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Events

Sept. 25- General Meeting

@ Varto Technologies

@ 11:30am Lunch, 12:00pm Meeting

195 Hackensack St. East Rutherford, NJ



News from Trenton & Washington DC

by Dave Garb, Legislative Committee Chair

As the summer slowly winds down, movement in the Capitol is in full swing and the Legislative Committee is working hard to stay on top of the latest developments.

From NATOA:

A few weeks ago the FCC released two items that deal with closed captioning. The first one, Docket No. 12-108, requires device manufacturers and multichannel video programming distributors (MVPD) to make closed captioning display settings “readily accessible” to individuals who are deaf or hard of hearing.

The second one, Docket No. 05-231, will be of great importance to PEG operators. This proposal would exempt certain video programming providers from its closed captioning registration and certification requirements if they provide programming to public, educational, and governmental access channels (PEG) or to non-broadcast networks for distribution by a cable operator or other MVPD if the PEG channels or the network are exempt from or have certified compliance with the captioning rules.

Nearly 8 years ago, the Alliance for Community Media (ACM) filed a petition in this matter requesting that the closed captioning registration and certification requirements be waived for program producers that provide programs exclusively over PEG channels. At that time, NATOA and a number of communities and access organizations supported ACM's petition. [Read more](#)

Face to Face ... Getting Back Together Again.

You listened and we heard. After polling our membership and receiving emails from some others, a majority of our members are looking to meet once again in person, having lunch with vendor presentations, and at different locations. With that thought in mind, several stations have already volunteered to host meetings at their location, wanting to show off their operations, station and studio upgrades. [Read more](#)



Oakland's Implements a Private Fiber-Broadband network provides great benefit to Oakland TV

By Mark Albala, Vice Chairman, Oakland TV

There has been a phenomenon throughout the United States with many municipalities reducing communication costs through the advocacy of a municipal broadband network. In 2024, Oakland, New Jersey joined the ranks of over 400 communities nationwide which have taken the initiative in managing the tax burden of residents for the necessary communications infrastructure by completing the implementation of the borough's private fiber broadband network. [Read more](#)



Alliance for Community Media

Public Policy Call

Aug. 1, 2:00 PM - 3:00pm (ET)

Join in on this monthly phone call with ACM President and CEO Mike Wassenaar, discussing current State and Federal issues affecting PEG Access TV, and what actions the individuals in community media can make in support of our industry. Email ACM is you need the link. Public Policy Phone Briefings are for ACM Members Only. Registration is monitored. Can't make a call, but want to get informed? Listen to a recording on the ACM website.

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The Courts, The Hill and The FCC – A Year in Review and Setting the Stage for

2025

Dec. 16, 2:00 PM - 3:00 PM

*Registration open until 12.14.24 at 12:00am (EST)

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