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**COMMUNITY OUTING / CENTRAL BANK THURSDAY NIGHT LIVE
YOU DON'T WANT TO MISS THIS!!!**



Put on your flip flops, Hawaiian shirts, and straw hats and head downtown to the Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park! This month our Community Outing will be in conjunction with Thursday Night Live on Thursday, August 17th from 4:30 – 9:00 PM. This is an exciting fundraiser for BCB and an opportunity to receive tips and donations collected from the beer and Pepsi tent! There is no

admission charge for this event, so come for a night of great fun and music! Conch Republic will be the featured band for the evening and Theresa Thomas and her husband Michael will be performing and motivating the crowd to support and donate to BCB which is the featured charity of the night! If you are using Wheels to attend the event, ask to be dropped off at 251 W. Main Street (in front of the old courthouse). You will need to pay for your first Wheels trip and Emily (at the Pepsi tent) will reimburse you with passes for your rides later. Let us know ahead of time if you will be using Wheels so Emily can have enough passes available. Be sure to wear your BCB logo t-shirt so we have a good showing! If you would like to purchase a t-shirt, they are still available at our office for \$8 for members and \$10 for non-members. We have several size large and a couple size medium left. Also, we would like to say "Thank You" to all the volunteers that have signed up to help with this event and we are looking forward to enjoying the fun with you all!

NEED A FEW MORE VOLUNTEERS FOR SECOND SHIFT OF TNL

Our Thursday Night Live fundraiser is approaching quickly and we still need a few more volunteers to pour beer from 6:45 – 9:30 PM. The location is the Fifth Third Pavilion at Cheapside Park, 251 W. Main Street in Lexington. Volunteers working the beer tent must be at least 20 years old. If you are interested or know anyone who would be interested in volunteering, please call 859-259-1834.

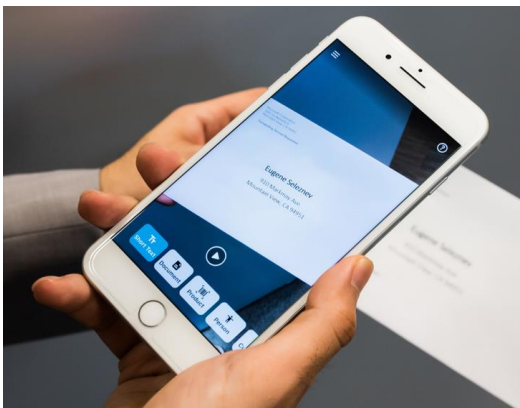
PEER SUPPORT GROUP MEETING, WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd

The August Peer Support meeting will be Wednesday, August 23, 2017 from noon – 2:00 pm. Our Peer Support Group presentation will feature Jeremy Smith, Licensed Professional Clinical Counselor. He is with Atlas Counseling and specializes in counseling people with disabilities. Jeremy’s talk will be about mental health and vision impairment and will touch on some of the ways loss of vision affects our emotional well-being. **Please RSVP by calling 859-259-1834 by August 21st for this event.**

FOOD DISTRIBUTION – WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 23rd

We will do food distribution after the Peer Support meeting for those who qualify for God’s Pantry Food Bank. If you received food last month, please bring your reusable grocery bag to the Peer Support meeting on August 23rd.

SEEING AI DEMONSTRATION WITH SAM SEAVEY – AUGUST 31st



This month our Assistive Technology group presentation will be a demonstration of Seeing AI, an amazing new talking camera app. Seeing AI is a free iOS app that narrates the world around you. Designed for the low vision community, this revolutionary app harnesses the power of AI to open the visual world and describe nearby people, text, and objects. The app uses artificial intelligence and the camera on your iPhone to perform a number of useful functions:

- Reading documents, including spoken hints to capture all corners of a document so that you capture the full page. It then recognizes the structure of the document, such as headings, paragraphs and lists, allowing you to rapidly skip through the document using voiceover.
- Identifying a product based on its barcode. Move the phone’s camera over the product; beeps indicate how close the barcode is – the faster the beeps, the closer you are – until the full barcode is detected. It then snaps a photo and reads the name of the product.
- Recognizing people based on their face, and providing a description of their visual appearance, such as their gender, facial expression and other identifying characteristics.

