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May 30, 2025

Dear Listeners,

It’s that time of year again. Free summer concert series are popping up across the region. Check out the latest from Brookside Gardens [**here**](#Brook), Strathmore Music Center [**here**](#Lawn) and Lubber Run [**here**](#Lubber).

Note, too, that major changes are coming to Metro bus service. Virginia information is [**here**](#WMATA) and information for Montgomery County is [**here**](#Ride).

Cheers,

Sylvia

Here are the links to all the items below:

* [**WMATA Better Bus Network Changes**](#WMATA)
* [**Montgomery County Ride On Bus Service Changes Begin Sunday, June 29**](#Ride)
* [**Understanding the Needs of Veterans and Service Members in Arlington**](#Vets)
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  + [**Hadley What's Cooking? - Not Your Same Old Sandwich**](#Cook)

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**WMATA BETTER BUS NETWORK CHANGES**

Starting on June 29, WMATA will implement its [**Better Bus Network Redesign**](https://links-2.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.wmata.com%2Finitiatives%2Fplans%2FBetter-Bus%2F/1/010101971d9142f5-a03bde15-16b7-48db-bf58-f9c5c3221636-000000/-J-d_kmC7geesu1TL3vPBLWu6QSltJiUAvKQIP7XXMA=407) to consolidate bus stops and rename bus routes throughout the region. All Metrobus routes will go by new names.

Use the Metrobus Route Guide to cross reference your current routes with the new routes at [**VA Route Profiles March 2025**](https://www.wmata.com/initiatives/plans/Better-Bus/upload/Resource_2025-Route-Profiles_Virginia.pdf)**.**

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**MONTGOMERY COUNTY RIDE ON BUS SERVICE CHANGES BEGIN SUNDAY JUNE 29**

Montgomery County's Department of Transportation (MCDOT) is launching the 'Ride On Reimagined Service and Implementation Plan' on June 29. This update includes new routes, streamlined Metro connections and timing adjustments. Check out the changes and new schedules at RideOnBus.com starting June 15.

[**Read the Press Release**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww2.montgomerycountymd.gov%2Fmcgportalapps%2FPress_Detail.aspx%3FItem_ID=47105/2/01000196ff7cea18-372c3930-6276-4842-9eaf-234675f1bd7b-000000/Z_bOCoxBkIYOwl19BiBDqY_rkOd1X-8webb7hrmZRwA=406)

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**UNDERSTANDING THE NEEDS OF VETERANS AND SERVICE MEMBERS IN ARLINGTON**

Arlington County’s [**Military and Veterans Advisory Committee**](https://www.arlingtonva.us/Government/Commissions-and-Advisory-Groups/Military-and-Veterans-Affairs-Committee) (MVAC) is interested in hearing from members of the military, veterans, and their families who live and /or work in Arlington about types of programs, services, and resources that could be helpful. Full details are at [**Understanding the Needs of Veterans and Service Members in Arlington - PublicInput**](https://publicinput.com/y2401)

###

**BROOKSIDE GARDENS TO HOST FREE SUMMER CONCERT SERIES TUESDAYS IN JUNE**

Join Montgomery Parks and the Friends of Brookside Gardens in Silver Spring on Tuesday evenings in June for the free Summer Twilight Concert series, featuring artists from a variety of genres. Attendees are encouraged to bring lawn chairs and picnic blankets to enjoy a picnic or purchase food from a food truck.

[**Read More**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmontgomeryparks.org%2Fevents%2Fsummer-twilight-concert-series-summer-twilight-concert-series-ocho-de-bastos%2F/2/01000196ff7cea18-372c3930-6276-4842-9eaf-234675f1bd7b-000000/sL9809e6wExhx9czMTp69OmajMP0aLjdzlZ3dqovB-0=406)

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**STRATHMORE MUSIC CENTER - LIVE FROM THE LAWN**

Settle on the lawn each week for FREE **Live from the Lawn concerts on Wednesdays**, and **Cool Concerts for Kids on select Thursdays**. Enjoy food from their BBQ tent or bring your own.  
  
