



# Connections

**Disability Issues Newsletter**

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## Fourth of July Festivities



### INDEPENDENCE DAY 4TH OF JULY—PARADE

The Fourth of July is a patriotic time of year when we celebrate the freedoms and opportunities that living in the United States affords. Citizens with disabilities have even more to be thankful for. The protections found in the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and other U.S. laws are unique, unfortunately not common the world over. The Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities will be helping to celebrate this holiday in two unique ways.

- On Monday, July 4th, the Commission will march in the 4th of July—Independence Day Parade. The Parade will kick off at Dunton and Oakton Streets at 10:00 am. A Reserved Seating Area for wheelchair users will be available in front of the Arlington Heights Memorial Library located at 500 N. Dunton Street in Arlington Heights. The reserved viewing area is located just north of the “Parade Review Stand” (outside the east entrance to the Library). Additional Reserved Parking spaces are available in the Library’s parking lot the day of the parade. Plan to arrive early as space is limited and consider wearing protective clothing or bringing an umbrella for shade. Please be considerate of neighbors and refrain from reserving your parade viewing location until after 7:00pm on July 3rd.



### **Saturday July 2nd Citizens with Disabilities Day** **Free Carnival, Dance Party, and Luncheon at Frontier Days.**



- Please join the Commission at **Recreation Park at 10:00 am** for a morning of free carnival rides, picnic, and live entertainment. The Commission cosponsors this event and will be on hand to take free souvenir instamatic pictures of all who attend. To participate please **Pre-register online at: [frontierdays.org](http://frontierdays.org) by June 28th.** We look forward to seeing you there!



**The South Shuttle Bus route is wheelchair accessible**

**Main Stage**



**“RESERVED SEATING”**

**THURSDAY, JUNE 30TH — MONDAY, JULY 4TH**

Reserved Seating for patrons with disabilities is available at the Main Stage each day for all concerts. To reserve your seat, it is advised to arrive at least an hour before show time. Reserved Seating for patrons with disabilities is limited to one person with disabilities and one guest. Thank you for your cooperation.

**CONCERTS START AT 8:00 PM THURSDAY - SUNDAY AND AT 7:30 PM MONDAY**

## DISABILITY EMPLOYMENT AWARENESS AWARD

In 2009 the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities began celebrating National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) by honoring an Arlington Heights employer known for employing persons with disabilities. Each year a business is formally recognized and honored by presentation of an award plaque from the Mayor of Arlington Heights to representatives of the company being honored during a Village Board Meeting in October.

Beginning in late June to early July nominations are sought from the community at large and self nominations are encouraged. Past recipients include: Jewel-Osco, X-Sport Fitness, Dominick's, Target, Mariano's Fresh Market, Goodwill Industries and the Arlington Heights Park District.

Does your company or business or do you know of an Arlington Heights business or employer who benefits from employing workers with disabilities; who have established, promoted, and maintained an inclusive work environment, supportive of employees with disabilities? Should that description be one that describes your company or business or a business or company deserving of such recognition, the Commission for Citizens with Disabilities wishes to hear from you.

Award Nomination Forms are available within this newsletter and online at: <http://bit.ly/1QMvITz>. The deadline for nominations is Friday September 2, 2016. Should you have questions or need a nomination form, contact David Robb, Disability Services Coordinator at the Village of Arlington Heights (847) 368-5793 Voice or by email at: [drobb@vah.com](mailto:drobb@vah.com) or by fax at: (847) 368-5980.



## National Disability Employment Awareness Month

Held each October, National Disability Employment Awareness Month (NDEAM) is a national campaign that raises awareness about disability employment issues and celebrates the many and varied contributions of America's workers with disabilities. The 2016 theme is "**#InclusionWorks**" **seeks to inspire social media awareness of workers with disabilities.**

NDEAM's roots go back to 1945, when Congress enacted a law declaring the first week in October each year "National Employ the Physically Handicapped Week." In 1962, the word "physically" was removed to acknowledge the employment needs and contributions of individuals with all types of disabilities. In 1988, Congress expanded the week to a month and changed the name to "National Disability Employment Awareness Month." Upon its establishment in 2001, ODEP assumed responsibility for NDEAM and has worked to expand its reach and scope ever since.

**Disability**★gov

The online resource "Disability.gov" is an exhaustive collection of disability specific and economic related links covering a broad spectrum of information from: Benefits, Civil Rights, Community Life, Education, Emergency Preparedness, Employment, Health, Housing, Technology, and Transportation. The site covers Federal programs as well as State and local resources. For more information and to view the online site visit: [www.disability.gov](http://www.disability.gov)



On July 28, 2015 Governor Bruce Rauner signed Senate Bill 1383, the **Achieving Better Life Experience (ABLE) Act.**

The ABLE Act will allow certain individuals with disabilities and their families the opportunity to contribute to a tax-exempt 529A savings account for disability related expenses for maintaining health, independence, and quality of life.

The ABLE National Resource Center championed the ABLE Act and promoted it as a critical strategy to providing a pathway to a better economic future for all people with disabilities. <https://www.youtube.com/user/theABLENRC>

# Disability Employment Awareness Award

## 2016 Award Nomination Form

The Disability Employment Awareness Award is presented to an Arlington Heights Employer who proactively recruits, hires, and employs persons with disabilities. Self nominations are encouraged.

**All nominations must be postmarked no later than September 2, 2016  
Please print or type in order for all information to be legible.**

Company Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Company Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Submitted by: \_\_\_\_\_

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Relationship to Employer: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell/Mobile: \_\_\_\_\_

Please describe the reason(s) your nominee deserves the Disability Employment Awareness Award?

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Please attach additional pages as needed.

The Disability Employment Awareness Award is sponsored by the Arlington Heights Commission for Citizens with Disabilities. Forward submissions to: Disability Employment Awareness Award c/o David Robb, 33 S. Arlington Heights Road, Arlington Heights, IL 60005.

Disability Services – Village of Arlington Heights – 847-368-5793 Voice

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# Text-to-911 Available in Arlington Heights

Cellular customers living in or traveling through the communities of: Arlington Heights, Buffalo Grove, Elk Grove Village, Hoffman Estates, Inverness, Mount Prospect, Palatine, Schaumburg, Streamwood, Prospect Heights and Rolling Meadows may be able to use their mobile phones to send a text message to 911 for emergency help. Northwest Central Dispatch System (NWCDS) is the first 9-1-1 Communications Center in the State of Illinois to accept text to 911 messages from all 4 carriers.

Text-to-911 is a beneficial service to all citizens and is especially important for those with speech or hearing impairments.

Citizens should use the texting option only when calling 9-1-1 is not an option. Making a voice call is still the most efficient way to get access to emergency services. As with any communication to 911, the texting function should only be used for emergency situations. Emergency situations require a response from Police, Fire Department and/or Emergency Medical Services.



Because of the limitations of text message routing, the location of the texter, the carrier and other factors, not all text messages from citizens within our service area will be routed to NWCDS. Instead, people may receive a bounce back message from their carrier. If a text to 9-1-1 for an emergency is not answered in a timely manner, customers should not hesitate to make a voice call to 9-1-1.

Text messages should always include clear location information with the first text message sent to 9-1-1, along with the nature of the emergency. Unlike 9-1-1 voice calls, emergency personnel will not be able to determine location information for a customer sending a text message to 9-1-1, nor will they be able to speak with the person sending the text to quickly ascertain their location. Abbreviations and slang should never be used with text messages to 9-1-1.



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### MEETINGS:

2nd Tuesday of Every Month at 7:00 pm

Buechner Room 1st Floor of Village Hall

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