If you are interested in Apple products but unable to purchase one on your own, please call our office and let us know. We are keeping track of blind or low vision users who need these devices but are unable to acquire one due to the cost. This information will assist us in our request for funding to assist consumers in receiving the technology they need to be as independent as possible.

The Seeing AI presentation will be from 1:00 – 2:00 PM on Thursday, August 31st. Please call BCB at 859-259-1834 to RSVP.

THE ECLIPSE SOUNDSCAPES PROJECT - AUGUST 21, 2017



During an eclipse, we gaze in amazement as day becomes night. But, along with the striking visual effects, the soundscape of natural environments changes dramatically. The changes in the sounds of the eclipse are not only of interest to sociologists, birders, and naturalists, but will also give the blind and visually impaired an opportunity to experience this rare celestial event.

The Eclipse Soundscapes project will use a specially designed app to allow citizen scientists to record environmental sounds before, during, and after the August 21st eclipse. These recordings will be shared across the world in order to give everyone the opportunity to experience the awe of a total solar eclipse.

Join the eclipse soundscapes project at: <https://goo.gl/forms/lu8CkUcbxHMldZw12>

Note: If you plan on viewing the eclipse, be sure to wear protective viewing glasses to avoid any sun damage to your eyes. Because of our location in Lexington, we will not be able to see a total eclipse, but a partial eclipse. The total eclipse will be visible from Hopkinsville and just outside of Nashville.

BCB will be taking a “floating holiday” on August 21st, so that staff and volunteers can take advantage of this once in a lifetime opportunity.

IMPROVING BICYCLING & WALKING IN THE LEXINGTON AREA

The Lexington Area MPO is updating the master plan to improve bicycling and walking in Fayette and Jessamine Counties. The plan will recommend policies, programs and infrastructure including bikeways, sidewalks, crosswalks and trails. They are seeking your input - please take the survey by following the link below and/or use the online map to mark problem areas and where you would like to see improvements. Visit www.connectlex.org to access the survey and digital map and learn more about the plan.

RETURNING CASSETTE TAPES TO BCB

For those who are receiving the Newsletter via cassette tape, please send back the plastic tape boxes as soon as you receive them. You may keep the tapes and send them back at a later time. To return the tape boxes, please flip the index card on the front of the box over so our return address is showing and put box in mail. For those who are receiving the cassette Newsletters in an envelope, we will be providing a return address label in the envelope so you can return the tapes after you are finished with them. Just place the return address label over the address label, place the cassette tape into the envelope, close the envelope with the clasp and mail back to BCB.

Returning cassette tapes and plastic cassette boxes will save BCB money so we can continue to provide Newsletters and information via cassette tape. If you have any questions, please call the BCB office at 859-259-1834.

AUGUST BIRTHDAYS:

- August 2 David Fuller
- Vivian Ball
- August 10 Cleophus Charles
- Peggy Holt
- Phillip Rose
- August 15 Phyllis McIntosh
- August 18 Brenda Bennett
- August 20 Kathryn Carpenter
- August 24 Hilda Dathorne
- August 25 Fred Ament III
- August 28 Wilma Desi



AUGUST CALENDAR:

- August 17 – Thursday Night Live at Fifth Third Bank Pavilion at Cheapside Park (251 W. Main Street) from 4:30 – 9:00 PM
- August 21 – Total Solar Eclipse, viewable in totality from Hopkinsville, KY
- August 23 – August Peer Support Group Meeting at BCB from Noon – 2 PM
- August 31 – Seeing AI Demonstration with Sam Seavey at BCB from 1 – 2 PM

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THE BLIND AND
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