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Dear Listeners,

I am pleased to announce that **Reverend Ray Raysor**, MWE’s Board President, will be the featured speaker at the DC Public Library’s Virtual Accessibility Lab Monthly Presentation on Saturday, September 13th from 1-:00 to 2:30 pm. Full details are [**here**](#Rev).

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**FAIRFAX BOARD OF SUPERVISORS’ PROCLAMATION ON DISABILITY VOTING RIGHTS WEEK**

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| The Fairfax County Board of Supervisors will issue a proclamation designating September 8–12, 2025, as Disability Voting Rights Week (DVRW) at the [**Board of Supervisors meeting**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.fairfaxcounty.gov%2Fboardofsupervisors%2Fsept-09-2025-meeting%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001990faaa230-efff7fe7-8c36-45df-8a01-4a940ee31b93-000000/u0YUcR7j5PIeA8pT92klxN_7Hh_6N2ShL9wlMMHGKsM=421)on September 9th at 9:30 a.m**.** Join the DVRW celebration by attending the proclamation in the Auditorium of the [**Fairfax County Government Center**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.fairfaxcounty.gov%2Fboardofsupervisors%2Fsept-09-2025-meeting%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery%23:~:text=12000%2520Government%2520Center%2520Parkway%250AFairfax%252C%2520VA%252C%252022035/1/010001990faaa230-efff7fe7-8c36-45df-8a01-4a940ee31b93-000000/RVnkLhjirnX7VzGKeDuJfT6J2gfnI-XtyL58bfKHrjk=421), tuning in on Channel 16, [**streaming it online**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.fairfaxcounty.gov%2Fcableconsumer%2Fchannel-16%2Fboard-supervisors-meetings%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001990faaa230-efff7fe7-8c36-45df-8a01-4a940ee31b93-000000/aPTeTgNDV4H1tC2OkUjxAr7rC8ZX3kraDYOm4-C_l_g=421), or dialing 703-324-7700 (TTY 711).  Disability Voting Rights Week takes place every September as an initiative to raise awareness about the barriers people with disabilities face when voting. DVRW is led by the American Association of People with Disabilities (AAPD) and its REV UP Campaign, which stands for "Register! Educate! Vote! Use your Power!"  For more information about the REV UP Campaign, visit [**www.aapd.com/revup**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.aapd.com%2Fdisability-voting-rights-week%2F%3Fblm_aid=219982849%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001990faaa230-efff7fe7-8c36-45df-8a01-4a940ee31b93-000000/tKXwfIP6BWHo9xyFd2P2SK9ICMnOAU1uh6GSpz0yQwU=421).  ### |

**FCC ANNOUNCES COMMENT DATES FOR RE-EXAMINATION OF EMERGENCY ALERTING SYSTEMS**

Comments due: September 25, 2025

Reply comments due: October 10, 2025

The FCC adopted a Notice of Proposed Rulemaking (NPRM) to re-examine the Emergency Alert System (EAS) and Wireless Emergency Alerts (WEA) from the ground up, and explore whether fundamental changes could make these lifesaving systems more effective, efficient, and better able to serve the public’s needs.

With respect to accessibility, the FCC seeks comment on alert transmission capabilities that can promote flexibility and consumer choice by allowing for greater tailoring as to how alerts are received and presented on various devices (e.g., language, locations, screen placement, font size, text-to-speech, and other accessibility options).

Link to Public Notice announcing comment dates:

[**https://www.fcc.gov/document/pshsb-announces-comment-dates-alerting-modernization-nprm**](https://www.fcc.gov/document/pshsb-announces-comment-dates-alerting-modernization-nprm)

Link to Emergency Alerting NPRM:

[**https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-modernization-nations-alerting-systems**](https://www.fcc.gov/document/fcc-proposes-modernization-nations-alerting-systems)

More information about EAS is available at Emergency Alert System and about WEA at Wireless Emergency Alerts.  For further information regarding the NPRM, contact Tara Shostek, Attorney Advisor, Cybersecurity and Communications Reliability Division (CCRD), Public Safety and Homeland Security Bureau (PSHSB), at (202) 418-8130 or [**Tara.Shostek@fcc.gov**](mailto:Tara.Shostek@fcc.gov).

