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| **June 2018** |

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| Goodluck to the Caps in the Stanley Cup Finals!

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| Stanley Cup 2018**Watching the Washington Capitals in the Stanley Cup Finals?** Stay informed about what is happening downtown during the Stanley Cup by texting ALLCAPS to 888-777 to sign up for free text alerts and receive safety, transit and weather updates from the District! #ALLCAPS #StanleyCup Go CAPS!!!  |

Gun Violence Awareness Day

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| Diverse individuals some in orange, all wearing an orange ribbon sticker that says gun free DC and end gun violence dc signs |  | ODR and the Office of Victim Services and Justice Grants joins Mayor Bowser's message that gun violence **will not** be tolerated in the District of Columbia. For every life lost, we wear orange and support gun violence awareness. Together, we can and we will create a safer and stronger DC.  |

Celebrate LGBTQ Pride!

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| **In honor of June being LGBTQ Pride month,** we will be celebrating in partnership with the Commission on Persons with Disabilities, the Developmental Disabilities Council, The Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs, and other community partners. We welcome you to join us in this celebration! A date on LGBTQ and Disability Pride is forthcoming.Visit the [Mayor's Office of LGBTQ Affairs](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&100&&&https://lgbtq.dc.gov/event/advisory-committee-mayor%E2%80%99s-office-lgbtq-affairs-capital-pride-parade-%E2%80%93-march-mayor-bowser) for other upcoming events this month!Want to walk with Mayor Bowser in the 2018 Pride Parade?! You can! [Sign up now](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&101&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/march-with-the-mayor-muriel-bowser-at-the-2018-capital-pride-parade-tickets-46471277843?aff=ehomecard#tickets) for Saurday, June 9th's Capital Pride Parade!   |  | Rainbow flag with Pride written across |

Be Prepared - Disaster Preparedness Month

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| Be Prepared written across a chalk board |  | **Emergencies occur every day of the year.** Whether it’s a neighborhood fire, large scale power outage or devastating hurricane, it’s important to prepare in advance by developing a safety plan that identifies needs, resources and a support network. [**The Path to Preparedness handbook**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&104&&&https://odr.dc.gov/sites/default/files/dc/sites/odr/release_content/attachments/Path%20to%20Preparedness_PDF.pdf) developed in partnership by ODR and the Department of Health provides templates and planning documents to assist you in creating a safety plan to record information related to your health, medical and transportation needs, social networks,resources, equipment, skills and abilities prior to an emergency. Fore more information on planning and building Emergency Kits visit [Ready DC](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&105&&&https://ready.dc.gov/).  |

Community Events:The 2018 DC Advocacy Partners Application is Open!

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| DC Advocacy Partners Logo |  | **DC Advocacy Partners** **(DC AP) is a leadership training program** designed for self-advocates and family members of individuals with intellectual and/or other developmental disabilities as well as professionals working with people with disabilities. There is no cost to participate in the program. Through this program, you will gain leadership skills and techniques to help develop positive partnerships with elected officials, program administrators, school personnel, and other community leaders. The [Application is now open!](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&107&&&http://dcpartners.iel.org/become-a-partner) **Deadline to Apply: Monday, June 4th** |

Blind Volunteer Movie Reviewer Needed

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| **Open Our Eyes, which is a radio program that focuses on the inclusion of persons with disabilities** within our society, is seeking a blind volunteer movie reviewer to discuss new released films that provide audio description for the blind movie goer. No experience is required and you can conduct your review in studio or by phone. The show airs on **Mondays from 6-8 PM** and can be heard on 94.3 Takoma Park, Md., Washington, DC or streamed worldwide on [takomaradio.org](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&108&&&http://takomaradio.org/).  Individuals who are interested will be asked to audition by reviewing a film and presenting to the members of the Open Our Eyes team.  Interested persons should contact info.openoureyes@mail.com or Shawn Callaway at 202-352-1511 |  | Takoma Radio image |

