



# DEAF LINE

JUNE 2020

**B I N G O**

## VIRTUAL GAMES

Choose: Tuesdays or Thursdays  
At 1 p.m.

**Few spots are available!**

Interested?? Or for questions??  
Contact Sarita Phadke:

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224-520-9763 VP



# Video Phone Chat

**WITH THE DEAF  
SERVICES SOCIAL &  
SUPPORT GROUP!**

*Every Monday at 1pm &  
Wednesday at 2pm*

We will have discussion, trivia and games!  
RSVP to Sarita Phadke at 224.520.9763 VP or  
sphadke@schaumburgtownship.org for  
instructions on how to join!





## **ABILITIES EXPO**

Due to the COVID-19 safety and well-being of attendees, exhibitors, staff and hotel personnel, Chicago Abilities Expo has been postponed to next year. The new date will be June 25 - 27, 2021. For more information about the expo, visit [www.abilities.com](http://www.abilities.com)



There will be Abilities Virtual experience where you will be able to gain access to disability

resources from the comfort of your home! You will be able to visit exhibit “booths” and learn what technologies are offered. In addition, you will be able to access on-demand workshops.

This virtual expo will be held on June 19-21, 2020 and is available 24 hours each day. If interested, register for free on [www.abilities.com/virtual](http://www.abilities.com/virtual)



Supplemental  
Nutrition  
Assistance  
Program

## **SNAP ONLINE PURCHASES**

As of June 2, 2020, SNAP recipients will be able to purchase food from participating grocery retailers online. All LINK customers will be alerted when they can use card to place grocery order online. Currently, they will be able to purchase groceries with Walmart and Amazon by entering their Personal Identification Number (PIN). If desired, they can continue to purchase groceries the traditional way (at stores). Updates about this program will be available at [www.dhs.illinois.gov/onlinesnap](http://www.dhs.illinois.gov/onlinesnap)



## **DEAF PICNICS CANCELLED**

For the safety reasons, several Deaf picnics for this summer are cancelled due to COVID-19 pandemic. See below for some of them.

- ◆ McHenry County Deaf Club (MCDC) Picnic is cancelled in June and will be held next year.
- ◆ Deaf Picnic in Darien, WI, hosted by Southern Lakes Association of the Deaf (SLAD) and Madison Association of the Deaf (MAD) is cancelled this summer until next year.
- ◆ Chicagoland Deaf Seniors (CDS) will be cancelled in August and will be held next year.

## **IMPORTANT NEWS**



The shelter-at-home from Illinois Governor Pritzker ended and we are now entering the Phase 3. It means that the rate of infection

tested is stable or declining. Face coverings in public and social distancing continue to be required. Gatherings of 10 people or fewer for any reason can resume. As of June 1, 2020, Schaumburg Township is now open.

For more information, contact Sarita: 224-520-9763, Monday - Friday, 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.

FYI: There will be NO Deaf Social/Support Group in June. Instead, we offer two weekly virtual Coffee Chat gatherings and Bingo games both on Videophone. For details, please see the front page and page 2 or contact Sarita.

## **SORENSEN OFFERS NEW ACCESS TO NATIONAL SUICIDE PREVENTION LIFELINE**

Sorenson Communications now offers access to 988 direct-dialing to the National Suicide Prevention Lifeline and interpreting through a Sorenson Relay Interpreter on ntouch devices. This is in response to the FCC order to all telecommunications providers to offer their customers access to Lifeline. It is a 24/7 number for people in emotional distress or a suicidal crisis. All calls are confidential. Visit [www.sorensonvrs.com](http://www.sorensonvrs.com) for further information.

## **NEED SOMEONE TO CALL MEDICARE FOR YOU?**

Would you like for a family member or caregiver to call Medicare for you? Medicare cant give your personal health information to anyone unless they have permission in writing first. There are two ways to give permission:

- ◆ Print and fill out form CMS-10160: “Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information” and then mail to them.
- ◆ Submit the form online with a Medicare account ([www.mymedicare.gov](http://www.mymedicare.gov)). Click on your name in top right corner of the page. Click “My account” and select “Manage my representatives”. Then click “Medicare Authorization to Disclose Personal Health Information form”. Enter the requested information and click “Continue” button.

For questions, call Medicare: 1-800-633-4227.



Great appreciation for the following presenters to entertain the attendees during the Virtual VP Chats:



← **Michele Cunningham** from CHS gave a valuable presentation about COVID-19 scams during the National Crime Victims' Rights week.