All Live from the Lawn shows are family friendly, but Cool Concerts for Kids promise to offer soul-stirring tunes for people of all ages while creating fun ways for younger audiences to interact with the music. Mark your calendars and RSVP today at [**Summer at Strathmore**](https://www.strathmore.org/events-tickets/summer-programs/).

###

**LUBBER RUN SUMMER CONCERT SERIES**

Since the construction of the first permanent stage in 1969, generations of Arlingtonians have enjoyed free summer cultural events at the sylvan venue nestled two blocks off Route 50, ranging from Encore Stage & Studio to bands like Raul Midón, Eddie from Ohio and superstar Ritchie Havens.

The Lubber Run Summer Concert series features free performances from a variety of genres including big band, blues, soul and orchestral music as well as cabaret to the Lubber Run Amphitheater. Working in partnership with the Lubber Run Amphitheater Foundation, they bring the very best of DC metro area arts to the heart of Arlington.

The series will run Friday, June 6 through August 1, 2025, Fridays and Saturdays at 8pm, and Sundays at 11am with some exceptions. More details are at [**View an at-a-glance season schedule**.](https://www.arlingtonva.us/files/sharedassets/public/v/1/arts/documents/2025-lubber-run-poster_web.pdf)

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**THEATER UPDATE**

The following performances will be described by an MWE volunteer. Note that recorded program notes will be available at the theater just prior to the actual performance and on Dial-In before and after the performance at Publication 8, Category 10, Branch 11.

**We Are Gathered**

Arena Stage Fichandler at the Mead Center - 202-488-3300

Described Saturday, May 31st at 2:00 pm

**Senior Class**

Olney Theatre Center – Roberts Mainstage 301-924-3400

Described Wednesday, June 4th at 7:30 pm

**King James**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

**Described Saturday, June 7th at 2:00 pm**

**Frankenstein**

Shakespeare: Klein Theatre: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, June 14th at 2:00 pm

**Ain’t Too Proud – The Life and Times of the Temptations**

National Theater – 1-800-514-3849

Described, Saturday, June 21st at 2:00 pm and

Sunday, June 22nd at 7:30 pm

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**CALENDAR**

**Replay POB Events**

**Listen and watch replays of recent webinars and other POB events at**[**www.youreyes.org/replays**](http://www.youreyes.org/replays)

###

**Montgomery County to Host Community Celebration for 'Older Americans Month**

Friday, May 30th from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm

White Oak Community Recreation Center

1700 April Lane, Silver Spring

Montgomery County's Aging and Disability Services—part of the Department of Health and Human Services (DHHS)—in partnership with Montgomery County Recreation, will host a community celebration to mark "Older Americans Month." The free event is open to residents ages 55 and over and will feature fitness demonstrations, music, caregiver resources, informational vendor tables and giveaways.

[**Read the Press Release**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww2.montgomerycountymd.gov%2Fmcgportalapps%2FPress_Detail.aspx%3FItem_ID=47042/2/01000196ff7cea18-372c3930-6276-4842-9eaf-234675f1bd7b-000000/aMKZBgzHu0rwUV2JlWcEIs1Oh0nDncbNITZrumX2AYE=406)

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**Discover Summer Concert - Durham Charter Orchestra**

Sunday, June 1st from 1:30 to 2:15 pm

[**Georgetown Neighborhood Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13323924#branch)

3260 R Street, NW

The Music Majors from Durham Charter School will kick off Georgetown's Discover Summer program with an outdoor concert.

The Georgetown Neighborhood Library will host the Durham Charter School Orchestra from Durham, NC to perform an outdoor concert on the front lawn.  The Durham Charter Orchestra is led by Daniel Levin, a graduate of The New England Conservatory of Music in Boston.