Let's Communicate in ASL

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| Hands shaped in the American Sign Language Alphabet for A, S, L |  | **The** [**DC Public Library**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&110&&&https://www.dclibrary.org/calendar) **is hosting free Conversation Circles, and classes in Beginning and Intermediate Level American Sign Language.** * **The Conversation Circle** will occur every Tuesday beginning June 5th to August 21st from Noon to 1:00 p.m. at the Library Express (1990 K Street, NW)
* **Beginning Level** will occur every Thursday beginning June 28th to July 26th from 6:30 to 7:30 p.m. at Woodridge Neighborhood Library (1801 Hamlin Street, NE)
* **Beginning Level** will occur every Saturday beginning July 7 to August 25 from 10:00 to 11:00 a.m. at Northeast Neighborhood Library (330 7th Street, NW)
* **Intermediate Level** will occur every Thursday beginning June 28th to July 26th from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. at Woodridge Neighborhood Library (1801 Hamlin Street, NE)
* **Intermediate Level** will occur every Saturday beginning July 7 to August 25 from 11:00 a.m. to Noon at Northeast Neighborhood Library (330 7th Street, NW)
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Accessible Programs at the National Gallery of Art

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| [ASL at the NGA](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&111&&&https://www.nga.gov/calendar/guided-tours/accessible-programs.html): An Introduction to the National Gallery Collection. Tours are led by Deaf guides in American Sign Language with voice interpretation. All are welcome! **When:** Saturday, June 9th**Time:** 1:00 p.m.**Location:** Information Desk in the East Building of the National Gallery of Art (4th and Constitution Ave, NW)Assistive Listening Devices are available for use on any public tour with three weeks’ advance notice if possible. To view a full listing of tours visit [www.nga.gov](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&112&&&http://www.nga.gov/) and click on the “Calendar” tab near the upper right corner.  Then contact Lorena Bradford at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905 to arrange the use of ALDs.  [Picture This Tours](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&113&&&https://www.nga.gov/calendar/guided-tours/accessible-programs.html) incorporate vibrant verbal description with information about works of art for people with low vision and who are blind. Discover how artists use windows and thresholds as symbolic subjects in their art.**When:** Saturday, June 23 and Wednesday, June 27**Time:** 1:00 p.m.**Location:** Information Desk in the East Building of the National Gallery of Art (4th and Constitution Ave, NW)For more information or to receive web links to works that will be described on the tour in advance, contact Lorena Bradford at access@nga.gov or 202-842-6905.Verbally described tours are also available by request with 3 weeks’ notice by e-mailing access@nga.gov.  |  | Henri Matisse Open Window |

Upcoming Performance by ArtStream's Inclusive Theatre Company

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| Aloha eh, actors stand with a baseball bat |  | **Don't miss out on the "Shops and Robbers and Aloha, Eh?" show** performed by Company members of ArtStream's Inclusive Theatre Company**.** **When:** Friday, June 15th at 7:30 p.m., Saturday June 16th at 2:30 p.m. (Sign Language Interpreted), and Sunday June 17th at 2:30 p.m. - [more dates available](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&116&&&http://www.art-stream.org/event/silver-spring-itc-performances/)**Location:** Silver Spring Black Box Theatre (8641 Colesville Road, Silver Spring, Maryland)**Cost:** $13.25In ArtStream’s Inclusive Theatre Companies, adult actors with intellectual and developmental disabilities create and perform an original musical. Actors, volunteer mentors, and theatre professionals work together to vote on a theme, create original characters, and improvise scenes. Those scenes are scripted into an original, one-act musical. Each performance presents two of these musicals in a double-bill. |

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| Government Sponsored Events:Housing Expo and Home Show

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| **ODR will hold a workshop titled, Know Your Rights - Housing and Disability, presented by Attorney Advisor Jessica Hunt** at this year's 10th Annual Housing Expo and Home Show put on by the DC Department of Housing and Community Development. The Expo will offer over 30 workshops and over 150 exhibitors—including government agencies, nonprofit community organizations, lenders and realtors.**When:** Saturday, June 9th**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.**Location:** Walter E. Washington Convention Center, Hall D and E (801 Mount Vernon Place Northwest)For a reasonable accommodation or interpretation, please contact 202-442-7251 or pamela.hillsman@dc.gov 5 days before the event.[**Registration is Free**](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&117&&&https://www.eventbrite.com/e/10th-annual-dc-housing-expo-and-home-show-tickets-45601164310) |  | DC Housing Expo |

Department For-Hire Vehicle's Accessibility Advisory Committee June Meeting

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| A red accessible taxi with a ramp  |  | **The Department For-Hire Vehicle's Accessibility Advisory Committee Meeting** is on Wednesday, June 13th. All Public Members are encouraged to attend.**When:** Wednesday, June 13th**Time:** 3:30 to 4:30 p.m.**Location:** One Judiciary Square (441 4th Street, NW, 11th Floor)**About the Accessibility Advisory Committee** The mandate of the Committee is to review and advise DFHV on how to make for-hire vehicle service in the District more accessible for individuals with disabilities. The Committee is tasked with producing an initial comprehensive report and an annual report thereafter, to the Mayor and to the City Council on the accessibility of for-hire vehicle service in the District and how it can be further improved.  |

