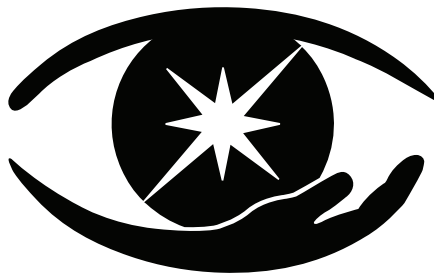


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How to Schedule Transportation

Call Monday-Friday from 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Lehigh Valley

Call Brian Schell, 610.433.6018, Ext. 226

Monroe County

Call Lisa DePietro, 570.992.7787, Ext. 224

Announcements for Clients

- Sights for Hope seeks to form a support group for clients who are working or preparing to return to work or school. The group will discuss challenges, share resources, and offer real life solutions to help you succeed. If you are interested in joining, please let us know by contacting Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext 225.
- The client-led Monroe Sights for Hope Lions Club will hold a craft fair on Saturday, October 10, at Faith United Methodist Church in Stroudsburg, PA. Tables are \$30, or just \$10 for vendors who are blind or have permanent visual impairments. For vendor information, write to MonroeSFHLions@gmail.com or call Diane Socha at 570.369.8150.
- The Pennsylvania Shakespeare Festival will offer an audio-described performance of *Moriarty* on Saturday, August 1, at 2 p.m. Please call the Box Office Manager at 610.282.1000, Ext. 1820, for ticket prices and accommodations.
- Sights for Hope's client-led band, Limitless, is in search of a keyboard player. For more information, please contact Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext 225.

What's Good to Know

The **American Council of the Blind (ACB)** marked its 65th anniversary in July. Since its founding in 1961, ACB, its members, and its affiliates have helped shape landmark legislation, advance accessibility, and break down barriers for people who are blind or have permanent visual impairments.

Lehigh Valley Programs

Held at the Lehigh Valley Services Center unless noted.
Programs with transportation are marked with a (T).
To register, call Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, unless noted.

Living through Depression Support Group Meetings

Monday, August 3, and Monday, August 24, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Mall Walks (T)

Wednesdays, August 5, 12, 19, and 26, 9-10:30 a.m.

South Mall, 3300 Lehigh St., Allentown, PA

Lehigh Valley Client Support Group (T)

Thursday, August 6, 10-11:30 a.m.

Greater LV Chapter-Nat. Federation of the Blind Meeting

Saturday, August 8, 1-3 p.m.

Applebee's Bar & Grill, 3730 Nazareth Pike, Bethlehem, PA

Call Kirk Hunger at 484.239.0741 for details.

Beginner Braille Class (T)

Facilitated by Dianne Michels. Consistent attendance is required.

Monday, August 10, 10-11:30 a.m.

Women's Client Support Group

Tuesday, August 11, 10-11 a.m.

Crafters Corner Activity

Tuesday, August 11, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Programs

Bowling at Hampton Lanes (T)

Join your fellow clients for a fun day of bowling at Hampton Lanes in Northampton, PA, and enjoy lunch at its restaurant, Hammerhead Hops & Grill. Please bring money for bowling and lunch.

Thursday, August 13, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hampton Lanes, 326 Main St., Northampton, PA

Books and Bagels

This month's book is *Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton* by Martha Ackmann.

Friday, August 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Lehigh Valley Council of the Blind Summer Picnic

Saturday, August 15, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Write to info.lvcb1993@gmail.com for details.

Dominoes and Other Accessible Games (T)

Monday, August 17, 10-11:30 a.m.

iOS Device Workshop

Wednesday, August 19, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Men's Den Client Support Group

Wednesday, August 19, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

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Lehigh Valley Client Calendar

Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6 Lehigh Vly Group 10-11:30 (T)	7	8 GLVNFB 1-3
13 Bowling 11-2 (T)	14 Book Club 10-12	15 LVCB Picnic 11-2
20 Tech Talk 2-3:30	21 Client Picnic 11-2 (T)	22
27	28	29

Weekly Programs

Mall Walks
August 5, 12,
19, and 26,
9-10:30 (T)

(T) Programs with available transportation

August 2026

Monroe Client Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday
2	3 Monroe Group 10-11:30 (T) Depression Grp 2-3	4	5
9	10	11	12
16	17	18	19 Men's Group 2-3
23	24 Depression Grp 2-3	25	26 West End Fair 2-4 (T)
30	31 Lions Club 10-11:30 (T)		

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Monroe Client Calendar

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August 2026

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23	24 Depression Grp 2-3	25	26
30	31 Lions Club 10-11:30 (T)		

Lehigh Valley Programs - Continued

Tech Talk

Thursday, August 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

Visionaries Client Group Picnic (T)

This picnic is open to all Lehigh Valley clients. Sign up and bring a covered dish. Sights for Hope will provide burgers, hot dogs, and drinks.

Thursday, August 27, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Louise Moore Park, 151 Country Club Road, Pavilion 4,
Easton, PA

Lehigh Valley Sights for Hope Lions Club Meeting (T)

Monday, August 31, 10-11:30 a.m.

Find out more at SightsforHope.org/LVLionsClub.

Monroe Programs

Held at the Monroe Services Center unless noted. **Programs with transportation are marked with a (T). To register, call Lisa DePietro at 570.992.7787, Ext. 224, unless noted.**

Monroe Client Support Group (T)

Monday, August 3, 10-11:30 a.m.

Living through Depression Support Group Meetings

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Monroe Programs

Craft Activities (T)

Explore your creative side with hands-on craft activities.

Thursday, August 13, 10-11:30 a.m.

Books and Bagels

The client book club will meet at the Lehigh Valley Services Center. This month's book is *Ain't Nobody's Fool: The Life and Times of Dolly Parton* by Martha Ackmann.

Friday, August 14, 10 a.m.-12 p.m.

Lehigh Valley Services Center, 845 West Wyoming St., Allentown, PA.

Phone access: 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Men's Den Client Support Group

Wednesday, August 19, 2-3 p.m.

Held by phone at 1.848.777.1212, passcode 219-9686#.

Call Jennifer Pandolfo at 570.992.7787, Ext. 222, or Rita Lang at 610.433.6018, Ext. 225, to register.

Tech Talk

Thursday, August 20, 2-3:30 p.m.

Annual NuVisions Client Picnic (T)

This picnic is open to all Monroe clients and held at the Burnley Workshop, site of the Monroe Services Center. Come enjoy friends and fun and bring a dish to share.

Friday, August 21, 11 a.m.-2 p.m.

Monroe Programs

Visit to the West End Fair (T)

Experience the annual West End Fair in Gilbert, PA, with your fellow clients and friends. Please bring \$8.00 for fair admission and money for food and games.

Wednesday, August 26, 2-4 p.m.

West End Fair, 570 Fairground Road, Gilbert, PA

Monroe Sights for Hope Lions Club Meeting (T)

For club members and interested guests. Please bring lunch or money to order.

Monday, August 31, 12:30-1:30 p.m.

Visit SightsforHope.org/MonroeLionsClub for details.

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