

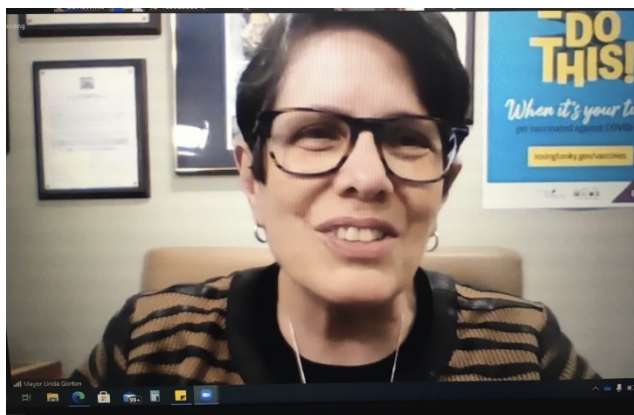


BCB BULLETIN

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Mayor Gorton Discusses Lexington's Future, Calls for Volunteers at BCB's April Lunch & Learn!



Lexington's Mayor Linda Gorton was the guest speaker at BCB's April Lunch & Learn on Wednesday, April 28, via Zoom. The mayor spent time discussing what her proposed city budget looks like for the coming year and what Lexington has been doing for people with disabilities, including the Mayor's Commission

for People with Disabilities, which works to promote inclusion and empowerment for people with disabilities in Lexington. (By the way, the mayor mentioned that that commission could use a representative of the sight-impaired community!) You can watch the video recording of this very informative Lunch & Learn – including her call for someone to serve on the commission and how to volunteer! – by [clicking here on this link](#). After her

remarks, Mayor Gorton opened the floor up for questions. You can listen to the Q&A by [clicking here on this link](#).

Vaccines Recommended but NOT Required to Participate in BCB Activities

As BCB slowly and carefully returns to in-person meetings, we want to clarify that we are NOT requiring participants to have the COVID-19 vaccine. We understand there are many reasons that some individuals are unable or choose not to be vaccinated, and we will not restrict them from participating or receiving services. There are many health conditions that prevent individuals from being vaccinated and we want to be sure we do not leave anyone out. Since we will not require proof of vaccination, please know if you do attend a group meeting, there MAY be others in attendance who are not vaccinated. For this reason, we will continue to require face coverings for indoor meetings until the mask mandate is lifted. We care about your safety and we are encouraging all who are able to be vaccinated to consider it for their safety and the safety of others. For current COVID-19 vaccine information, [click here to visit the official Team Kentucky source for information concerning COVID-19](#) or call the Kentucky COVID-19 Hotline: 800-722-5725 for general COVID-19 vaccine questions.

BCB's Membership Meeting Is in Person in June!

Our second quarterly Membership Meeting is going to be an in-person picnic Sunday, June 6, from 5 PM to 6:30 PM and will include a business meeting where a quorum will be required. We will meet in the shaded area of the back parking lot of the BCB office building (1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504). A boxed meal and drinks will be provided. Food will be served at 5 PM and the business meeting will start at 5:30 PM. We will be voting on bylaw changes, which will be mailed to you next week for review prior to the meeting.

This meeting will be for BCB members only. Dues are only \$10 per person annually (additional donations are welcome). You can join or renew your BCB membership by [clicking through to our Web site here](#) and filling out the form (please type "2021 membership" in the comment box) or call 859-259-1834 to pay by credit card. You can also mail a check (it would

have to arrive before the meeting) to BCB at 1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504 and note that it is for your 2021 Membership.

REGISTRATION FOR THIS MEETING IS REQUIRED TO ATTEND IN PERSON AND SHOULD BE RECEIVED NO LATER THAN MAY 30. If you are unable to attend or to register by the deadline, you may join us by Zoom. Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org for the Zoom link information or phone access.

The governor has lifted the mask mandate for outdoor events under a thousand attendees, so masks are NOT required UNLESS we need to move the meeting inside for some reason. However, you are welcome to wear one, if you prefer. Vaccinations are NOT required to attend.

More Upcoming In-person Meetings

As more and more of us get vaccinated against COVID-19 and Kentucky starts to open back up, BCB is slowly returning to our in-person meetings! In May, the Wednesday small group mentoring will be an in-person meeting at the BCB office (with a maximum of 8 people allowed) and our May Community In-ing will return to an Outing! See the listings below for details.

