

# Inside Georgia Relay

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## Pearlie Kemp-Murphy Wins Hamilton Relay 2018 Deaf Community Leader Award!

Pearlie Kemp-Murphy of Ellenwood has been presented with the Hamilton Relay 2018 Deaf Community Leader Award for the state of Georgia. Pearlie, who lost her hearing at age five, is a deaf interpreter, blending the lines of communication between the deaf and hearing communities.

Currently the treasurer of Atlanta Black Deaf Advocates (ABDA) and a member of National Alliance of Black Interpreters (NAOBI) – Atlanta, she is an active volunteer with many different community organizations as well as with students at the Atlanta Area School for the Deaf (AASD). Her dedication to students also led her to sit on a panel at Georgia State University where she taught students about jobs and education.

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*“What people don’t understand is that we listen with our eyes, we focus with our brains and move with our hands,” she explains.*

*“We are parents, educators, lawyers, and many more. We have the same talent and skills hearing people have, we are just deaf.”*

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As an interpreter herself, Pearlie’s advocacy for the deaf community also extends to supporting interpreters in the Atlanta area. She supports community American Sign Language (ASL) classes at the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (GCDHH) and volunteers at Kaiser Permanente as a deaf interpreter for patients. She also facilitates workshops for the development of interpreters.

Pearlie is described by her peers as a compassionate leader who advocates for the deaf community, and her passion for bridging the communication gap between the deaf and hearing communities makes her a true motivator. 🍌



*Pearlie Kemp-Murphy receives her 2018 Deaf Community Leader Award from Brendan Underwood, Georgia Relay outreach coordinator.*

**We commend Pearlie for her advocacy and volunteerism and are proud to present her with the Hamilton Relay 2018 Deaf Community Leader Award for the state of Georgia.**



### About the PSC & Georgia Relay

The Georgia Public Service Commission (PSC) is responsible for the establishment, implementation, administration and promotion of Georgia Relay. Available 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, Georgia Relay allows people who have difficulty hearing or speaking to communicate with any standard phone user. To make a Georgia Relay call, dial 7-1-1.



# Camp Julienna is Coming Back for Summer 2019!

Presented by the Georgia Center of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Camp Julienna is a week-long, residential summer camp for kids ages six to 13 who are deaf or hard of hearing.

This camp is held annually to give campers an immersive experience that blends the classic summer camp activities—swimming, hiking, canoeing, nature activities, and more—with inclusive ASL communication.

Registration for this year’s camp, taking place July 14 to 20, is now open through June 7. The application and more information can be found at [CampJulienna.org](http://CampJulienna.org). 🔄

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# Hamilton CapTel® 2400iBT Bluetooth™ Compatibility

Connect your Hamilton CapTel 2400iBT phone with Bluetooth devices, such as a neck loop or headset, for a hands-free experience and optimal sound quality. Simply follow the step-by-step instructions below:

Before you start, it’s best to understand the device with which you are pairing your phone. Be sure you know how to turn the device on and off, the name assigned to the device and how to put the device in pairing mode.

To connect your Bluetooth device:

1. Make sure your device is turned on and in pairing mode
2. On the CapTel display screen, touch Settings
3. Select Connections
4. Select Bluetooth and On
5. Select Scan to search for Bluetooth devices within range
6. Select the name of the device you want to connect so that it is highlighted
7. Select Pair and then the Home button on the base of the phone
8. Your phone is now ready for making and taking calls with your Bluetooth device!

If you need assistance, press the blue button on the base of the phone to reach Customer Support. 🔄

*Note: If you’re not sure if your hearing aids/cochlear implants have a Telecoil (aka “T-Coil”) or Bluetooth connectivity, please check with your hearing healthcare professional.*

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## Save the Date!

