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Dear Listeners,

Of special note this week is the 15th anniversary of the 21st Century Communications and Video Accessibility Act (CVAA). Its enactment was the result of a coalition effort that included the Metropolitan Washington Ear and several MWE listeners. A tribute to the CVAA from the American Council of the Blind (ACB) can be found [**here**](#CVAA).

Cheers,

Sylvia

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**AMERICAN COUNCIL OF THE BLIND (ACB) CELEBRATES THE 15TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE 21ST CENTURY COMMUNICATIONS AND VIDEO ACCESSIBILITY ACT (CVAA)**

Adapted from the ACB website [**www.acb.org**](http://www.acb.org).

Signed into law by President Barack Obama on October 8, 2010, the CVAA remains one of the most significant legislative achievements for people who are blind, have low vision, or are DeafBlind in the digital age.

In addition to ensuring that smartphones are accessible to consumers who are blind or have low vision, the CVAA also established, for the first time, regulations requiring audio-described content on major broadcast and cable networks.

The law also allowed the Federal Communications Commission (FCC) to establish the National DeafBlind Equipment Distribution Program (NDBEDP), also known as iCanConnect, which provides free equipment and training for people with both significant hearing and vision loss who meet the program's disability and income eligibility guidelines.

The Metropolitan Washington Ear along with ACB, other advocates, industry leaders, and partner organizations across the disability community garnered support for the CVAA. By uniting their voices and demonstrating the broad impact of accessible technology, they secured the bipartisan backing in Congress that made the CVAA possible.

“The CVAA is a shining example of what’s possible when advocates, industry, and policymakers come together with a shared commitment to equity and inclusion,” said ACB Executive Director Scott Thornhill.

ACB is now advocating for the introduction and passage of the Communications, Video, and Technology Accessibility Act (CVTA), soon to be introduced in Congress. The CVTA reaffirms our nation's commitment to accessible communications and video technologies for people who are blind, have low vision, or are DeafBlind. This legislation will build on the CVAA to modernize and expand requirements for further captioning and audio description availability, and video user interfaces.

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR STUDY ABOUT BUS ISLAND DESIGN**

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| Forwarded by Sandy Neuzil |  |  |  |

Please read the full explanation below and contact Marybeth Cleveland (contact info below) if you think you qualify and you are interested in devoting some time to participate in the study.

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From Marybeth

Hi everyone,

You can help us solve a new issue in taking the bus. Street designs continue to evolve resulting in new challenges for blind pedestrians.

Accessible Design for the Blind, working with Kittelson & Associates, is looking for volunteers who are blind to participate in a study on the accessibility of bus boarding islands in the Washington, DC, area. We want to better understand the experience and challenges of people who have little or no vision when crossing bicycle lanes to get to or from buses at bus boarding islands. Bus boarding islands are separated from the sidewalk by bicycle lanes that must be crossed to board the bus or to reach the sidewalk when exiting the bus. These islands can be of various designs, and they may have a sizeable area where one can wait for the bus, or they may have limited or no width, in which case passengers board the bus from the edge of the bike lane. These bus boarding islands let people riding bicycles use a bicycle lane that passes buses on the side away from the street, so they don't have to wait behind buses or go around them by moving into the traffic on the left side of the bus. The boarding islands reduce conflicts between bicyclists and buses and other traffic, but they introduce potential conflicts between bicyclists and pedestrians. These conflicts occur because the bus boarding islands require passengers to cross the bike lane when traveling to or from where you board the bus.

We are looking for experienced travelers who are comfortable using a long cane, who regularly travel independently outdoors, have an inability to see shapes or objects such as pavement markings such as crosswalks, signs, or vehicles including bicycles AND who would be willing to participate in the research. If you decide to take part in the study, you will be asked to do several trials in which you will begin on the sidewalk or bus island, need to locate the crossing location for the bike lane, and cross the bike lane. For some of the crossings, there will be additional assistive features present at the crossing. There will be a certified orientation and mobility (O&M) specialist with you as you travel. Compensation is $75, and travel costs to get to and from the study area will be reimbursed

If you are interested in participating in this study, please call me, Marybeth Cleveland, at 301-412-4224, or email me at [**mbcleveland@fastmail.net**](mailto:mbcleveland@fastmail.net) to get additional information and to find out if you are eligible for the study.

