



DEAF LINE

JULY 2020

IMPORTANT NOTICE

COVID-19 UPDATES: SCHAUMBURG TOWNSHIP OPERATIONS

- We are now entering the Phase 4 Revitalization. It means gatherings of 50 people or fewer are allowed; indoor dining at restaurants, bars, health & fitness centers, museums, zoos and movie theaters reopen; childcare and schools reopen under guidance from the Illinois Department of Public Health; travel resumes; the use of face covering, hand washing, and social distancing continue to be required. (For details, visit www.dceocovid19resources.com)
- The Township is still open - Monday to Friday from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- In-person appointments will be required. However, we continue to help clients remotely as much as possible.
- All services and virtual programs will continue until further notice.
- There will be no Deaf Social/Support Group gatherings for the rest of the year. Instead, we offer two weekly virtual Coffee Chats and Bingo games both on Sorenson Videophone.
- We follow the social distancing standards and we require everyone to wear masks in the building. For those who are medically unable to wear a mask please contact us to assist you.
- If you are not feeling well, showing any COVID-19 symptoms or have had exposure to COVID-19, please stay home and call us to reschedule.
- Hand sanitizer stations are available for you to use.
- The Township is committed to adding extra safety measures such as increased cleaning throughout the building with special attention to frequently touched surfaces.

For further questions, please call the Township at 847-884-0030 or 224-520-9763 VP.
Also, please visit our website: www.schaumburgtownship.org



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!





NEW COMMISSIONER

Rachel Arfa is appointed by Mayor Lightfoot as a new Commissioner of Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities starting July 6th. Rachel is well-known as an advocate for accessibility in the nation's

political and legal systems and cultural spaces. She has been a staff attorney at Equip for Equality (EFE) representing clients with disabilities in employment discrimination and civil rights cases. Also, she made the motion using ASL and spoken language for 10 Deaf and Hard of Hearing attorneys to be admitted to the U.S. Supreme Court bar.

Congratulations, Rachel!



ELECTION INFORMATION

As you may or may not know, the Presidential Election will be held this year on November 3rd.

Vote by Mail - Mail ballot applications will be accepted starting August 5th. Any registered suburban Cook County voter with a driver's license, state ID or social security number on file may request a mail ballot using an online or paper application.

Early Voting - Will take place October 19 - November 2, 2020.

For details, visit www.cookcountyclerk.com. In addition, you will find the link for voters who live outside the suburban cook county.

SATURDAY AUGUST 8TH

COMMUNITY SHRED DAY

9 - 11 AM

Free Paper Shredding Available!

The Township is hosting a free community shred day on August 8th from 9-11am at One Illinois Blvd, Hoffman Estates. Paper shredding is limited to four boxes or bags per vehicle (1 cubic ft. or 15" x 12" x 10"). Boxes must be unsealed and bags must be untied. Paper clips, staples and rubber bands do not need to be removed.

To conduct a contactless shredding, boxes or bags must be located in your vehicle's trunk and residents should remain in their vehicles. Visit our website or contact the Township for more information. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19 this event is subject to change.



Schaumburg Township will be closed on Friday, July 3, 2020 for the Independence Day Holiday!

Have a wonderful and safe holiday!

Thank You!



Thank you, Sorenson, for the Virtual VP Chats!

Also, great appreciation to the following presenters to keep attendees entertained during the COVID-19 pandemic!



Gary Etkie gave a valuable talk about Deaf of Deaf (DOD) and Deaf of Hearing (DOH). In addition, Gary also shared general information about Deaf people, culture and Deaf President Now (DPN). Thank you, **Debbie and Michael Davis**, for taking good pictures!



Bingo players showing off their stuff animals!



Show & Tell was the most popular activity with an unique story each person narrated!



Carmen Aguilar shared her amazing experience moving to USA from Ecuador as well as her hometown Deaf people & education/culture. She demonstrated a brief cooking class of Ecuadorian food.



Rosemary Edwards gave a good presentation about her artwork and photography. The photographs, specially nature, were stunning.

**TOWNSHIP OF SCHAUMBURG
DISABILITY SERVICES**

35th Summer Celebration!

July 25th | 11 am

We are celebrating summer with a FREE virtual event for people with disabilities and their families! Join us for virtual bingo on July 25th - prizes will be mailed to the winners. Goodie baskets will also be delivered to registrants' homes. Log-in information for bingo will be shared at registration. Call us for info on how to connect.

Please register by July 17 at 847-285-4541.

Attendees must allow three weeks' notice for a sign language interpreter. Due to the fluid nature of COVID-19, our event plans may change and will be communicated with registrants. This event is sponsored by the Schaumburg-Hoffman Lions Club and Illinois Telecommunications Access Program (ITAC).