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| **BARD 2 OFFERS NEW FEATURES FOR PATRONS**  From DC Public Library *Center for Accessibility* |

if you use BARD on the web, you will have access to BARD 2 in early September. If you're not a BARD user, this is your chance to sign up for the service and get instant access to hundreds of thousands of audio and braille books and magazines for reading with an NLS digital talking-book machine, a personal smart device with BARD Mobile, a Braille eReader, or your PC with the BARD Express player.

DC library patrons should contact the DC library at [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov) or 202-727-2142 to sign up for BARD.

Access to the new and improved BARD website requires a change in your login procedures. The DC Library Center for Accessibility will contact all BARD web users and provide instructions for the new login procedures. If you have any questions, need assistance, or just want to tell them about your experience with BARD 2, contact [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov)or 202-727-2142.

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**ELRICH SEEKS APPLICANTS FOR COMMISSION ON VETERANS AFFAIRS**

County Executive Marc Elrich is seeking applicants to fill **11** vacancies on the Commission on Veterans Affairs. **Four** vacancies are for members representing the general public including non-veteran family members and caregivers. **Seven** vacancies are for veterans who may be members of veteran groups such as the Vietnam Veterans of America, American Veterans (AMVETS), Disabled American Veterans, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Women Veterans of America, American Legion, or Military Order of the Purple Heart. Two public members and three veteran members are eligible to apply for reappointment.

The Commission has a total of 16 voting members, including representatives of the County's Department of Health and Human Services, the County Executive's Office, and Montgomery College. There is one non-voting representative of the County's congressional delegation and one non-voting member of the Commission on People with Disabilities. The Commission researches, assembles, analyzes, and disseminates information and educational materials relating to activities and programs that assist in meeting the needs of veterans and their families; institutes and conducts educational and other programs, meetings, and conferences to promote the rights and opportunities of veterans; advises the Executive and the Council on the status of programs and services in the State and County related to the needs of veterans and their families; and assists in planning appropriate commemorative activities and public acknowledgement of the contributions made by veterans.

Members serve three-year terms without compensation, but are eligible for reimbursement for travel and dependent care for in-person meetings attended. The Commission currently meets virtually by video- and teleconference the third Tuesday of the month from 6:00 PM - 7:30 PM. When in-person meetings resume in the future, the Commission will meet in Rockville.

**Apply online by September 26th at** [**Montgomery County Maryland**](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/BCCpublic/(S(o3c02gi4jbpd5y55gzmxlomh))/IndexProduct.aspx)**.**

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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.

**The Inheritance Part One**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, September 27th at 1:00 pm

**Merry Wives**

Shakespeare: Harman Hall: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, September 27th at 2:00 pm

**The Inheritance Part Two**

Round House Theatre Bethesda - 240-644-1100

Described Saturday, October 4th at 1:00 pm

**Damn Yankees**

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

Described Saturday, October 4th at 2:00 pm

**Red Pitch**

Olney Theatre Center – Mulitz-Gudelsky Theatre Lab 301-924-3400

Described Wednesday, October 8th 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)

