



TDHHC Connections

Tyler Deaf & Hard of Hearing Center

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This newsletter is dedicated to uniting the Deaf and Hard of Hearing of East Texas and all supporters by providing information and reporting events that enhance our lives and our community.

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Sign Language Workshop with the City of Tyler

For the first time, the City of Tyler had employees learn how to be able to communicate with Deaf and Hard-of-Hearing people. Elizabeth Crook presented a 4-hour workshop at the training center on January 13. Thirteen employees practiced some basic Signing skills with an opportunity to be able to greet or interact with Deaf/HoH consumers in their work environment.

Employees have gained some insights on Deaf awareness and find learning Sign Language engaging. Ms. Crook has taught Sign Language in different settings for 17 years and hopes to see more classes offered in several workplaces in East Texas. Patricia Johnson, a retired TISD teacher who accompanied by Ms. Crook in the workshop, stated she enjoyed the experience and would encourage more people to learn ASL.




Meet our new TDHHC Advisory Committee Vice President! Christine Webb



I graduated from the Texas School for the Deaf in Austin, TX in 1983. Then, I continued my schooling studying Paraprofessional, specializing in Hearing Impairment at the Southwest College for the Deaf, graduating in 1985.

From 1986-1991 I worked as a prekindergarten assistant until getting married and having four beautiful daughters. Presently, I have eleven grandchildren, and am a homemaker, single mother and teach ASL on Zoom.


I + L + Y = I Love You

CONTACT US: You can leave a compliment or complaint at:

www.tdhhc.org/feedbackform.html

We want to hear from you!

Covid Updates

Every home in the U.S. is eligible to order four free at-home COVID-19 tests. The tests are completely free. Orders will usually ship in 7-12 days.

Order your tests now so you have them when you need them. Go to the website below to order them.

www.COVIDtests.gov

If you have any questions/concerns regarding Covid or vaccines, please reach out to Amanda Tutt. She's available to answer any questions you may have.



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If you want to submit something for the newsletter calendar or community news, please email connections@tdhhc.org with your submission before the 10th so it can be published in the next month newsletter.

Thank you!

SUPER BOWL PARTY

Where?

Wing Stop
2553 South Main Street
Lindale, TX 75771
(903) 882-5200

When?

February 13, 2022 (Sunday)
Start at 4 PM

To play the game:
Single \$10.00
Couple \$15.00
Winner takes all!

Raffle ticket is \$1.00 each; 6 raffle tickets for \$5.00

Donations for raffles welcome! The more, the merrier!

Contact Robert Phelps or Claire Mitcham if you have any questions.

FREE TO THE PUBLIC COMMUNITY SIGN LANGUAGE CLASS

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FEBRUARY

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		ASL Class ¹ Clarkston 6 PM - 7 PM	²	³	⁴	 Tyler ⁵
⁶	⁷	ASL Class ⁸ Clarkston 6 PM - 7 PM	⁹	Senior Citizens Luncheon at Jucy's ¹⁰	 Longview ¹¹	¹²
 ¹³	 ¹⁴	ASL Class ¹⁵ Clarkston 6 PM - 7 PM	¹⁶	¹⁷	 Lindale ¹⁸	DHHC Meeting ¹⁹  Deaf Hangout
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Community Events

- February 1: Starting on January 25, there will be a free Sign Language class at Clarkston Elementary every Tuesday evening at 6 PM. (Please see the flyer on left)
- February 5: **New Location!!** Tyler Deaf Chat at Whataburger (4825 S. Broadway Ave, Tyler 75703) Starts at 6 PM.
- February 10: Senior Citizens Luncheon at 11 AM located at Jucy's Hamburgers (1300 S SW Loop 323, Tyler 75701 - by TJC West Campus) 55 and over are welcome!!
- February 11: Longview Deaf Chat at Whataburger (2401 Gilmer Rd, Longview 75604). It starts at 5:30 PM.
- February 13: Deaf Super Bowl Party at Wingstop (2553 S. Main St. Lindale 75771) Starts at 4 PM.
- February 14: Happy Valentine's Day!



- February 18: Lindale Deaf Chat at Whataburger (311 S Main St, Lindale 75771). Starts at 6:30 PM.
- February 19: TDHHC Advisory Community Committee Meeting. It will be held at TJC West Campus (1530 SSW Loop 323, Tyler 75701) in Room #128, Meeting starts at 10:00 AM.
- February 19: **New Monthly Event!!** Deaf Hangout at Times Square Grand Slam (5201 S. Broadway Ave. Tyler 75703). Starts at 4 PM.

Upcoming Events

- April 9: DeafNation Expo in Austin, TX
- April 26: East Texas Giving Day
- June 30 - July 4: National Association of the Deaf (NAD) Conference in Orlando, Florida
- July 19 - 21: Statewide Conference for Education of the Deaf (SWCED) in Corpus Christi, TX
- July 31 - August 4: DeafNation World Expo in Las Vegas, NV



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