



Boston  
Office

# Newsletter

September and October 2019

"DEAF, INC.'S MISSION IS TO INSPIRE PEOPLE TO ACHIEVE PERSONAL AND PROFESSIONAL GOALS THROUGH ACCESSIBLE PROGRAMS AND SERVICES. WE BUILD BRIDGES BY INCREASING COMMUNICATION ACCESS AND AWARENESS ACROSS COMMUNITIES."

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## 30<sup>th</sup> Annual Fall CommUNITY Dinner



Join DEAF, Inc. for an exciting event including good food, socialization, entertainment, and activities for kids to celebrate CommUNITY!

**WHEN:** Saturday, October 19, 2019  
2:00pm to 6:00pm

**WHERE:** Bishop Mackenzie Hall  
1337 Centre Street  
Newton Centre, MA 02459

### **COST:**

**Early bird special, before October 12:** \$10 per person, \$5 per child 12 and under (age 0-3 free)

### **October 12 and after:**

\$15 per person, \$5 per child 12 and under (age 0-3 free)

One Provider or SSP admission free with a DeafBlind person. Please arrange your own Provider/SSP.

### **How to Register:**

*(Registration opens Sept. 9)*

- A. Online at: [www.deafinonline.org](http://www.deafinonline.org)
- B. In person at DEAF, Inc.
- C. By phone: (617) 505-4823 VP  
(617) 254-4041 TTY/V

**Have questions or accommodation requests?**

[frontdesk@deafinonline.org](mailto:frontdesk@deafinonline.org)

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### **How To Pay:** *(Payment accepted after Sept. 9)*

- A. [www.deafinonline.org](http://www.deafinonline.org) - credit card
- B. in person - credit card, cash, or check
- C. by mail - check or money order

(address: 215 Brighton Ave. Allston MA 02134)

*Checks payable to DEAF, Inc.*

*If unable to pay, please contact DEAF, Inc. staff*

Visit our website for directions



**Prizes!**



OFFICE LOCATIONS: ALLSTON HYANNIS LAWRENCE NEW BEDFORD SALEM TAUNTON

| <b>Boston Office Hours</b> |  <b>/ Walk-In Hours</b> | <b>By Appointment</b>           |
|----------------------------|---|---------------------------------|
| <b>Monday</b>              | 9:00am—12:00pm  | 9:00am—12:00pm<br>1:00pm—5:00pm |
| <b>Tuesday</b>             | 9:00am—12:00pm  | 9:00am—12:00pm<br>1:00pm—5:00pm |
| <b>Wednesday</b>           | 9:00am—12:00pm  | 9:00am—12:00pm<br>1:00pm—5:00pm |
| <b>Thursday</b>            | 9:00am—12:00pm  | 9:00am—12:00pm<br>1:00pm—5:00pm |
| <b>Friday</b>              | 9:00am—12:00pm  | 9:00am—12:00pm<br>1:00pm—5:00pm |

**CLOSED 12:00M TO 1:00PM MONDAY— FRIDAY**



## **Recovery Out Loud**

### **And Peer Support Meeting**



**When: Thursday, September 19th**

**1:30pm—3:30pm**

**Where: DEAF, Inc.**

**215 Brighton Ave**

**Boston, MA 02134**

**The Transformation Center invites the Deaf and Hard of Hearing Community to participate in an Interactive Community Connections workshop followed by a peer support meeting. This is an interactive workshop based on self-determination, authenticity, and fun. This group is for any one who has an interest in developing connections with other people. ASL will be used to communicate and anyone can attend this meeting.**