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| **POB READS Book Club (Virtual Event)** Friday, September 5th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Join the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington for The Outsiders by S.E. Hinton, a story about teenage boys facing violence, friendship, and growing up in a divided world. To register, call (301) 951-4444 or visit [**www.pobreads.org**](http://www.pobreads.org)**.**  ###  **Reston VIP Meeting - "Exchange ideas, resources, and friendship with others conquering vision decline"**  Friday, September 5th from 2:00 to 4:00 pm  Reston Regional Library, Teen Area  11925 Bowman Towns Drive, Reston  Ask any question.  Share your solutions.  Describe what makes you smile.  Or just listen to others talk about the wealth of resources and opportunities for people who may not be able to see as well as they used to see or as well as they might like to see.  Hosted by Sandy Neuzil – co-chair Reston VIP  ###  **Rosslyn Jazz Fest**  Saturday, September 6th from 1:00 to 7:00 pm  Gateway Park  1300 Langston Boulevard, Arlington  Experience Arlington, Virginia’s most popular **free** outdoor music festival! Join the Rosslyn Business Improvement District and Arlington Arts at the 33rd [**Rosslyn Jazz Fest**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025-tickets-1458630566289?aff=oddtdtcreator) for an afternoon of music, community, food trucks, yard games, and more. Read the full press release [**here**](https://www.rosslynva.org/press-release/rosslyn-bid-and-arlington-arts-announce-lineup-for-rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025)!  Register at [**Rosslyn Jazz Fest 2025 Tickets, Sat, Sep 6, 2025 at 1:00 PM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/rosslyn-jazz-fest-2025-tickets-1458630566289?aff=oddtdtcreator).  ###  **Accessible Movie Screening: Gladiator 2**  Saturday, September 6th from 1:00 to 4:00 pm  Presented by the [**Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library - Central Library**](https://dclibrary.libnet.info/event/14398383#branch) Center for Accessibility  901 G street, NW, *401-F Conference Room (20-46 Person Capacity)*  Presented with open audio description.  Please note this film is rated R.  Running time: 2 hours, 28 minutes.  For reasonable accommodations, please contact DCPLaccess@dc.gov or 202-727-2142  ###  **Fiddle and Guitar Duo: Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna**  Saturday, Sep 6th from 2:00 to 2:50 pm  National Gallery of Art East Building Mezzanine  4th Street and Constitution Avenue, NW  Hailed as “a top-notch fiddle-and-guitar duo” by *The New York Times*, Dana Lyn and Kyle Sanna connect the dots between their experience as composers and improvisers and their deep admiration for traditional Irish music. They will perform music from their environmentally themed projects, *The Great Arc* and *The Coral Suite*.  ###  **Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Headline 2025 Silver Spring Jazz Festival**  Saturday, September 6th from 3:00 to 10:00 pm  Veterans Plaza in downtown Silver Spring  Mark your calendars for one of Montgomery County's biggest music events of the year, with the headliner taking the stage at 8:30 p.m. Enjoy a full lineup of jazz performances, food vendors, a beer garden, and fun for all ages.  Read the press release at [**Preservation Hall Jazz Band to Headline Silver Spring Jazz Festival on Saturday, Sept. 6**](https://www2.montgomerycountymd.gov/mcgportalapps/Press_Detail.aspx?Item_ID=47389).  ###  **Stargardt's Network - Workplace Stories (Virtual Event)** Tuesday, September 9th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm Reflect on workplace memories, challenges, and vision mishaps. They would love to hear from those still working or retired!  To register, call (301) 951-4444**.**  ###  **Leisure World Lions Group - Inside the Eye with Dr. Tom**  Wednesday, September 10th from 2:00 pm to 3:00 pm Leisure World Clubhouse II 3300 N Leisure World Blvd., Silver Spring  Learn about the eye with Lisa M. Tom, M.D., an ophthalmologist at Washington Eye Physicians & Surgeons specializing in cataract surgery, glaucoma procedures, and laser treatments. To RSVP, call Larry at908-770-9111.  ###  **The MLK: Music Lounge Kickback**   |  | | --- | | Thursday, September 11th from 12:00 to 2:00 pm  MLK Library, 901 G Street, NW, 5th Floor (Event Space)  Finish out this fun summer series with adults with ALL Abilities to get social, and enjoy music, crafts, and games. Music by DJ Pye!  