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FARMERS MARKET RETURNS

Schaumburg's 2020 Farmers Market, featuring locally-produced fruits, vegetables, baked goods and more, will run every Friday through October 30, 2020, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m., in the parking lot of

Trickster Art Gallery in Town Square, 190 S. Roselle Road, Schaumburg.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the market will look quite different this season:

- There will be a special time for shoppers over the age of 65 years between 7 & 7:30 a.m.
- Operating as an "In-and-Out" market only. There will be hand sanitizing stations each at entrance and exit. People are asked to sanitize hands before entering and upon leaving the market.
- Face coverings are required at all times.
- No cash transactions. Only debit or credit cards are acceptable.
- There will be no entertainment, music or community programming. No seating will be available.
- Pets and bikes will also not be permitted at the market.

For more information a complete new safety protocols and operating procedures, visit : www.villageofschaumburg.com/our-village/farmers-market or call 847-923-3855.

NEW DOMESTIC VIOLENCE ADVOCATE

CHS has a new Domestic Violence (DV) Advocate, Gabriella Shapiro. She can assist you virtually or in person as needed, including assistance with orders of protection. Gabriella can be reached at 773-904-0143 or gshapiro@anixter.org.

BENEFIT ACCESS PROGRAM

The Benefit Access Program is for discounts on license plate registration fee and RTA ride free transit pass. Applications submitted through July 15th must use 2018 income to file. After July 15th, applications must use 2019 income. If you need assistance or for income eligibility, please contact Sarita: 224-520-9763 VP.



FREE INCOME TAX ASSISTANCE

As Tax season is getting closer, qualified Deaf, DeafBlind and Hard of Hearing (DDBHH) individuals and families can receive free tax return preparation at CHS in Chicago. The deadline for tax filing and paying 2019 federal income taxes is July 15, 2020. CHS is still open, and in-person services require appointments. To schedule an appointment or for questions, please contact Michelle Mendiola: 773-904-0155 VP

2021 IAD CONFERENCE

Illinois Association of the Deaf (IAD) announced the date/location of their 2021 Conference.

- Date: June 11 - 12, 2021
- Location: Northfield Inn, Suites & Conference Center, Springfield, IL.

This year, the conference will be a two-day affair instead of 3-day. Check www.ideaf.org occasionally for conference updates.

SEPTEMBERFEST CANCELLED

The Village of Schaumburg announced with regrets that its annual Septemberfest festival is cancelled due to ongoing COVID-19 pandemic. On the bright side, they are planning a great event to celebrate the 50th Anniversary of Septemberfest next year!



July 26, 2020 marks the 30th Anniversary of the signing of the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA).



SORENSEN'S GROUP CALL

Sorenson's Group Call got bigger. It now allows for 10 people instead of 5 people. Interested to learn tips? Call Sorenson at 1-866-756-6729.

TOWNSHIP'S FOOD PANTRY VISITS

Beginning July 6, 2020, the Township's food pantry will return to a client choice shopping model. Clients will need to make an appointment by calling 847-884-0030 Ext. 1013. The new hours are Monday - Friday, 9:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. It will be in the GYM. Clients may visit the pantry twice a month. For more information or concerns, please contact Amy Fillmore at 847-884-0030.



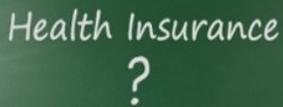
FREE AMPLIFIED PHONES AND CELL PHONE AMPLIFIERS

The Illinois Telecommunications Access Corporation (ITAC) offers free amplified phones and two cell phone amplifiers for qualified Illinois residents with a certified hearing loss. Schaumburg Township is a Selection Center. Due to COVID-19 pandemic, we do not accept any walk-ins or appointments to test phones until further notice. But we can assist with the phone questions/forms. You can view phones or for more information on www.itactty.org. For questions, contact the Disability Services at 847-285-4541.

PACE FARE COLLECTION

As of June 22, 2020, all riders will be required to pay fares on all Pace bus routes, On Demand services, Dial-a-Rides, and ADA Paratransit services. They will monitor demand and be prepared to reintroduce services as resources allow and people return to work and regular activities. They will deep clean and sanitize vehicles daily, clean high touch surfaces throughout the day, provide operators with PPE, and limit seating where possible to encourage social distancing. For riders, please wear a facemask, cover your cough, stay home if you are sick, give operators and other riders space, board and take your seat promptly, use Ventra Card to pay fares and reconsider unnecessary travel.

For more information about Pace's response to COVID-19, visit www.PaceBus.com/Health.



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



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FRIENDLY REMINDER

**Deadline for
Income Tax:
July 15, 2020!**



Schaumburg Township Deaf Services
One Illinois Boulevard
Hoffman Estates, IL 60169

PRSRT STD
U.S. POSTAGE
PAID
PERMIT NO. 154
SCHAUMBURG, IL

RETURN SERVICE REQUESTED

JULY 2020



- Friday, July 3 - **Schaumburg Township Closed**
- Saturday, July 4 - **Independence Day**
- Wednesday, July 15 - **Last day to file for Income Tax**
- Tuesday, July 21 - **No Deaf Social/Support Group**
- Saturday, July 25 - **Virtual Summer Celebration (see page 5)**
- Sunday, July 26 - **ADA's 30th Anniversary**



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.