**For more information, please contact:**

**Marnie Fougere**

**VP: 617-606-7508**

**[marnief@transformation-center.org](mailto:marnief@transformation-center.org)**

**Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI) have been requested**



**Available Now!**

**Visor Cards for Deaf,  
and Hard of Hearing  
drivers.**

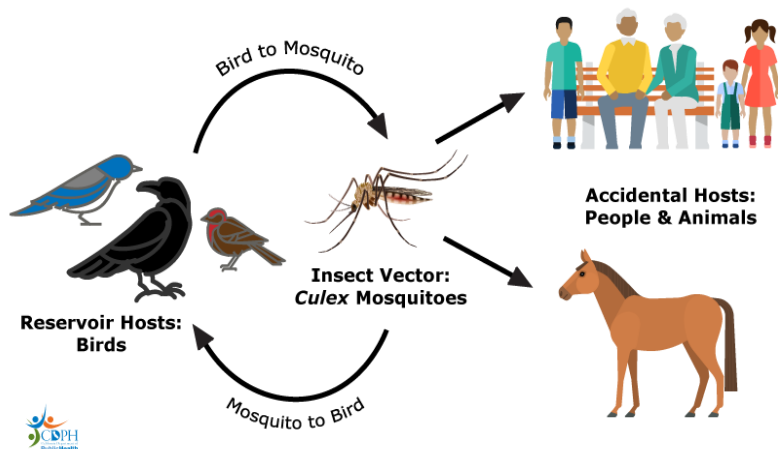
**Visit any of our  
DEAF, Inc. Offices to  
get yours.**



**I AM A DEAF DRIVER**

**I AM A HARD OF HEARING DRIVER**

### West Nile Virus Transmission Cycle



### What is West Nile/EEE Virus?

- Mosquitoes carry West Nile Virus (or EEE)
- Humans can be infected with EEE by a mosquito bite

### Prevention:

- Wear long sleeves, pants, socks, and closed toe shoes
- Use bug repellent with DEET
- Stay inside in the early morning and early evening
- Avoid areas with standing water

## ASL Night at the MFA

**When:** Wednesday, Sept 25th, 2019

5:00pm—10:00pm

**Cost:** FREE

**Where:** Museum of Fine Arts Boston

465 Huntington Ave

Boston, MA 02115



Presentations given in ASL, spoken English interpreters

The MFA is wheelchair accessible

# Halloween Word Search

X C G Z J N P S T D O E N A K  
H K A X E U N K L R Q O X C T  
E A I N M K L E P U I X J W B  
C I L P D P E L C E H C D V R  
G I K L H Y K E X M F F K B D  
G I D K O Y M T S U D P T F V  
N T A B B W Y O U T H O S G S  
S H V Y V D E N J S O Q O I H  
K T U E G I O E J O I W H M J  
G U A W C X V D N C L I G O Y  
T X K E Z G R K G W X T R V I  
H T I W R Y K O O P S C S K R  
T J R J R T B U T O O H Y R W  
M T N S I L C L R T H R T R O  
C C Z U A S H P U H E M T Q Q

## WORD LIST

BAT  
CANDY  
COSTUME  
GHOST  
HALLOWEEN  
PUMPKIN  
SKELETON  
SPOOKY  
TREATS  
TRICK  
WITCH

## HALLOWEEN SAFETY TIPS FOR TRICK-OR-TREATING:

Plan your trick-or-treating route before you leave  
and show the kids where you'll be going

Double-check any costumes with masks  
to make sure kids can see clearly

Use reflective tape on dark costumes

Carry a flashlight or glow stick

Only visit houses with porch lights on

Make sure all kids know that under NO circumstances  
should they enter a home

If your child has an identification card  
(a school ID, etc), make sure to bring it along

Make sure an adult is with anyone under 16 (if older kids  
are going in a group, set a time for them to be home, or  
follow them at a safe, but not embarrassing distance)

Remind your kids to stay out of the street!

Be on the lookout for cars when crossing -  
sometimes, it's hard for drivers to see you!

Check ALL candy and treats before eating  
(bring some candy from home, so the kids can  
snack before you inspect)



cardstore | BLOG



## Looking for new opportunities??

Are you motivated to be part of DEAF, Inc.'s amazing team?

Interested in working with accessible services?

### JOIN US!

#### American Sign Language Instructor

*Teaches ASL at adult evening classes*

Boston, Lawrence, & New Bedford locations

#### DBCAN Provider

*Provides direct services to DeafBlind*

Hours and locations vary

#### Independent Living Specialist (Hard of Hearing/Late-Deafened)

*Provides independent living services to people  
experiencing mild to moderate hearing loss and seniors*

Salem—35 hours a week

#### ASL Social Event Mentor

*Interacts with ASL learners at events*

Boston — up to 3 hours a month contract



*Interested in Applying? Email a cover letter, resume, and 3 reference letters to*