The 2021 Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair Is on!

Our partners at the Lexington Lions Club have announced that the 2021 Lexington Lions Bluegrass Fair will be happening June 10-20 at Masterson Station Park in Lexington! The 2020 event was canceled due to COVID-19. The popular fair is not only a highlight of summer here in Central Kentucky but proceeds from the event fund the club's charitable endeavors – like generous support of the Bluegrass Council of the Blind! We are so grateful for our partnership with the Lexington Lions Club and can't wait to enjoy the fair again!

We can do this!

[Click here for pointers from BCB partner The Rotary Club of Lexington for stopping the COVID-19 pandemic.](#) We can do this!

Call to Schedule a COVID-19 Vaccine by PHONE!

The majority of organizations giving COVID-19 vaccinations point people to Web sites to make appointments. However, many of the sites are not accessible for people with visual impairments. If you're having trouble scheduling your appointment, here are some phone numbers you can call:

859-288-2425 – Bluegrass Health

859-218-1110 – UK Health Care

855-598-2246 – KY government office with information and appointments assistance

May Events

BCB Community Outing

Date: Monday, May 10

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM

Location: UK Arboretum, 500 Alumni Drive, Lexington, KY 40503

Join us for an outing to UK's Arboretum for a walking tour to enjoy the spring plants, trees and flowers! The smell of flowers in bloom, the sounds of fountains flowing, the feel of the grass beneath your feet, and the many plants that can be soft, prickly or smooth can ignite your senses. We will gather at the main building by the brick wall where we will have some sighted guides available, upon request. We will walk together for approximately 1 mile. We will try to secure a picnic table nearby, but can't guarantee a place to sit, other than the retaining wall. The walk will be on both concrete and fine gravel. **Registration is required and the outing will be canceled if we do not have more than 3 participants.** If you need a sighted guide provided to assist you, please let us know at least one week prior. Masks or face coverings will not be required. We will meet at 1 PM and the group walk will begin at 1:15 PM. The group outing will end at 2 PM, but you are welcome to stay as long as you wish on your own. Please contact Theresa Thomas if you have any questions. Comfortable shoes and clothing is recommended and please dress for the weather. This will be postponed if there is rain or inclement weather, so if the weather looks questionable, please be sure to call the office (859-259-1834) before you leave for the outing. For those using Wheels, reimbursement passes will be provided and you should expect to be there for 1 hour, scheduling your return ride between 2:15 and 2:45 PM. Hope to see you there!

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org.

BCB May Mentoring Small Groups

Join in these small group settings to share and learn tips and techniques for living and coping with a vision impairment.

Date: Wednesday, May 12

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM EST

Location: BCB Office, 1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504

Topic: How your vision impairment has changed your life, your dreams and your goals.

This meeting is in person at the BCB office! We can allow a maximum of 8 participants (the first 8 to register) and masks will be required.

Registration is required at least two days prior, so register by noon on Monday, May 10! Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using the Zoom Link.

To participate, contact Theresa Thomas at info@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834. These groups are confidential, and participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome!

Date: Monday, May 17

Time: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom meeting

Topic: How your vision impairment has changed your life, your dreams and your goals.

To participate, contact Theresa Thomas at info@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834 for access information. These groups are confidential, and participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome!

BCB May Technology Seminar

Date: Thursday, May 13, 2021

Time: 1 PM EST

Topic: Which Tip Is on Top?!

We're taking a virtual trip to compare several of today's top cane tips. We'll be testing a few old favorites and even some new kids on the block!

Join Sam as he walks the halls of his house to find out which tip will come out on top!

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org for Zoom access info. Remember, you can use a landline telephone as well as a cell phone, computer or tablet to access a zoom meeting. Carrier rates may apply.

BCB May Lunch & Learn

Date: Wednesday, May 26, 2021

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM

Topic: Share How You've Benefitted from BCB Services

Location: Zoom meeting

Join us to learn about the services offered at BCB and how they have helped people increase independence, security, access and quality of life. Share your own encouraging story and listen to others as they share how they have used the information and tools they have acquired from BCB services to improve their lives.

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org.

BCB May Food Distribution

Date: Wednesday, May 26

Time: Between 3 PM and 6 PM EST

If you are blind or visually impaired, live in Fayette County and are in need of food due to financial difficulties or barriers to shopping, BCB can help. We offer a pre-determined variety of grocery items each month and have volunteers deliver them to your door. To apply for BCB's food distribution service, please call 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org.