Marybeth Cleveland

Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist

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Orientation and Mobility Services, LLC

301-412-4224

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**SEEKING PARTICIPANTS FOR SERVICE ANIMAL AND ESA STUDY**

From the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

The Southwest ADA Center wants to hear from workers with disabilities who use a service animal or emotional support animal at work. Study participants will be interviewed about their experiences; no identifying information will be collected about participants or their employers.

To find out more,  email [**Jocelyne Fajardo**](mailto:Jocelyne.Fajardo@memorialhermann.org) or [**Riya Karovalia**](mailto:Riya.Karovalia@memorialhermann.org).

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**VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR RESEARCH STUDY ON EFFECTIVENESS OF SERVICES FOR JOBSEEKERS WITH DISABILITIES**

From the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center

Researchers at Syracuse University are looking for individuals who are 18-64 years old, currently receiving SSI or SSDI, have access to Internet via phone, tablet, or computer, and are not currently receiving benefits counseling services.

Participants will complete 3 online surveys of 30 minutes each, and be assigned to one of two groups. One group of participants will take part in additional sessions related to benefits counseling.

To learn more, contact the Burton Blatt Institute by email at [**VRstudy@syr.edu**](mailto:VRstudy@syr.edu).

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**RECORDING AVAILABLE FOR BIONIC SIGHT VIRTUAL EVENT**

The San Diego chapter of the Foundation Fighting Blindness virtual event featured **Dr. Sheila Nirenberg**, who shared the results from Bionic Sight's Phase 1/2 clinical trial for retinitis pigmentosa. Bionic Sight's optogenetic treatment has shown positive results with many patients gaining the ability to recognize objects and colors, visual field size, and maze navigation after treatment.

[**VIEW THE RECORDING**](https://u35158275.ct.sendgrid.net/ls/click?upn=u001.TwpWPek5144WRusuAV3MCS1QXY0C-2Fim-2F3UKuQmOHOHg5j0MPdyLrbFIB4AtXSJBoSoBR5nm61Uq-2F2VZuwn-2FLmfxIiWvMXHLrvyOEAh-2FWK-2BCs2pKDSV2Zz3ULNIiXpx4naZbquhxITmalE-2FOoZHVinw-3D-3D1NGY_Gm0wzphATd0uQbd-2FHpE-2Bv2F-2Bbf-2FGTiacR0j91njw5-2FjfRZxe-2BoZli-2FhmBhdBrzrPznEDVk-2FkFaoIX-2BYtkFZA6Z2iQKr0qQt8YD4m6Ujw3iYEM6qgZueyjtiWmpgWxx0YfmYPS6KcRHZYLfDEF5zIqT5nmAwV4VkllfnAb5pm2sE6fmy53r36mT26f3qL-2FKSZYh5hUWyewahsHot9G5RJf1hBo6LG1GHGI7Erjbp6xSUXTm-2FVEV8d2CAE88IBmZ2LGg5OhTg0WToeSk3dkVE3C-2B4T5z61Cx1TE37vzrWsDWE-3D) at [**San Diego Virtual Event with Bionic Sight – October, 2025**](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=0WQgixZjOW4).

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**MLK JAWS, VOICEOVER AND ANDROID CLASS UPDATE**

Martin Luther King Jr. Memorial Library

Center for Accessibility, 2nd Floor

**JAWS for Windows: Wednesdays**

October 7 - December 10 (no class November 26)

Keyboarding: 10 a.m. - 12 p.m.