###

**Maintaining Independence at Home**

Monday, June 2nd at 1:00 pm

A virtual event hosted by the Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled

Join an informative session on how two vital professions, care management and occupational therapy, work hand in hand to support individuals with vision impairments in maintaining their independence and functioning safely in their homes. This discussion will highlight how these professionals collaborate to create effective, personalized strategies that enhance quality of life, safety, and self-sufficiency.

**About the Topic:**

Living with vision loss presents unique challenges, particularly when it comes to remaining independent at home. Care Managers and Occupational Therapists play distinct yet complementary roles in helping individuals manage these challenges. From navigating healthcare systems and securing resources to adapting the home environment for safety and accessibility, their combined efforts are essential in assisting clients to stay safe, empowered, and engaged in daily life.

**Presented by:**

Ellen Platt, MA, CRC, CCM,Founder and Owner, *The Option Group, LLC* - [**https://theoptiongroup.net**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Ftheoptiongroup.net%2F%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000196f8c4a57e-01d33ecd-23fa-4859-9854-78c21cf42a51-000000/kULQ0V0EaO7TXKtnl_CZDwRYFYsD-SoqFS_NixarkvI=406)

Amy Young**,** occupational therapist at *Home Safe for Seniors*

**Register at:**

[**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/meeting/register/-FbhB07mTr-buw1rW\_nKHQ**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2F-FbhB07mTr-buw1rW_nKHQ%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/2/01000196f8c4a57e-01d33ecd-23fa-4859-9854-78c21cf42a51-000000/urXmbk8hBsblQTwQohAU55gDz6uwXz96trcz-VzUUyw=406)

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**iPhone Vision Accessibility Demonstration**  
Wednesday, June 4th from 10:00 to 11:00 am  
Apple Store - Fairfax Corner  
4221 Fairfax Corner East Avenue Fairfax  
Apple experts, known as Geniuses, will guide everyone through the iPhone's vision accessibility and assistive features, including magnification, and text-to-speech. They recommend bringing your iPhone for hands-on training. Space is limited

**To reserve a spot,** call (301) 951-4444.

Sponsored by the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington.

###

**Hadley Travel Talk - Accessible New York City**

Wednesday, June 4th at 5:00 pm

Want to take a bite out of the Big Apple? NYC offers accessible attractions at museums, botanical gardens, Broadway shows, landmark tours, and more. Join to explore this exciting destination and share experiences!

Sign up to join at [**Travel Talk | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/travel-talk)**.**

###

**The Fairfax County All Access Book Club – Dial A For Aunties**

Thursday, June 5th at 11:00 am

For June, the All Access Book Club is reading [**Dial A for Aunties**](https://fcplcat.fairfaxcounty.gov/search/title.aspx?ctx=1.1033.0.0.1&pos=3&cn=466895)  by Jesse Q. Sutanto. Join to share your love of books with others in the county! To join the discussion:

* Call 703-324-1800 or 1-877-862-8112 (toll-free)
* Enter the code 389887# when prompted

For more information, call Access Services at 703-324-8380 or email [**libas@fairfaxcounty.gov**](mailto:libas@fairfaxcounty.gov).

###

**Performance Lab - Chamber Music at Noon**

Thursday, June 5th from 12:00 to 1:00 pm

[**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/12234409#branch)

901 G Street, NW, Auditorium

Join the 22nd season of chamber music at DCPL, every first Thursday (plus a bonus date) from November-July!

The program for this concert will be announced soon.

This concert is brought to you as a collaboration between DC Public Library and the Chamber Music Division of Levine Music.

###

**Reston VIP Summer Lunch**

Friday, June 6th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm

Café Montmartre

Lake Anne Village Center, 1625 Washington Plaza N, Reston

Join in for lunch and socializing before the summer break.

Café Montmartre is unique (not a chain) that serves French & Viet food.