June Events

BCB Quarterly Membership Meeting and Picnic

Date: Sunday, June 6

Time: 5 PM to 6:30 PM EST

Location: BCB Office, 1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504

This meeting is in person at the BCB office!

This second quarterly Membership Meeting is an in-person picnic in the parking lot of the BCB office building (1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504). A boxed meal and drink will be provided and

distributed at 5 PM; the business meeting will start at 5:30 PM. We will be voting on bylaw changes, which will be mailed to you next week.

The governor has lifted the mask mandate for outdoor events under a thousand attendees, so no masks are required unless we need to move the meeting inside. (You are welcome to wear a mask if you prefer.) Vaccinations are NOT required and we will NOT be asking if people have been vaccinated.

Registration and Membership Is Required: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org to register. Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using BCB's Personal ID Zoom Link, which we will send to you upon registration.

BCB June Mentoring Small Groups

Join in these small group settings to share and learn tips and techniques for living and coping with a vision impairment.

Date: Wednesday, June 9

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM EST

Location: BCB Office, 1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504

Topic: TBD

This meeting is in person at the BCB office! We can allow a maximum of 8 participants (the first 8 to register) and masks will be required.

Registration is required at least two days prior, so register by noon on Monday, June 7! Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using the Zoom Link.

To participate, contact Theresa Thomas at info@bcbky.org or 859-259-1834. These groups are confidential, and participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome!

Date: Monday, June 21

Time: 7:30 PM to 8:30 PM EST

Location: Zoom meeting

Topic: TBD

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participants are expected to be mindful and respectful of one another's privacy when personal information is shared. New group members are welcome!

BCB June Technology Seminar

Date: Thursday, June 10, 2021

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM

Location: BCB Office, 1093 S. Broadway, Suite 1214, Lexington, KY 40504

Topic: Audio Description and Where to Find It!

In this AT group seminar, we will be discussing what Audio Description means when talking about movies and television. We will also list several ways to access Audio Description, both at home and in the theaters. If you've been looking for a more immersive way to watch your favorite movies, be sure to join the AT group seminar on June 10!

This meeting is in person at the BCB office! We can allow a maximum of 8 participants (the first 8 to register) and masks will be required. Registration is required at least two days prior, so register by noon on Tuesday, June 8! Participants who are not comfortable or able to join in person can still call in or join us by video conference using the Zoom Link.

Registration: Call the office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org to register or request Zoom access info. Remember, you can use a landline telephone as well as a cell phone, computer or tablet to access a zoom meeting. Carrier rates may apply.

Lexington Lions Club Bluegrass Fair

Date: June 10-20, 2021

Location: Masterson Station Park

BCB June Lunch & Learn

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Time: 1 PM to 2 PM

Topic: Accessible Pharmacy

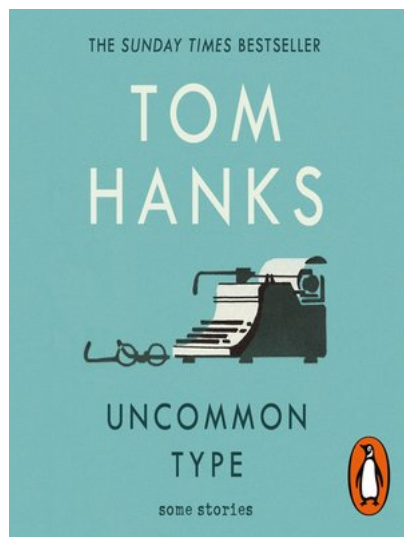
Registration: Call the BCB office at 859-259-1834 or email info@bcbky.org.

BCB June Food Distribution

Date: Wednesday, June 23, 2021

Time: Between 3 PM and 6 PM EST

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Book of the Month

Uncommon Type: Some Stories

By: Tom Hanks

Read by: Tom Hanks, 10 hours, 2 minutes

Number: DB89526

Short Stories. Seventeen short stories written by the Oscar-winning actor. An immigrant arrives in NYC after escaping civil war at home. A bowler suddenly gains incredible skill and celebrity. A billionaire discovers romance while searching for acquisitions. Narrated by the author. Some violence, some strong language and some

description of sex. 2017.

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