Intro: 12:15 - 1:15 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In Clinic: 1:30 - 2:30 p.m.

**VoiceOver for iOS: Thursdays**

October 8 - December 11 (no class November 27)

Siri for iPhone: 12 - 12:45 p.m.

Intro: 1 - 2 p.m.

Intermediate Drop-In and Apps: 2:15 - 3:15 p.m.

**Talkback for Android: Fridays**

October 10 - December 12 (no class November 28)

10:30 a.m. - 12 p.m.

**To register please call 202-727-2142 or email**[**DCPLaccess@dc.gov**](mailto:DCPLaccess@dc.gov)**.**

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**THEATER UPDATE**

The following performances will be described by an MWE volunteer, providing a carefully timed narration of the visual elements in the production.

Note that recorded program notes, which detail elements of the production for which there is no time to describe during the performance, such as stage settings and costumes, 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.

**Godspell**

McLean Community Players - 703-790-9223

Described Saturday, October 11th at 2:00 pm

**Freemont Avenue**

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

Described Saturday, November 1st at 2:00 pm

**Wild Duck**

Shakespeare: Klein Theatre: 202-547-1122

Described Saturday, November 8th at 2:00 pm

**Hello Dolly**

Olney Theatre Center – Roberts Mainstage 301-924-3400

Described Wednesday, November 19th at 7:00 pm

**Hadestown**

National Theatre – 1-800-514-3849

Described Sunday, November 23rd at 7:30 pm

**Some Like it Hot**

National Theatre – 1-800-514-3849

Described Sunday, November 30th 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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She will also take a quick look at "Sharky," the virtual assistant built into Freedom Scientific products.  **Who should attend?**   * All JAWS and ZoomText users * Individuals who are considering getting a Windows computer * People who want to learn more about voice navigation on the computer and the web   **Joining info:**  [**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/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/a6wbj_UE_RwXS0DTaTyH7vbBGUTR06MuOCgCHDX7YwM=424)  Meeting ID: 656 203 7293  ---  One tap mobile  [**+13017158592,,6562037293#**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/tel:%2B13017158592,,6562037293%23/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/dT_tpalM9gPT-_nbC-kJQ2GIcziQ34lZC66C39Elb3k=424)  ###  **iBugCafe - iPhone iOS 26**  Sunday, October 12th from 5:00 to 6:30 pm  The iBugCafe will present on the newly released iPhone iOS 26. If you haven't installed the new iOS and want to explore its features, or if you've already installed it and want to deepen your understanding, this presentation will be highly beneficial.  Join the Zoom meeting:  [**https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09**](https://zoom.us/j/7428486329?pwd=M003RmZaa3pTbWRlZ00xbSs4YTlmUT09)  One tap mobile from a smartphone: +13462487799,,7428486329#,,,,\*369978# US  Dial from a phone: +1 346 248 7799 US  Meeting ID: 742 848 6329, Password: 369978  IBugCafe facilitator, Sree Roy  ###  **Vision Support Group (Virtual Event) - Healthy Aging** Tuesday, October 14th from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm Join Arth Shah, M.D., Washington National Eye Center Ophthalmology Resident, to learn how age-related eye conditions like glaucoma, cataracts, macular degeneration, and diabetic eye disease affect millions of older adults. To register, call **(301) 951-4444.** ###  **Hadley Writers’ Circle Discussion Group - Adding a Spooky Twist**  Tuesday, October 14th at 1:00 pm  What chills the reader’s spine? Diabolical dialog? Sinister settings? Join us, if you dare, for tips on adding some frightful features to your fiction.  Sign up to join at [**Writers' Circle | Hadley Discussion Group for the Visually Impaired**](https://hadleyhelps.org/discussion-groups/writers-circle).  ### |   **Stargardt's Network (Virtual Event) - Building a Support Circle** Tuesday, October 14th from 6:00 to 7:00 pm Join us to discuss ways to broaden our circle of support beyond our families and loved ones. [**Click here to register for this event**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=8f8397c4c9&e=59825d4dc8) or call **(301) 951-4444.** ###  **Low Vision Town Hall (Virtual Event) - Safety at Home** Wednesday, October 15th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  The guest speaker is **Elexa Waugh-Quasebarth**, Clinical Manager and Occupational Therapist, Safe at Home-Home Care Partners. Learn practical ways to improve home safety, use balance techniques to reduce falls, and make your environment more vision-friendly. [**Click here to register for this event**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=aeba8aacdc&e=59825d4dc8) or call **(301) 951-4444.** ###  **How to Advocate for Accessibility in Your Workplace**  Wednesday, October 15th from 1:00 to 2:00 pm  One of the major hurdles in disability employment is a lack of knowledge of what accessibility is and what resources are available. The National Federation of the Blind's Center for Excellence in Nonvisual Access (CENA) will join the Maryland Department of Disabilities Assistive Technology Program for this session to cover how to educate coworkers and supervisors on accessibility needs and explain what resources exist in Maryland to help implement accommodations quickly and efficiently.  Register at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_BTEJTh7bRBmqivH8JGd7HQ#/registration).  ###  **Friendship Heights Vision Resource Group (In-Person Event) - Safety First: Walking with Low Vision** Thursday, October 16th from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm Friendship Heights Village Center 4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase, MD The guest speaker will be **Marybeth Cleveland**, Certified Orientation and Mobility Specialist, A to B and Back, Orientation and Mobility Services, LLC. Learn how to walk safely when sidewalks are bumpy, steps are in your path, and you must cross streets to get around in your neighborhood. It is important to prevent trip and fall accidents to maintain your personal independence.  To register, call**(301) 656-2797.**  ###  **ACB of Virginia State Convention 2025 – "Together Again: Reconnect, Recharge, and Rise!"**  October 17th to 19th  In-person registration for the 2025 ACBVA State Convention is now officially closed — they're completely full!  But don't worry — you can still be part of the action virtually for just $10. Join them online for inspiring speakers, engaging sessions, and all the convention energy from the comfort of your home.  Virtual registration is open through October 15 at [**ACBVA.org/convention**](https://acbva.org/convention).  ###  **Baltimore Clayworks**  Friday, October 17th from 12:00 to 3:00 pm  In-person  Maryland State Library for the Blind and Print Disabled  [**415 Park Ave, Baltimore, MD 21201**](https://links-1.govdelivery.com/CL0/https:%2F%2Fshare.google%2FF1B0ws6eqzknYxrla%3Futm_medium=email%26utm_source=govdelivery/1/010001997d5fce51-f26c5e2c-1def-472a-a4bc-910fb89e913d-000000/9QA6diyKdiGmgqPUjhYf2a0iWwKslky4CF-cXIjq0R4=424)  Baltimore Clayworks will host a tactile educational experience for library patrons, including instruction on hand-building coils and pinch pots. The experience will also include clay samples in various states for the participants to touch. An Instructor representing Baltimore Clayworks will teach up to 20 students, ages 8 to Adult, on the 3rd Friday of each month, from 12:00 to 3:00 pm.  Register at [**LBPD Event: Baltimore Clayworks - LibCal - Maryland State Library Agency**](https://marylandlibraries.libcal.com/calendar/ExternalCalendar/Clayworks25?utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery).  ###  **Book discussion for Blind Equality Achievement Month - A Book Discussion of Helen Keller's Autobiography**  Saturday, October 18th from 2:00 to 3:30 pm  Rockville Memorial Library  21 Maryland Avenue, Rockville, First floor meeting room  Join the Montgomery County Library Accessibility Advisory Committee and the Sligo Creek Chapter of the National Federation of the Blind of Maryland in a discussion of *The Story of My Life* by Helen Keller in celebration of Blind Equality Achievement Month. They will discuss her achievements and the setbacks she experienced, as well as her participation in the world around her.  *The Story of My Life*, By Helen Keller, is available in print and e-book at Montgomery County Public Libraries and in braille and audio formats on BARD.  ###  **Tech Talk Tuesday (Virtual Event) - Upgrading to Windows 11** Tuesday, October 21st from 1:00 pm to 2:00 pm Join Patrick Timony, Adaptive Technology Librarian at DC Public Library, for a practical session on navigating the transition from Windows 10 to Windows 11. Learn what to do when upgrade prompts keep appearing on your computer, and explore the key similarities and differences between the two versions. [**Click here to register for this event**](https://youreyes.us14.list-manage.com/track/click?u=939b8acf4b5eb247b7120bcd9&id=a65793a0e9&e=59825d4dc8)or call**(301) 951-4444.**  ###  **Workplace Tech that Works: Practical Tools, Rights, and Resources**  Wednesday, October 22nd from 2:00 to 3:30 pm  Virtual (link provided upon registration)  Sponsored by the Mid-Atlantic ADA Center  Technology doesn’t have to be expensive or complicated to make a big difference on the job. This webinar will showcase demos of practical, low-cost assistive technology that can support success in the workplace.  Bekah Nesbit, Assistive Technology Coordinator through Pennsylvania’s designated Assistive Technology Act Program, TechOWL, will share real-world examples of how these tools are being used in employment settings. You’ll also learn about assistive technology (AT) as a reasonable accommodation under the ADA— your rights, how to make a request, and where to go for support. We’ll wrap up with resources available in every state, including Assistive Technology Act Programs, where you can explore, borrow, and try tools before buying.  Register at [**Workplace Tech that Works: Practical Tools, Rights, and Resources**](https://lp.constantcontactpages.com/ev/reg/96zb7kd?source_id=5ad5e925-2616-4219-9d5c-d55f10d549f1&source_type=em&c=6_6uzReg47sCJ8fiX0oKkGUmEqHbDbL8BEyNl6Auo_zIQhRu2Ce8_Q==).  ###  **Webinar: Applying with Confidence: Your SSI and SSDI Roadmap** Thursday, Oct. 23rd from 11:00 am to 12:00 pm  Join National Disability Institute's benefits experts for an energizing webinar. Programs like SSI (Supplemental Security Income) and SSDI (Social Security Disability Insurance) provide monthly financial support to millions of people in the U.S., including many families caring for loved ones with chronic health conditions and disabilities. This support can be a lifeline, but applying for these programs and understanding the rules can be confusing and stressful. In this webinar, experts will offer best practices and insights on how to navigate SSI and SSDI. Register at [**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_OQQuL9BnQbGlab48dCEP9w#/registration).  ###  **Friends of Maryland LBPD Annual Meeting**  October 25th from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm  In-person with online option  The keynote speaker will be John DeDakis, journalist and author of the Lark Chadwick Mystery series.  The Friends will also highlight their activities from the past year and recognize the volunteers at LBPD.  Lunch will be served.  All are welcome.  RSVP by phone at 410-230-2424 option 4 or email to [**reference.desk@maryland.go**v](mailto:reference.desk@maryland.gov) by October 17th.  ###  **AAPD 30th Anniversary Gala:** "**Powered By Community"** Thursday, November 6th from 5:30 to 9:30 pm  The Waldorf Astoria, 1100 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW  A gala celebration of all AAPD has accomplished in the last 30 years, and a celebration of the disability community's incredible power, purpose, and plans for the future.   * Opening Reception: 5:30 PM - 6:45 PM * Dinner and Speaking Program: 7 PM - 8:30 PM * Dessert Reception: 8:30 PM - 9:30 PM * Attire: Cocktail   More details, including ticket information are at[**AAPD 30th Anniversary Gala Tickets, Thu, Nov 6, 2025 at 5:30 PM | Eventbrite**](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/aapd-30th-anniversary-gala-tickets-1661750924749?aff=oddtdtcreator&utm_source=Main+AAPD+Mailing+List&utm_campaign=afb89cbdef-EMAIL_CAMPAIGN_2025_10_08_12_22&utm_medium=email&utm_term=0_-afb89cbdef-70411053)**.**  ###  **Foundation Fighting Blindness** **DC Vision Connection**  Saturday, November 8th at 11:00 am  Fairfax County Government Center Complex  12000 Government Center Parkway  Conference Center - Room 4/5  This in-person event is a chance to explore essential resources, services, and cutting-edge tools that can actively support your independence and well-being in everyday life.  For more details and registration go to [**DC Vision Connection — Foundation Fighting Blindness**](https://www.fightingblindness.org/events/dc-vision-connection-4962?vcrmeid=6eMW5c3uSESca7iGSYO4NQ&vcrmiid=i6L4Vi8sRUeDB-hq9uAE5Q). For questions, please reach out to **Lauren Meltzer**at [**LMeltzer@FightingBlindness.org**](mailto:LMeltzer@FightingBlindness.org).  ###  **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)**.**  ###  **iPad Accessibility Training Led by Apple Geniuses**  Wednesday, November 12th from 10:30 to 11:30 am Apple Store at Carnegie Library 801 K Street NW, Washington, DC 20001  Join the Prevention of Blindness Society of Metropolitan Washington for a hands-on session. Learn how individuals with vision impairment can effectively navigate iPads using their built-in accessibility features. With built-in accessibility features for vision on iPad, you can make it easier to see what's on the screen, or you can hear what's on the screen spoken out loud. You can even use an iPad as a magnifying glass, and hold it up to get descriptions of what's around you if you can't see it. They recommend bringing your own iPad for a personalized experience. If you don't have one, devices will be available for demonstration. Space is limited - please call **(301) 951-4444** to register.  ###    **AI and Accessibility Webinar**  Wednesday, November 19th at 1:00 pm  Sponsored by the Maryland Department of Disabilities  This training focuses on the role of Artificial Intelligence in digital accessibility. We'll explore both how AI can create more inclusive experiences through tools like automated captioning, and the potential pitfalls such as algorithmic bias and unreliable outputs. Participants will learn how to responsibly apply AI to enhance accessibility while avoiding the creation of new barriers.  Register at [**AI and Accessibility**](https://lj79tucab.cc.rs6.net/tn.jsp?f=001k7ZfTV2k7PhYtuxAQw5SW_HYOkrOSJ_6kGqjadhArza1O_g79LNPAL0-Z5UFa096l5Ssp11qJK4Fos--UspJ6PGqTyMzjH3Aqkye3wWLKeE1F7tAGmg2QzvxZ1WudSdvpEL7mhdNnyJKejFnb2uHJg9WwmPS4OSQjfOVE0WCd2F0THJPjQZWwrglfEWZ8JT2Orci0WNDNX-YfF2cqwmk7A==&c=jvtdDYXJj4KxnujZUNhRdKZRLBZdpTviDNgONzj6xTY2X3wThvONEg==&ch=0sH-IR1in9V8euSO7F5Xk6qd0zZMylEGhLxyGG9Fc8zLGb0y6PKFdQ==) ([**Webinar Registration - Zoom**](https://us06web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0kFUItQwRUegiskSluparg#/registration)).  ###  **Low Vision Resources In-person** **Meeting - “Prescriptions and Medical Devices you can see or hear”**  Thursday November 20th from 11:00 am to 12:00 noon.  Friendship Heights Village Center  4433 South Park Avenue, Chevy Chase  If the print on prescription medicines is too small or the digital display on medical devices is hard or impossible to read, there are alternatives. Learn about pharmacies that can provide large print or audible labels and at-home medical devices with audible options. Share your solutions. Please register by calling the Friendship Heights Village Center at 301- 656-2797.  ### |