

## **Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities Hosts New York City Hear the Ball on September 18, 2010**

### **WHAT:**

The New York City Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities, in collaboration with the Department of Parks and Recreation, the Long Island Bombers and New Jersey Lightning, will hold an exhibition Beep Baseball Game. New York City Hear the Ball will provide components of education, social networking and an introduction to a sport which benefits those with vision disabilities.

The game of beep baseball allows those with vision disabilities the opportunity to interact socially while providing an excellent opportunity for physical activity. Beep Baseball is an adapted version of our national pastime, and with the beep of a ball and buzz of a base it enables athletes with vision disabilities from the United States and Taiwan to enjoy team competition.

NYC Hear the Ball will be a one day event that will be showcasing two local baseball teams with vision disabilities, and will be the first opportunity to witness blind and low-vision athletes competing against one another in New York City. Spectators will witness athletic individuals who conquer their challenges and rely on the abilities that lie within themselves.

The Long Island Bombers and the New Jersey Lightning are two teams in the National Beep Baseball Association, which provides individuals with vision disabilities the ability to realize their dreams of participating in our national pastime.

### **WHO:**

The Mayor's Office for People with Disabilities  
The Department of Parks and Recreation  
The Long Island Bombers and the New Jersey Lightning.

### **LOCATION:**

Saturday September 18, 2010, 3:30-6:30pm.  
The Long Island Bombers vs. the New Jersey Lightning  
Central Park North Meadow (soccer fields eleven and twelve)

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