*Ann Thompson athompson@deafinonline.org*

*More information on our website: [www.deafinonline.org/jobs](http://www.deafinonline.org/jobs)*

Independent Living Program **CLASSES & WORKSHOP**

**Boston Office**

**Banking Class**

**\* NEW TIME \***

**Mondays 1:15pm—2:45pm**

| September    | October    |
|--------------|------------|
| September 9  | October 7  |
| September 23 | October 28 |
| September 30 |            |

**Vocabulary Class**

**\* NEW TIME \***

**Wednesdays 1:15pm—2:45pm**

| September    | October    |
|--------------|------------|
| September 4  | October 2  |
| September 11 | October 9  |
| September 18 | October 16 |
| September 25 | October 23 |
|              | October 30 |



**DEAF PARENTS SUPPORT GROUP (DPSG)**

**TWICE A MONTH ON WEDNESDAY**

**10:00AM—11:30AM**

**DEAF, INC. BOSTON OFFICE**



**September 11**

**September 25**

**October 9**











**October 23**

**TBD**  
**(To Be Determined)**












# DEAF, Inc. Calendar of Events

## September 2019

| Sunday | Monday   | Tuesday  | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|--------|--|--|---|----------|--------|----------|
| 1      | 2 <br>All Offices Closed for Labor Day      | 3  | 4  English & Vocabulary Class  | 5        | 6      | 7        |
| 8      | 9  Banking and Math                         | 10   | 11  English & Vocabulary Class | 12       | 13     | 14       |
| 15     | 16 <br>All Offices Closed for Staff Meeting | 17  Recovery Out Loud | 18  English & Vocabulary Class | 19       | 20     | 21       |
| 22     | 23  Banking and Math                        | 24   | 25  English & Vocabulary Class | 26       | 27     | 28       |
| 29     | 30  Banking and Math                       |  |   |          |        |          |

## October 2019

| Sunday | Monday  | Tuesday | Wednesday   | Thursday | Friday | Saturday   |
|--------|---|---------|---|----------|--------|--|
|        |   | 1       | 2  English & Vocabulary Class  | 3        | 4      | 5  |
| 6      | 7  Banking and Math                        | 8       | 9  English & Vocabulary Class  | 10       | 11     | 12   |
| 13     | 14 <br>All Offices Closed for Columbus Day | 15      | 16  English & Vocabulary Class | 17       | 18     | 19 <br>CommUNITY Dinner |
| 20     | 21  | 22      | 23  English & Vocabulary Class | 24       | 25     | 26   |
| 27     | 28  Banking and Math                       | 29      | 30  English & Vocabulary Class | 31       |        |  |

# **Deaf, Hard of Hearing and Late-Deafened Resources**

DEAF, Inc. can help you get equipment for you and your home. Things like hearing aids, pocket-talkers, TV listening systems, visual fire alarms, doorbells, and alarms to wake up.

If you would like to learn more about which device is right for you, or know where to get this and other equipment, or if you need financial assistance, contact us.



For your FREE equipment contact your IL specialist OR If you are a community member contact: Independent Living Program Administrative Assistant: Hayley Bernard at [hbernard@deafinonline.org](mailto:hbernard@deafinonline.org) or (617) 206-3292 VP; (617) 254-4041 V

## **SUPPORT/SOCIAL GROUPS**

### **DEAF**

**DEAF SENIORS OF AMERICA**  
**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION OF THE DEAF**  
**DEAF WOMEN UNITED**  
**MA STATE ASSOC. OF THE DEAF**

[WWW.DEAFSENIORSOFAMERICA.ORG](http://WWW.DEAFSENIORSOFAMERICA.ORG)  
[WWW.NAD.ORG](http://WWW.NAD.ORG)  
[WWW.DWU.ORG](http://WWW.DWU.ORG)  
[WWW.MSASSDEAF.ORG](http://WWW.MSASSDEAF.ORG)

### **HEARING LOSS ASSOCIATION OF AMERICA (HLAA)**

NATIONAL: [WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG](http://WWW.HEARINGLOSS.ORG)

### **Local Chapters:**

**Boston, MA** <http://www.hearinglossboston.org>

Meets at Watertown Free Public Library, 123 Main St. Watertown

Contact: Betsy Anderson: [betucansea@gmail.com](mailto:betucansea@gmail.com)