To request reasonable accommodation for this program, please contact DCPLaccess@dc.gov or call 202-727-2142.  ### |   **Virtual Accessibility Lab Monthly Presentation**   |  | | --- | | Saturday, September 13th from 1-:00 to 2:30 pm  **Speaker:  Reverend Ray Raysor, Board President, Metropolitan Washington Ear**  Rev Ray is also president of the American Council of the Blind, Washington DC Chapter, and he hosts the Sight n' Vision Radio Talk Show which airs on WOL 1450 AM. The show is recorded in Silver Spring, MD and streams online worldwide.    When Rev Ray was 13 years old, an accident with a firecracker left him completely blind in both eyes. He was connected with Columbia Lighthouse for the Blind (CLB) and learned many skills.    Rev Ray has worked as a contractor for the Randolph Sheppard Program for the Federal Government and for the Prince Georges County Government.  As Ray says at the end of every show, "I may not have sight, but I have vision, vision, vision."    The Accessibility Lab Speaker Series is a monthly event bringing together the disability, assistive technology, and accessibility communities to share information and network. These presentations will build a network of accessibility advocates, raise awareness of the issues of importance to the community, empower patrons with disabilities, promote inclusive practices and professional development, and inspire innovation.    **To request the Zoom link or any reasonable accommodations, email DCPLaccess@dc.gov or call 202-727-2142.**  ###  **Virtual Statewide Candidate Forum on Disability Issues**  Monday, Sept. 15th from 6:00 to 7:30 pm  The Arc of Virginia, the Arc of Northern Virginia, the Autism Society of Northern Virginia, and REV UP Virginia are co-hosting a virtual, nonpartisan statewide candidate forum on disability issues. Candidates for Governor, Lt. Governor, and Attorney General will share their plans and answer questions about matters important to the disability community, including:   * Protecting Medicaid * Employment Opportunities * Inclusive and Affordable Housing * Voting Rights and Accessibility   Register at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_xeefx0-MS4m8FgzMqdmDzA?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery#/registration?blm_aid=219982849).  ### |   **LBPD Live: Sabor y Tradición: Virtual Cooking with the Artesanas**  Get ready for a flavorful evening in the kitchen. Join [**Creative Alliance**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fcreativealliance.org%2Fabout%2F%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0100019916029937-96d3e1b7-14d5-4e34-886a-b28f420549fa-000000/7LnsxdCk0yqGmIpdiRNX3CSBQGTHcWuTCygwiKOfrUY=421)**'s** Artesanas for a live, interactive virtual cooking class from the Creativity Center community kitchen. In this hour-long, step-by-step session, you will learn how to make **tacos de pollo (chicken)** and **fresh salsa** in real time, cooking along with one of their talented Artesanas.  This special program marks the start of **Hispanic Heritage Month** (September 15 to October 15), which honors the cultures, histories, and contributions of Hispanic and Latinx communities. Continue exploring and learning through the LBPD curated Hispanic Heritage Month reading list, available on their [**website**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmsla.maryland.gov%2FPages%2FCommunity-Reading-Lists.aspx%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/0100019916029937-96d3e1b7-14d5-4e34-886a-b28f420549fa-000000/7poKCwDxaxGiZjPphM8broaK5KVEk1KhsD15vOUAVXA=421).  You don't need to prepare ahead of time if you don't want to. Prep will be part of the event.  **Register Here:**  [**Cooking Class Registration**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fmeeting%2Fregister%2FgJjhCSX6SBGlUvhbbfkMAQ%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery%23%2Fregistration/1/0100019916029937-96d3e1b7-14d5-4e34-886a-b28f420549fa-000000/jRVKB8LT-xOWZSdXsmHRNo69r2b1DdiAi-i6zaPHigY=421)  ###  **Tech Talk Tuesdays - Tech Tips for the Home (Virtual Event)**  Tuesday, September 16th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm  Join Brenna Corr, Occupational Therapist at Lighthouse Guild, to explore low vision apps that simplify tasks at home. Discover tools that support independence, manage routines, and make life easier.  Call(301) 951-4444to register.  ###  **Section 508 Best Practices Webinar: A Journey Through Global Accessibility Laws**  Tuesday, September 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 pm  Join the US Access Board as they explore the world of accessibility laws! They will travel across the globe to discover how different countries are promoting ICT accessibility through legislation. The itinerary includes stops in the United States, Canada, and Europe, where they will highlight Section 508, ADA Title II Web Accessibility, the Accessible Canada Act, and the European Accessibility Act.  For more details or to register, visit the [**Great Lakes ADA Center's webinar webpage**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fwww.accessibilityonline.org%2Fcioc-508%2Fsession%3Fid=111180/1/0100019884bb4571-1053e569-9752-4067-998e-f8a4cff7acf4-000000/fOdQnM1n0BY6gQiOusvDcWKRY1gDQpOsJnUQhdEoCA4=417).  Learn more at [**A Journey Through Global Accessibility Laws**](https://www.accessibilityonline.org/cioc-508/session?id=111180).  ###  **Low Vision Town Hall (Virtual Event) - What is MetroAccess Paratransit?** Wednesday, September 17th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  Join Brigid Doherty, COMS, Accessibility Specialist, WMATA, to learn about MetroAccess, a service for people with disabilities who cannot use bus or rail, and other transportation options.  Call (301) 951-4444to register.  ###  **NFB CENA Half-Day Seminar: Learn How to Create Your Own Accessible Smart Home**  Wednesday, September 17th from 1:00 to 5:00 pm  The world of technology that can connect to the internet and other devices has exploded in the past decade. Various smart speakers, cameras, sensors, and more have been gaining popularity in the mainstream, but how many of these devices are accessible? Join to hear about the latest developments in accessible smart house devices.  Register at [**Accessibility Boutique Registration | National Federation of the Blind**](https://nfb.org/programs-services/center-excellence-nonvisual-access/events/accessibility-boutique-reg).  ###   |  | | --- | |  |     **Friendship Heights Vision Resource Group - The Value of Connections**  Thursday, September 18th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Friendship Heights Village Center 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase When vision challenges arise, open and informal conversations can offer valuable support. Whether your experience is new or long-term, all are welcome!  To RSVP, call(301) 656-2797.###  **Web Accessibility Discussion Group - Open Conversation!**  Thursday, September 18th, from 6:30 to 7:30 pm Virtual via Zoom  The DC Library’s Center for Accessibility is opening the floor for a lively, informal conversation on all things web accessibility. Developer, designer, advocate or just curious this is a chance to share insights raise questions and connect with others who want to make the web more inclusive. Bring your experiences, challenges and questions to this dynamic discussion.  **For Zoom link please email** [**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov) **or call 202-727-2142**.  ###  **America InSight**  Thursday, September 18th at 5:30 pm  Join the Smithsonian American Art Museum for a docent-led virtual tour designed for participants who are blind or have low vision. Discover highlights from the collection through rich verbal descriptions that invoke a multisensory experience. If you have any questions, please feel free to email them at [**SAAMAccess@si.edu**](mailto:SAAMAccess@si.edu).virtual America InSight tour for visitors who are blind or have low vision at the Smithsonian American Art Museum and Renwick Gallery.  ###  **FFB Quarterly Vision Webinar - Focusing on** **Thyroid Eye Disease (TED)**  Saturday, September 20th at 12:00 pm  Location: [**Online**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCTdZC3CLpGZUbwF8eVUqbM5kJ0p3uSBqBAikYDlVywGXK3-2F-2B-2FyqFmVKwtOi1PEASoLhv11wjdzTGPr0lT3u7t-2FhsM99DIOqZJ-2FRaDKQnuMdpREWniW5MIOsJ-2FWXovdK2OmdkF5VLzb8Ct2DG1IBjgzB0-2BM-2BQpBdBMYcxPpy6FVPAR1yLe6-2Fzl9WIkC-2BL5Kb71TC6HQzrTM-2BxNmrrNDWfM5Y-3DAbPb_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPv8LXdEdJU5yXEgXb5CVYB226kVK9YDjnedhMGokylZpMdB9j-2BBy-2Fp7mU-2BNFrZGW9HzvzsU4cYKH4uDqKBr3n6AZCb4yIPR3zgxicPiw7Pjz-2FzXZRD5fGLieZoggM7-2Fo7koVL1Qf1iaPmyJ-2FQAfsahc-2BMU00x6OjJbatMLjJutlixU8v7H1DQzYzrw6cDuUnofK-2FVtbSLtFVxx1YeWB3diA0S5DU-2B-2BYItsmXmvkl-2Fsq8-3D) via Zoom (Registration required at: [**Quarterly Vision Webinar – Thyroid Eye Disease (TED) — Foundation Fighting Blindness**](https://www.fightingblindness.org/events/quarterly-vision-webinar-thyroid-eye-disease-ted-4465?vcrmeid=u1BtPByE0qCyL2RRl5qA&vcrmiid=i6L4Vi8sRUeDB-hq9uAE5Q).)  