Supporting Families Community of Practice Quarterly Meeting

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| **The DC Supporting Families Community of Practice (SF CoP) is a group of diverse stakeholders who work together to create policies, practices,** and systems that support families that include a member with an intellectual or developmental disability across the life span. We come together to learn, share information, and support each other. \*Lunch provided. For people who are forfeiting wages, not working full time, or will have childcare or transportation costs that would be financially burdensome, we are happy to provide a stipend.**When:** Thursday, June 14, 2018**Time:**9:30 am to 3:30 pm **Location:** One Judiciary Square Building (441 4th Street, NW Room 1107S) **RSVP:** As space is limited, please RSVP by June 1, 2018 to Cheryl Bolden at [cheryl.bolden@dc.gov](cheryl.bolden%40dc.gov%20) or (202) 442-8411. **Accessibility:** The space and bathrooms are wheelchair accessible. To request other accommodations, including language access, specific dietary requests, etc. please contact Cheryl Bolden.  |  | Supporting Families logo |

Vote DC!

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| DC Board of Elections Logo |  | **The DC Primary Elections take place on June 19th**. Make sure you're registered to vote and find your polling location on the DC Board of Elections' (DCBOE) [website](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&121&&&https://www.dcboe.org/). DCBOE is committed to providing accessible digital materials so that all voters have equal access to election information and the voting process. Do you have questions regarding accessibility and voting? Contact DCBOE's ADA Coordinator: (202) 727-2525 or TTY: (202) 639-8916 |

DC Commission on Persons with Disabilities June Meeting

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| **The Commission on Persons with Disabilities serves as an advisory body** to inform and advise the District on programs, services, facilities, and activities that impact the lives of residents with disabilities in the District of Columbia. Join this month's meeting!**When:** Thursday, June 28th**Time:** 10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m**Location:** By Teleconference - 866-628-2987. Participant Code: 8488992 |  | DCCPD |

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| ODR Spotlight

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| Mat smiles at the camera with a black suit jacket |  | **Mat McCollough**, became the Director of the DC Office of Disability Rights in July 2017 and previously worked as the Executive Director of the DC Developmental Disabilities Council. Director McCollough was featured last month in The Mayor's Office on Asian and Pacific Islander Affairs #AAPIVoicesDC; "Disability represents diversity, particularly if people are able to receive the appropriate supports and accommodations along the way. In the end, from my perspective, there is strength in diversity". Click [here](http://links.govdelivery.com:80/track?type=click&enid=ZWFzPTEmbXNpZD0mYXVpZD0mbWFpbGluZ2lkPTIwMTgwNjAxLjkwNjIzMTIxJm1lc3NhZ2VpZD1NREItUFJELUJVTC0yMDE4MDYwMS45MDYyMzEyMSZkYXRhYmFzZWlkPTEwMDEmc2VyaWFsPTE3MjYxNzczJmVtYWlsaWQ9anVsaWEud29saGFuZGxlckBkYy5nb3YmdXNlcmlkPWp1bGlhLndvbGhhbmRsZXJAZGMuZ292JnRhcmdldGlkPSZmbD0mbXZpZD0mZXh0cmE9JiYm&&&124&&&https://apia.dc.gov/page/aapivoicesdc-mathew-mccollough) to view the whole article. In 2015, Director McCollough was appointed by President Obama to serve a second term on the U.S. Access Board and continues to serve in this role. He has lived in DC since 2001 and currently resides in Ward 6. |

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| For Information about ODR’s Newsletter call (202)724-5055 or visit the web at odr.dc.gov.441 4th Street NW, Suite 729 North, Washington DC 20001, Phone: (202)724-5055Fax: (202)727-9484 E-mail: ODR.Complaints@dc.govMISSION STATEMENTThe mission of the District Office of Disability Rights (ODR) is to ensure that the programs, services, benefits, activities and facilities operated or funded by the District of Columbia are fully accessible to, and useable by people with disabilities. ODR is committed to inclusion, community-based services, and self-determination for people with disabilities. ODR is responsible for overseeing the implementation of the City's obligations under the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) as well as other disability rights laws. |