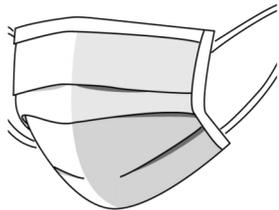
← **Gaetano Adamo** from Sorenson introduced a new feature - "Wavello". It is a VRS with everyone on the call (Deaf, hearing and interpreter) who can be seen!

Below: **Aaron Kubey** from FEMA gave an awesome and informative presentation about FEMA's role in both disasters and COVID-19 pandemic as well as communication access in this pandemic.



← **Haydee Garcia** gave a fun & learning presentation as she narrated about life and culture in Cuba as well as her experience of coming to USA when she was young. In addition, she taught Cuban ABC Fingerspelling.

**Thanks to all attendees for participating in Coffee VP Chats.**



### **COVID-19 CLOTH FACE COVERINGS**

- ◆ Wash your hands before putting on a cloth face covering and after you take it off.
- ◆ Make sure it covers your nose and mouth and fits comfortably around your face.
- ◆ While wearing it in public places, avoid touching it and replace it if it feels damp.
- ◆ When you are done with the cloth face covering, carefully take it off from behind or by the straps and be sure not to touch your eyes, nose and mouth.
- ◆ Cloth face coverings should be regularly washed and can be laundered with other clothes.

(From Illinois Department of Public Health)

### **TIPS TO SURVIVE THE SUMMER HEAT**

- \* Drink plenty of water, but avoid caffeine and alcoholic beverages to prevent dehydration.
- \* Avoid heavy food. Eat light food, fruits, salads, and soups. Eat fresh food that do not require you to use oven or stove to prepare.
- \* Stay indoors and limit exposure to the sun. Limit physical activity or exercising from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. (hottest part of the day).
- \* Use air conditioning. Keep lights low or off and keep blinds closed.
- \* Cool down with cool, wet towels and cool showers. Dress in lightweight, loosely fitting clothing.
- \* Remember to use a good pair of sunglasses to protect eyes from the UV rays.
- \* Never leave children, disabled adults, or pets alone in parked vehicles. Temperatures inside a vehicle can reach 140 to 190° F within 30 minutes.
- \* Check on your family, friends, and neighbors who do not have air conditioning and/or live alone.



The background of the entire page is a vibrant, close-up photograph of lemons and their green leaves. The lemons are bright yellow, and the leaves are a deep, healthy green. The lighting is natural, highlighting the texture of the lemon peels and the veins on the leaves.

## DISABILITY SERVICES

# 35<sup>th</sup> Summer Celebration!

Save the date for **July 25th**. Rain, shine or online we will celebrate summer with a free special event for people with disabilities and their families! Due to COVID-19, our event plans will likely change following publication. RSVP at (847)285-4541 and check our website for updated event details!



## **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.

There are five phones to choose from and every three years you are eligible for another free phone. You can view phones or for more information on [www.itactty.org](http://www.itactty.org).

For questions, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541 V or 224-520-9763 VP.



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



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### **GRILLING SAFETY TIPS**



- ◆ Propane and charcoal BBQ grills should only be used outdoors.
- ◆ The grill should be placed well away from the home, deck railings and out from under eaves and overhanging branches.
- ◆ Keep children and pets at least 3 feet away from the grill area. Never leave your grill unattended.
- ◆ Keep your grill clean by removing grease or fat buildup from the grills and in trays below the grill.
- ◆ Always make sure your gas grill lid is open before lighting it.
- ◆ Always check the propane hose for leaks. If you smell gas while cooking, immediately get away from the grill and call the fire department. Do not move the grill.

### *Health Insurance*



### **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.**



*Have a  
Wonderful  
& Safe  
Summer!*

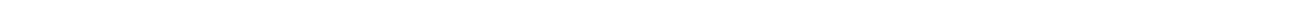
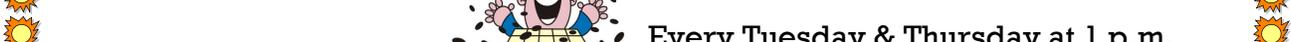


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**JUNE 2020**



- Saturday, June 6 - **D-Day**
- Sunday, June 14 - **Flag Day**
- Tuesday, June 16 - **No Deaf Social/Support Group**
- Saturday, June 20 - **Summer Begins**
- Sunday, June 21 - **Father's Day**

*Be safe and healthy!*



**Virtual VP Coffee Chat**

Every Monday at 1 p.m. & Wednesday at 2 p.m.



**Virtual VP BINGO GAMES**

Every Tuesday & Thursday at 1 p.m.