This free webinar will feature a dynamic discussion moderated by Ben Shaberman and a panel of experts:   * **Dr. Sonalika Khachikian** (Endocrinologist) * **Dr. Maja Kostic** (Neuro-Ophthalmologist) * **David Brint** (Newly Diagnosed TED Patient)   What You’ll Learn:  The connection between thyroid conditions and eye health.   * How to recognize the signs and symptoms of TED. * The impact of TED on vision and quality of life. * Insights into diagnosis and treatment options.   For more information, please reach out to Bailey Bostelmanat [**BBostelman@FightingBlindness.org.**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess0712959091/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4671&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP)  ###  **Accessible Board and Card Game Night**   |  | | --- | | Thursday, September 25th from 4:00 to 6:00 pm  MLK Library Center for Accessibility 901 G Street, NW, Room 205-H  Play accessible Scrabble, Monopoly, Bingo, Uno, and more! Boards and cards are tactile and include braille and large print labeling. All are welcome!  ### |   **TUG Meeting - iOS 26**  Saturday, September 27th from 10:00 to 11:00 am  The Technology User Group (TUG) will reveal the latest changes coming to the iPhone's operating system (iOS 26). Will these changes aid in accessibility or prove to be just hype?  Call in Number  1-301-715-8592  Meeting ID: 656 203 7293​#  One tap mobile [**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/01000198f1857b95-64915905-3bfd-453b-94ef-e00180b1af08-000000/QbxuUohC7nsHuzQWJ389Hc-GSJ5dVIoZBAkxpkmO18s=420)  Webcast  [**https://marylandlibraries.zoom.us/j/6562037293?omn=94648805523**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fmarylandlibraries.zoom.us%2Fj%2F6562037293%3Fomn=94648805523%26utm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/01000198f1857b95-64915905-3bfd-453b-94ef-e00180b1af08-000000/fTli9hM3Hr5gP2w26YgNZN1DHt3YjPhbI7MHqmcBadw=420)   |  | | --- | |  |   ###  **Together Toward Tomorrow - The ACB of Maryland State Convention**  Saturday September 27th from 9:30 am to 7:00 pm (Virtual)  Registration is free so come and join and have a great time. By Registering you can win a Door Prize and at the end of the day join their fabulous auction.  Register by emailing Jane Carona at 301-598-2131, 301-922-9224 or email [**jane.e.carona@gmail**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess3606192612/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4987&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP) with your name, phone, email, and address. and phone number. After registering, you will receive a Zoom link.  ###  **7th Annual Janet Morrison Memorial Low Vision Mini-Symposium (Virtual Event)**  Saturday, September 27th from 8:30 to 11:30 am Hear from Andrew Adelson, M.D., Suleiman Alibhai, O.D., and John Shepherd, M.D., as they share updates in low vision care and rehabilitation. POB's Low Vision Resource Center will also demonstrate tools and services to support your daily life. This program is presented in partnership with Washington National Eye Center. To RSVP, call Tara at(202) 234- 1010, ext. 233, or email[**taziz@youreyes.org**](mailto:taziz@youreyes.org)**.**  ###  **Beep Baseball All-Star Weekend**  Forwarded by Sandy Neuzil and Sharon Payne  Friday, October 3rd from 3:30 to 5:30 pm and  Saturday, October 4th all day beginning at 8:00 am  George Mason University, between Field 3 and Field 4 4605 Rapidan River Road, Fairfax  George Mason University, in partnership with MindsEye Radio and the National Beep Baseball Association, will host a Learn to Play beep baseball clinic for the local community on Friday, followed by the All-Star Single Elimination Tournament on Saturday.  The tournament features four teams made up of top blind and visually impaired athletes from across the United States. All games will be live streamed with play-by-play commentary from MindsEye Radio. A link to the stream will be posted before the first game begins.  **Friday, October 3 – Learn to Play Clinic**  This free hands-on clinic welcomes participants who are new to the sport and those with experience. Instruction is provided by All-Star athletes and experienced coaches.  **Schedule:**   * Field setup: 3:30 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. * Participant check-in: 4:30 p.m. to 5:30 p.m. * Clinic and scrimmage: 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m.   **Saturday, October 4 – All-Star Tournament**  Four elite teams, each made up of ten players, will compete for the 2025 NBBA All-Star title. Players were selected throughout the summer of 2025 based on their performances at regional qualifying tournaments and at the Beep Baseball World Series in St. Louis. Coaches for each team were also chosen for their outstanding leadership and performance at these events.  **Schedule:**   * Field setup: 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. * Fields open for pre-game warmups: 9:00 a.m. * Opening ceremonies: 10:35 a.m. (National Anthem, team introductions, welcome, first pitch) * Game 1: 11:05 a.m. – Team 1 vs. Team 4 * Game 2: 11:05 a.m. – Team 2 vs. Team 3 * Third place game: 3:00 p.m. * Championship game: 6:00 p.m.   **About Beep Baseball**  Beep baseball is an adaptive form of baseball for athletes who are blind or visually impaired. A beeping ball and buzzing bases provide audio cues that enable hitting, fielding, and running with speed and skill.  **Learn More About the Sport**  Learn more and register at the event website at: [**https://recreation.gmu.edu/adaptive-sports/beep-baseball/**](https://recreation.gmu.edu/adaptive-sports/beep-baseball/)  For more information on the rules, history, and community of beep baseball, visit the National Beep Baseball Association at: [**https://www.nbba.org**](https://www.nbba.org/)  ###   |  |  | | --- | --- | | |  | | --- | |  | |   **ACB of Virginia State Convention 2025 – "Together Again: Reconnect, Recharge, and Rise!"**  October 17th to 19th  Hilton Garden Inn, Fredericksburg, Virginia  After too many Zooms and not enough hugs, ACB of Virginia is absolutely thrilled to announce their first in-person state convention since the pandemic!  **Registration $50 per person**:  View the **full agenda** here: [**acbva.org/convention-program-2025**](https://acbva.org/convention-program-2025/).  **Register** online at [**acbva.org/convention-2025**](https://www.acbva.org/convention-2025)  Register by **September 1st** to be entered into a drawing for a **$25 gift card**!  Have questions about registering or paying online? Reach out to Theresa Breeden – [**teeelynn68@**](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess8343071094/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4174&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP)[**gmail.com**](http://gmail.com/)**.**  **Transportation Help**  Need a lift? ACBVA is coordinating carpool options and train station pick-up/drop-off. Contact [Roseann](https://email.db-fishbowl.com:2096/cpsess8343071094/3rdparty/roundcube/?_task=mail&_caps=pdf%3D1%2Cflash%3D0%2Ctiff%3D0%2Cwebp%3D1%2Cpgpmime%3D0&_uid=4174&_mbox=INBOX&_framed=1&_action=preview#NOP) at [**beachrose9@verizon.net**](mailto:beachrose9@verizon.net) to discuss.  **Financial Assistance**  They don't want cost to keep you from joining them. If you'd like to be considered for financial aid, contact Roseann at  [**beachrose9@verizon.net**](mailto:beachrose9@verizon.net)for a private conversation.  ###  **2025 American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference** (AFBLC),  November 12th to 14th  Crystal Gateway Marriott Hotel in Crystal City, Virginia,  Registration is open for this year’s conference. This year's theme, **Leading Together: Leveraging Change to Advance Our Vision,**  highlights the power of collective leadership in a time of rapid technological and societal transformation.  This year's keynote speaker is **Dr. Joshua Miele**, one of the most respected voices at the intersection of disability and technology. A MacArthur Fellow and accessibility leader at Amazon, Dr. Miele has spent over three decades merging his passion for science with a mission to build a more inclusive digital culture.  In March, he published his acclaimed memoir, *Connecting Dots: A Blind Life*, chronicling his personal and professional journey. At AFBLC, he'll share reflections from that journey and inspire attendees with the wisdom he's gained in his pursuit of a more accessible world.  Access the entire agenda at [**2025 AFBLC Agenda | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc/agenda?sourceid=1091814&emci=cf264fbc-2179-f011-b481-6045bdfe8e9c&emdi=ac7b87e4-f079-f011-b481-6045bdfe8e9c&ceid=13729989).  The registration page is at [**Personal Information - American Foundation for the Blind Leadership Conference 2025**](https://web.cvent.com/event/652243c3-9ee8-4834-8728-dfb8daa07ba4/regProcessStep1?RefId=Default%20Registration).  Learn more at [**2025 AFB Leadership Conference | American Foundation for the Blind**](https://afb.org/get-involved/events/2025afblc)**.**  ### |