



# The Sign Post

## New Hampshire Association of the Deaf

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### Contact

NHAD  
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### Social Media

Facebook group:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/nhad1973>

Facebook page:  
<https://www.facebook.com/newhampshireassociationofthedeaf/>

Website:  
[www.nhadinc.org](http://www.nhadinc.org)

### Social Events

NHAD is slowly re-emerging from its cocoon and is hosting its first social event in two years! Dress in your best green outfit for St. Patrick's Day and share your shenanigans with the community! The event will be at the American Legion Post #37 in Hooksett (5 Riverside Rd, Hooksett NH 03106) from 5pm-8pm. Admission is membership due (\$12 for individual, \$20 for couple, \$6 for senior citizen, \$10 for SC couple, \$6 for student, free for children under 18).



This is not a potluck dinner due to COVID, so do **not** bring any food or dessert. Board and volunteers will provide a corned beef dinner and simple desserts. Masks will be expected to be worn at the door until sitting down at the table.

**Activities:** 50/50 raffle, outfit contest, and beads game

### Board Meetings

We hold board meetings every three months on the first Wednesday of the month. CART will be available. The next four scheduled meetings are:

May 4th 2022 at 6:30pm (via Zoom)  
August 3rd 2022 at 6:30pm (via Zoom)  
November 2nd 2022 at 6:30 (location TBA)  
February 1st 2023 (location TBA)

Zoom #851 1954 4258  
Passcode: 406523

### Membership

NHAD membership form is available on [www.nhadinc.org](http://www.nhadinc.org) or you can get a combo membership for both NHAD and NHRID. To go that route, head over to <http://nhrid.org/nh/membership/>.

Secretary and one member-at-large positions are open! Interested? Let us know!



## Resources

Zoom training:  
Northeast Deaf and Hard of  
Hearing Services  
[www.ndhhs.org](http://www.ndhhs.org)

About COVID:  
-NAD info:  
[www.nad.org/coronavirus/](http://www.nad.org/coronavirus/)  
-NH info: [www.covid19.nh.gov/](http://www.covid19.nh.gov/)

For parents of DHH children:  
-[www.nhhandsandvoices.com](http://www.nhhandsandvoices.com)  
-[handvnh@gmail.com](mailto:handvnh@gmail.com)

Greater Nashua Mental Health  
Center-DHH Services  
-[www.gnmhc.org](http://www.gnmhc.org)

*This edition of The Sign Post is free. Future editions will return to being available to members only. To be a member of NHAD, go to [www.nhadinc.org](http://www.nhadinc.org) to continue to receive the newsletter.*

## Community Updates

Our collective heart is breaking for the people of Ukraine as Russia has waged a war against them. We stand with them as well as the Deaf and Hard of Hearing people of Ukraine!

If you would like to donate to humanitarian causes, go to:  
[www.offthegridmissions.org/](http://www.offthegridmissions.org/)  
(endorsed by Arkady Belozovsky, CDI)

Tax help is available with interpreters! Contact NDHHS for more information.

NDHHS has a new online calendar of events. If you would like to see what events are out there or to submit an event, contact NDHHS.

Current legislative bills relating to DDBHH people:

1. Allow students to complete school year when turning 21;
2. Changes to property tax exemptions;
3. Mandates to improve school acoustics (failed to pass);
4. Allowing the use of VRI for telemedicine; and
5. Removal of the minimum age of 18 for interpreting license
6. One withdrawn LSR: putting DHH on driver's license

Allies Conference 2022 is in the works for the weekend of April 23rd. If you are interested in registering to attend the conference, go to [www.alliesconference.org](http://www.alliesconference.org).

For confidential zoom meetings to speak about your scary situations like violence, you can go to [www.deaf-hope.org](http://www.deaf-hope.org).

If you need assistance with paying for your internet service, check to see if you qualify for this benefit by going to the USAC Affordable Connectivity Program site [www.acpbenefit.org](http://www.acpbenefit.org).

SignUp ASL Captioning now offers ASL interpreting for movies if you download the Google Chrome extension for your Disney+ account!

NH Hands and Voices will host a group event at the McAuliffe-Shepard Discovery Center in Concord on April 9th from 10:30-1PM. \$11.50 for adults and \$8.50 for kids (free for under 2).

If you have topics or issues you would like NHAD to bring up to the NH Commission for the DHH, please let us know! The Commission hosts about nine meetings a year and discusses all issues relating to DHH people, review bills and laws, etc.