washington, D.C. There will be workshops, art gallery, exhibit booths, international performance, film screenings & awards, camps for children, etc. For details, visit www.oiofestival.org

July 12 - 16, 2020: DeafNation World Expo at Bally's Hotel & Conference, Las Vegas, NV. There will be exhibition booths, kick-off ceremony, events, Deaf Night Live and much more. Free admission, but registration is required. To register online or for more information, visit www.deafnation.com

June 24 - 27, 2021: Deaf Women of Color Conference will be held in Key West, FLA. Information is unavailable, but check back frequently: www.deafwomenofcolor.org

July 14 - 18, 2021 - Deaf Women United Conference, "Soar with the Wind", will be held at Embassy Suites, Chicago, IL. Visit for information: www.deafwomenofchicago.org or to register - www.dwu.org

August 28 - Sept. 2, 2021: Deaf Seniors of America (DSA) Conference will be held in Pittsburgh, PA. Registration is open. For more information or registration, check online: www.dsa2021pittsburg.org



SUPER BOWL ASL PERFORMER

Christine Sun Kim, internationally renowned performer and artist, will perform the National Anthem and America The Beautiful in ASL as part of Super Bowl LIV pregame festivals at Hard Rock Stadium in Miami on Sunday, February 2, 2020.

Born in California and now based in Berlin, Christine Sun Kim uses performance, video, drawing, writing and technology to reflect on her experiences as part of the Deaf community and to comment on the social and political operations of sound. For details about Christine, visit www.nad.org/2020/01/16/christine-sun-kim-at-super-bowl-liv/

UPCOMING EVENTS/MEETINGS

- WSAD will host their 26th Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic Tournament on Saturday, February 1, 2020, at Poplar Creek Bowl, 2354 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates, IL. There will be a night-out event for both bowlers and fans at the same location at 7 p.m. The cost for fans all day is \$7, but after 7 p.m., it is \$5. For questions, contact Michael Mangialardo: italymm1@gmail.com or check www.wsad1981.org
- Support a “Buona” cause for Deaf Women of Chicago (DWC) on Saturday, February 1, 2020, 10:30 a.m. to 10 p.m., at Buona, 2352 W. Higgins Road, Hoffman Estates. 20% of all sales will benefit DWC. This fundraising event coincides with the WSAD Bowling event. Both are on the same street.
- The McLakes will host their general meeting on Saturday, February 22, 2020, 1 to 5 p.m., at Fremont Public Library, 1170 N. Midlothian Road, Mundelein. Come & find out what the plans in 2020 will be. Also, You can share your ideas and feedback.
- Deaf Women of Chicago will host “Sip and Paint” Party on Sunday, February 23, 2020, 1 to 4 p.m., at Swoboda Deaf Center, 7050 W. Belmont, Chicago. The cost per person is \$30 (CashApp to \$deafwomen-chicago). No payment at the door. All proceeds go to DWU Conference Chicago 2021. For more information, check www.deafwomenchicago.com
- Illinois Teachers of the Deaf & Hard of Hearing (ITDHH) will host their 56th Annual Conference - “Vision for the Future” on March 5 - 7, 2020, in Springfield, IL. For information or to register, visit www.itdhh.org

COMEDY SHOWS



Deaf Women of Chicago (DWC) will host a comedy show - “Deafies in Drag” - a popular show, featuring two comedians, Selena Minogue and Casavina (Latinx drag queens). There will be two shows to choose from:

- Friday, March 20, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m., at Center on Halsted, 3656 N. Halsted Street, Chicago, IL. 60613. Refreshments will be provided. There will be a cash bar. Admission: \$25 per person. Tickets: deafiesindrag-showchicago.eventbrite.com
- Saturday, March 21, 2020, 7 to 9 p.m., at Harper College, J Theatre, 1200 W. Algonquin Road, Palatine, IL. Refreshments and non-alcoholic beverages will be provided. Admission: \$25 (general); \$20 (Harper student). Tickets: Harppgercollege.edu/boxoffice. Proceeds will go to Deaf Women United Chicago Conference 2021.