The owners asked that a small menu be offered to simplify, expedite smooth efficient service, and ensure requested choices are available.  Sandy will pay for all (please reimburse Sandy with cash at the luncheon).

If you wish to join us for lunch, please:

·       Select your food choices from the small menu - below.

·       **Send your meal choice by 12 noon on Saturday May 31 to Sandy via email**[**sandy.neuzil@gmail.com**](mailto:sandy.neuzil@gmail.com)**or call 703-989-1821 and leave a message.**

Arriving by Metro Access?  They will send details for best drop off address and short walking directions through Lake Anne Plaza to the restaurant by Friday May 30.  Driving?  Plenty of free parking at Lake Anne shopping Center.

CAFÉ MONMARTRE - SMALL MENU - VIP LUNCHEON June 6, 2025

Listed price (followed by suggested payment with a 20% tip)

LUNCH SELECTIONS

·       Gazpacho (Cold Tomato and Vegetable Soup)  $10.95  ($13.14)

·       Shrimp Summer Rolls with Peanut Sauce Dip  $9.95  ($11.94)

·       Viet "Bahn Mi" Chicken Sandwich served with House Salad  $17.95  ($21.54)

·       Quiche aux Epinards (Quiche with Spinach and Onion) served with House Salad  $18.95  ($22.74)

·       Quiche Lorraine (Quiche with Bacon and Cheese) served with House Salad  $18.95  ($22.74)

·       Filet de Saumon sauce a L'Aneth  (Baked filet of Salmon with Capers and Dill in a light Lemon Butter Sauce) served with Rice and Vegetables  $29.95  ($35.94)

DESSERT CHOICES - each  $10.95   ($13.14)

·       Mousse au Chocolat (Chocolate Mousse)

·       Mousse au Mangue (Mango Mousse)

·       Key Lime Pie

BEVERAGES

·       $3.50  ($4.20) – Sodas, Iced Tea, Milk

·       $3.95  ($4.74) – House Coffee (Hot or Iced)

·       $4.50  ($5.40) – Root Beer, Evian, Perrier, Arnold Palmer Iced Tea, Lemonade, Herbal Hot Tea, Chocolate Milk (Hot or Cold), Shirley Temple, Juices (Apple, Pineapple, Cranberry, Orange)

·       $5.75  ($6.90) – Pellegrino   /   $5.95  ($7.14) – Iced Viet Coffee

###

**ACB of Virginia Meeting - Starting a Business in 2025: Real Stories, Real Advice from Blind Entrepreneurs**

Monday, June 9th at 7:00 pm

Have you ever dreamed of starting your own business, but wondered how to get started, especially as a blind entrepreneur? Join this meeting that will spotlight two successful blind business owners who turned their passion into thriving enterprises:

* **Jason (JJ) Meddaugh**, Owner of [**A T Guys**](https://atguys.com/)
* **Tricia Waechter**, Owner of [**Blind Girl Designs**](https://blindgirldesigns.com/?srsltid=AfmBOoqExwIS-UfLMCObIqe_pd0vX7yGBGlCf1FmWQIy-pNnhd3GAmkm)

In this powerful panel discussion, you'll hear:

* The journeys of Jason and Tricia as they launched their companies
* What they learned—and what they wish they'd known earlier
* Advice for others exploring entrepreneurship
* Tools, supports, and resources available to blind business owners

Whether you're actively working on a business idea, supporting someone who is, or just curious about what it takes—this session will leave you informed and inspired.

**Join Zoom Meeting:**[**https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481244260?pwd=ekgxYldXMnlqYk16MFlua0lIQnozZz09**](https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86481244260?pwd=ekgxYldXMnlqYk16MFlua0lIQnozZz09)

**Meeting ID:** 864 8124 4260  
**Passcode:** 111222

**One-Tap Mobile:**+13017158592,,86481244260#,,,,\*111222# US (Washington, DC)

**Dial-In Option:**+1 301 715 8592 US (Washington, DC)

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**Davis Library No Pressure Book Discussion - Virtual**

Tuesday, June 10th from 4:00 to 5:00 pm

[**Virtual Branch**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/12609492#branch)

Talk about books you've read - and meet other book lovers!