**North Of Boston Chapter** (3rd Wednesday of the Month at 11am)

Meets at Lucius Beebe Memorial Library (2nd Fl. Treasurer's Room),

345 Main St. Wakefield, MA

Contact: JoAnn Lacock at [jlpisces@aol.com](mailto:jlpisces@aol.com) 603-216-2381

**Plymouth, MA** (BI-MONTHLY) [WWW.HEARINGLOSSPLYMOUTH.ORG](http://WWW.HEARINGLOSSPLYMOUTH.ORG)

MEETS AT PLYMOUTH PUBLIC LIBRARY, 132 SOUTH STREET, PLYMOUTH, MA

Contact: Sandy Spekman at [sspekman@gmail.com](mailto:sspekman@gmail.com)

**Central Massachusetts Chapter** <https://hearinglosscentralma.wordpress.com/>

Meets at Northborough Public Library, 24 Main St, Northboro

Contact: [info@hearinglosscentralma.org](mailto:info@hearinglosscentralma.org) for more information I

### **ASSOCIATION OF LATE DEAFENED ADULTS (ALDA)**

NATIONAL: [WWW.ALDA.ORG](http://WWW.ALDA.ORG)

CONTACT: [INFO@ALDA.ORG](mailto:INFO@ALDA.ORG)

**BOSTON CHAPTER** [WWW.ALDA.BOSTON.ORG](http://WWW.ALDA.BOSTON.ORG)

CONTACT: FRANCINE STIEGLITZ AT [FSTIEGLI@BU.EDU](mailto:FSTIEGLI@BU.EDU)

**ALDA SEACOAST NH**

CONTACT: LAURA SINCLAIR AT [ALDASEACOASTNH@GMAIL.COM](mailto:ALDASEACOASTNH@GMAIL.COM)

### **Cochlear Implant Groups**

**Bionic Ear Association**

<https://advancedbionics.com/us/en/home/get-connected.html>

**Med-EI**

HearPeers Community—online support

<http://www.medel.com/us/show/index/id/557/titel/HearPeers>

**MINUTEMAN IMPLANT CLUB**

[WWW.NECISUPPORT.ORG](http://WWW.NECISUPPORT.ORG)

Contact: Terri Charles at [terri\\_charles@verizon.net](mailto:terri_charles@verizon.net)

### **ONLINE GROUPS**

**\*\*New\*\* A Virtual Hearing Loss Community**

From HLAA, the Ida Institute, and the Mayo Clinic on *Mayo Clinic Connect*

You can join online, ask questions, start a conversation and connect with folks with hearing loss! <https://connect.mayoclinic.org/groups/>

Register, then look for the Hearing Loss group.



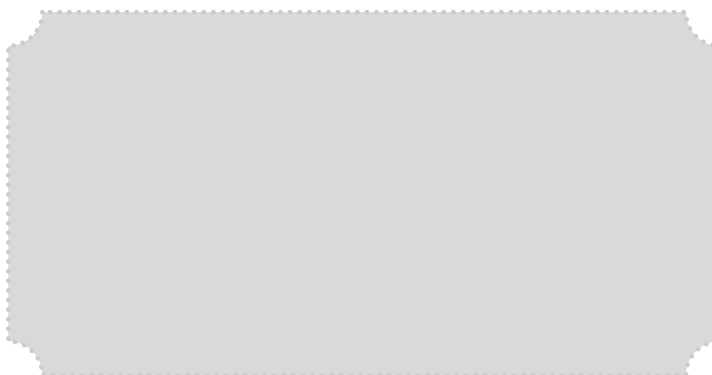
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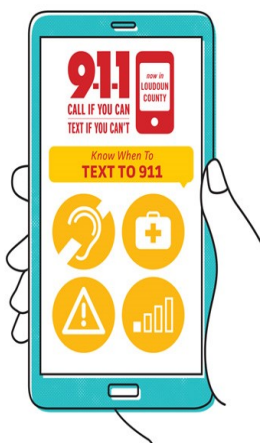


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### Text To 911

### Now Available

State 911 Department Says  
*"Call if you can, text if you can't"*



Emergency **call** 911  
1st Best VP, TTY, Voice  
2nd Best Text



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