For more information, contact Marlene De Jesus-Veach: DWChiSponsor@gmail.com

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.



FEBRUARY 2020



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
 * ASL Interpreted Show	 ** Open Captioned Show					1 WSAD's Individual Handicap Deaf Bowling Classic at Poplar Creek Bowl, Hoffman Estates, IL
2 Groundhog Day Super Bowl LIV (watch for Deaf performer signing)	3	4	5 CBS Deaf Senior Citizens at Congregation Bene Shalom, Skokie; 10:30am to 3:30pm	6 All Angels at Church of Our Savior in Elmhurst; 10am to 3pm	7 * "Brooklyn Bridge" at The Theatre School at DePaul University, Chicago; 10am (312-922-1999)	8 ** "Bird the Prey" at AMC Theatre, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 10:30am
9	10 Deadline to pay for Valentine's Luncheon (Info: see the front page)	11	12 Joliet Deaf Senior Citizens at Croatian Cultural Club, Joliet; 9am to 4pm	13 Rockford Senior Citizens' at CSH in Rockford; 9am	14 Valentine's Day	15 ** "Sonic the Hedgehog" at AMC Theatre, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 10:30am
16 Whole Heart Sunday & games at BBC, Schaumburg; 9:30am to 3pm; \$8 per adult Info: 630-352-3872 VP	17 SCH TWP CLOSED (Presidents' Day Holiday) SDC Game Day at SDC, Chicago; 9:30am - 3:30pm	18 NO Deaf Social/Support Group - at SCH TWP (Valentine's Luncheon at Venuti's)	19 * "Roe" at Goodman Theatre, Chicago; 7:30pm (312-443-3800)	20	21	22 ** "The Call of the Wind" at AMC Theatre, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 10:30am
23 DWC hosts "Sip & Paint" Party at SDC, Chicago; 1 - 4pm; \$30 per person	24	25	26 SCH TWP Board Meeting at SCH TWP, Hoffman Estates, 7pm	27 St. Francis Bor-dia Deaf Seniors at Stokes Hall, Chicago; 9am to 2pm	28	29 Leap Year! ** "The Invisible Man" at AMC Theatre, Streets of Woodfield, Schaumburg; 10:30am



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 February 2020 are:

- ◆ February 1st: TBA
- ◆ February 8th at 10:30 a.m. - **Bird the Prey**
- ◆ February 15th at 10:30 a.m. - **Sonic the Hedgehog**
- ◆ February 22nd at 10:30 a.m. - **The Call of the Wind**
- ◆ February 29th at 10:30 a.m. - **The Invisible Man**

FYI: AMC stopped showing any OC movies on Tuesday nights.

(Thanks, Fernando Ochoa, for this information)

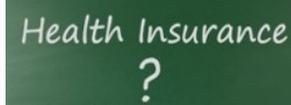
FUN FACTS: LEAP YEAR

This year is Leap Year - Feb. 29th (366 days instead of 365). It usually happens every four years.



Below are some fun facts:

- The first Leap Year was established in 46 BC by Julius Caesar, the Roman dictator.
- About 5 million people in the world are leap year babies.
- There will be 8 years between leap years 2096 and 2104!
- Women often choose this day to propose marriage to men. In Greece, marriage in a leap year is considered unlucky!
- In the U.S., leap year coincides with presidential election years.



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.

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



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Schaumburg Township will be closed on Monday, February 17, 2020, due to Presidents' Day



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RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

FEBRUARY 2020

- Sunday, February 2 - **Groundhog Day**
- Monday, February 10 - **RSVP/Payment Due for Valentine's Day Luncheon**
- Friday, February 14 - **Valentine's Day**
- Monday, February 17 - **SCH TWP CLOSED** (Presidents' Day Holiday)
- Tuesday, February 18 - **Deaf Social/Support Group - Valentine's Day Lunch at Venuti's**
- Wednesday, February 26 - **SCH TWP Board Meeting** at SCH TWP, 7 p.m.
- Saturday, February 29 - **Leap Year!**