Join the book discussion to discuss what you've been reading and to meet fellow book lovers! You can talk about any book, so there is no pressure.

Please register at[**Davis No Pressure Book Discussion - Virtual - Montgomery County Public Libraries**](https://mcpl.libnet.info/event/12609492)

**The Zoom link will be sent to registrants the day before the discussion.**

**NEW:** You will need to be signed into Zoom to attend this program via the web.

To sign in, you must first create a free account: [**https://zoom.us/signup**](https://zoom.us/signup)**.**

###

**Hadley Crafting Circle - Quilting Tips, Tools, and Projects**

Wednesday, June 11th at 5:00 pm

From prep work to patchwork and beyond, explore the joys of quilting—plus the tools and techniques that make it more accessible, and the projects that have been created, admired, and enjoyed.

Sign up to join at [**Crafting Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/crafting-circle).

###

**Hadley Book Nook - Short Reads**

Thursday, June 12th at 12:30 pm

Whether you’re easing back into reading or just love a quick, compelling tale, short stories offer big ideas in a small package. Join to discuss what makes a short story stand out, where to find great ones, and share your favorites.

Sign up to join at [**Book Nook | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/book-nook)**.**

###

**TUG Meeting - ReBokeh Vision Technologies, Inc. & HumanWare**

Saturday, June 14th at 10:00 am

The Technology User Group (TUG) will have two guest speakers.  First will be Rebecca Rosenberg, an engineer, who is Founder and CEO of ReBokeh Vision Technologies, Inc.  Creator of the ReBokeh See Your World app, she will talk about its functionality and future plans.  This app is designed for people with low vision, allowing them to enhance their visual experiences in real-time using their smartphone cameras.  It offers customizable filters to adjust contrast, color, brightness, and other visual elements, helping users see more clearly.

Next, Michael Battista from HumanWare will talk about the Prodigi software for Windows.  The paid software features adjustable magnification, text-to-speech, and customizable contrast modes.  The software is designed to be intuitive and user-friendly, allowing individuals to personalize their experiences.

The presentation will begin at 10 AM and last sixty minutes.

Who should attend?

* Assistive technology enthusiasts.
* Caregivers and service providers for the blind.
* Individuals with print disabilities.

Low vision patrons.

This program will be recorded.

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**Hadley Resource Roundtable - Medication Management and Safety Tips**

Tuesday, June 17th at 2:00 pm

Finding the right medication and taking the correct dose doesn’t have to be tricky with vision loss. Join us as they share tips and strategies for managing medication safely.

Sign up to join at [**Resource Roundtable | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/resource-roundtable).

###

**Hadley Tech It Out Discussion - Is a Smart Watch Right for You?**

Tuesday, June 24th at 2:00 pm

Thinking about getting a smart watch? Or maybe you’ve got one and aren’t sure you’re making the most of it. Join to chat about what they can do, how accessible they really are, and what to keep in mind before diving in.

Sign up to join at [**Tech It Out | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/tech-it-out).

###

**Karaoke Night**

Wednesday, June 25th from 4:00 to 7:00pm

[**Benning (Dorothy I. Height) Neighborhood Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/13249172#branch)

700 Pennsylvania Ave SE

Meeting Room 1 (25-100 Person Capacity)

Come perform your favorite tunes every last Wednesday of the month from 4-7.

###

**Hadley What's Cooking? - Not Your Same Old Sandwich**

Wednesday, June 25th at 5:00 pm

Skip the usual "bread and meat" sandwich—try wraps, quesadillas, pitas, or go breadless. Sandwich making is great for practicing skills like spreading, slicing, and peeling. Share favorite recipes and tips!

Sign up to join at [**What's Cooking? | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/whats-cooking).

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