Outreach coordinator Brendan will be traveling the state attending different events to spread the word about Georgia Relay. Look for him at these events and follow us on Facebook for more:

**May 2**  
Leesburg Health Fair  
R.S. Boney Senior Center  
Leesburg, GA

**May 3**  
Arlington Senior Center  
Arlington, GA

**May 8**  
Senior Inforum exhibit  
Rome, GA

**May 22**  
Reginald Barry Senior Center  
Cordele, GA

# Emergency Preparedness Tips

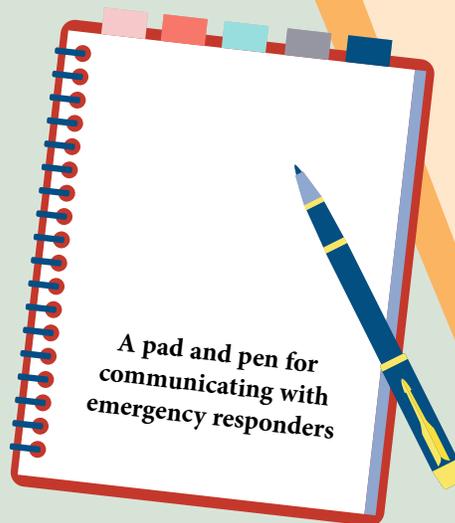
Emergencies often come without warning, so finding ways to prepare yourself ahead of time can make recovery faster and can allow you to help others. Georgia is susceptible to hurricanes, flooding, tornadoes, and severe storms, so it is important to have a plan in place at all times.

## Prepare an emergency supply kit that includes:

Personal care items such as toothbrushes, toothpaste, and bathroom tissue



Roughly one gallon of water per person per day

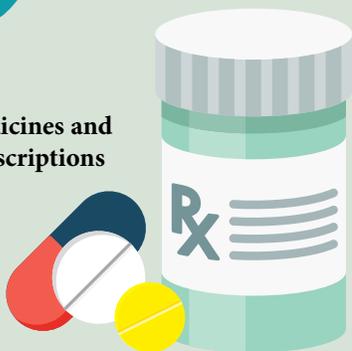


A pad and pen for communicating with emergency responders

Flashlights with extra batteries



Medicines and prescriptions



A three-day supply of packaged or canned food that does not need electricity to prepare



Extra batteries for hearing aids, cochlear implants, or assistive listening devices

## Brendan Presents at ALDA-Peach!

The Atlanta chapter of the Association of Late-Deafened Adults (ALDA-Peach) recently invited Georgia Relay outreach coordinator Brendan to give a presentation about the services and programs offered by Georgia Relay!

During his presentation, Brendan was very happy to hear the great feedback from attendees who are already avid Relay users.

“I love giving these presentations because I truly believe in the benefits that Georgia Relay offers,” explains Brendan. “Hearing the CapTel phone users at ALDA-Peach give such glowing reviews of their experience with Captioned Telephone Service was really rewarding for me—and their instant feedback is something I can share with other potential users!”

Want to schedule a presentation for your business, church, or community group?

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## The Cook's Corner

### Cayenne Candied Bacon (A.K.A. Millionaire's Bacon)

**Ingredients:**

- 1/4 cup packed light brown sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon freshly ground black pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 1/4 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1 pound thick-cut bacon (about 10 slices)

**Directions:**

1. Arrange rack in the center of the oven and heat to 350°F. Line a rimmed baking sheet with aluminum foil.
2. Place the brown sugar, black pepper, cayenne pepper, and ginger in a large bowl and stir to combine. Add the bacon and toss until the slices are coated in the sugar mixture. Transfer the bacon to the baking sheet and arrange close together in a single layer, making sure the slices do not overlap. Sprinkle any remaining sugar mixture over the top of the bacon.
3. Bake for 15 minutes. Flip the slices and bake until the bacon is chewy, deeply caramelized, and the fat is rendered (15 to 20 minutes more).
4. Remove the bacon from the oven and set aside until the sugar sets slightly (about 1 minute).
5. Use tongs to transfer the slices to a clean sheet of aluminum foil or parchment paper. Cool for 5 minutes before serving.

