

### **TIGHTEN UP ON PARKING VIOLATORS.**

The City of Tampa is tightening up on violators of the parking code regarding parking for disabled persons. Chuck Porter and Herb Gold of the Mayor's Alliance recently with members of the City Parking Division to review the parking situation in the South Regional Garage. The Garage serves the south end of Franklin Street and the Marriott Waterside Hotel, Tampa Convention Center and Ice Palace. The Parking Division is working on plans to have as many spaces as possible available during the times when the garage gets the most use by the individual venues. In addition the City Police Department moved quickly on a complaint regarding the abuse of disabled parking spaces at a local restaurant. Officers met with the manager of the restaurant and action was taken to prevent valet parkers from using the spaces designated for persons with disabilities.

### **TALKING ATMs NOW IN TAMPA & ST. PETE.**

Bank of America has installed five talking ATM machines in Tampa and St. Pete. Talking ATM's provide audible instructions to persons who cannot view information on an ATM screen. These machines make it easier for vision-impaired users to withdraw cash, deposit money and perform other ATM transactions. The ATM's have audio jacks that deliver spoken instructions privately to protect the security of blind and low-vision users. The machines are at the Hillsborough County Courthouse, 419 Pierce St., Westshore Mall, 100 N. Westshore Blvd., Davis Island, 337 E. Davis Island Blvd., Carrollwood, 10301 N. Dale Mabry Hwy. in Tampa and at Exxon - Sun Coast, 6201 US HWY 19 North in St. Pete. For more information regarding the talking ATM's call 1-800-299-BANK.

### **WHEELCHAIRS AVAILABLE AT NO COST.**

The Senior Wheels Program USA makes available, at no cost, power wheelchairs to qualifying seniors over 65 and qualifying persons who are permanently disabled. For more information on call 1-800-246-6010.

### **ADA INFORMATION AND COMPLAINT LINE.**

The Department of Justice operates a toll-free ADA Information Line to provide information and publications to the public about the requirements of the ADA. Automated service, which allows callers to listen to recorded information and to order publications, is available 24 hours a day, seven days a week. ADA specialists are available Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday from 10:00 a.m. until 6:00 p.m. and Thursday from 1:00 p.m. until 6:00 p.m. (Eastern Time). Spanish language service is also available. To obtain general ADA information, get answers to technical questions, order free ADA materials, or ask about filing a complaint, call: 800-514-0301 (voice), 800-514-0383 (TDD).

### **YMCA OFFERS ADAPTIVE GYMNASTICS.**

The Bob Sierra family YMCA, 4029 Northdale Blvd., is offering an Adaptive gymnastics class starting in January. The program is designed for people ages 5 to 21 who have a physical and/or mental disability. The classes will be held on Wednesdays at 5:30p.m. The classes will focus on developing balance, coordination and gross motor skills. For more information regarding the classes call the Y at 813-962-3220.

**MAYOR'S ALLIANCE BOARD  
MEETS 2ND WEDNESDAY  
OF THE MONTH  
SANDY FREEDMAN  
TENNIS CLUB  
DAVIS ISLAND**

**EVERYBODY WELCOME.**

**FREE EYE EXAM  
AND PRESCRIPTION EYEGLASSES.**

The city of Tampa is accepting applications for its vision program, which offers free eye exams and a pair of prescription glasses to qualified residents. Applications are available at the Office of Human Rights/Community Services, 102 E. Seventh Avenue between 8am and 5pm Mondays and Thursdays only. For more information call 274-5835.

**2001 YOUTH FORUM SEEKING APPLICATIONS.**

The Able Trust is currently seeking applications for the Florida Youth Leadership Forum (YLF) to be held in Tallahassee July 12 - 15, 2001. Forty high school juniors and seniors who have disabilities will be selected as delegates for the forum. There is no application fee and all expenses will be paid by the Trust. Applications can be obtained by calling toll-free (888) 838-2253.

**SEARCH ON FOR  
ELECTED OFFICIALS  
WITH DISABILITIES.**

The National Organization on Disabilities (NOD) is looking for elected officials who are disabled. If you know of an elected public servant who is disabled contact the NOD at 910 16th Street, N.W. Washington, D.C. 20006. They are looking for names, addresses, disability and phone numbers.

**GET INVOLVED!  
JOIN  
THE ALLIANCE BOARD.  
For more information call  
254-1111.**

**DATES TO  
REMEMBER**

**2ND. MON. OF THE MONTH, 7pm, THE MAYOR'S HOUR**, live cable telecast on CH-15 Time-Warner in Tampa and Hillsborough County and CH-17 on Adelphia cable. Your chance to ask Mayor Greco a question or express your concern, live in the studio or by phone. To call in a question to the Mayor call 274-8328. To be part of the studio audience call Mindy Snyder at 274-7033. Program repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm. **1ST. MON. EVERY MONTH, 3pm, EMPLOYMENT & JOB FAIR COMMITTEE MEETING**, Hilton Hotel Reservation Center, 7920 Woodland Center Blvd. for more information call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840 or KathyMcGlone at 243-7522. **3RD WED. EVERY MONTH, 2:00pm, ACCESSIBILITY COMMITTEE MEETING**, Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Island. **3RD TUES. EVERY MONTH, pm, FLORIDA COUNCIL FOR THE BLIND, GREATER TAMPA CHAPTER**. USF Westside Conference tn. Section B. **3RD TUES. EVERY MONTH, 6:30pm, Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group**, Jefferson High School. **1ST THUR. EVERY MONTH, THERAPEUTIC FOCUS GROUP**, All Peoples Life Center, call 744-5978 for more information. **4TH WED. EVERY MONTH, 2pm, COUNTY ALLIANCE MEETING**, Tampa Lighthouse for The Blind, 1106 W. Platt St. For more information call Elizabeth Mueller at 273-3611 or Debra Guest at 871-7878. **3RD TUES. EVERY 3rd MONTH, 2pm, HARTLINE'S PARATRANSIT ADVISORY COUNCIL**, Hartline Offices, 4305 East 21st Avenue. For more information contact Vasti Amaro at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

## SUPPORT GROUPS

**Hillsborough County Information Line** 272-5900; **Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group**, 975-6560; **VA Spinal Cord** 972-2000 ext 6388 Heather Mahoney; **Brain and Head Injury Support**, 908-1375 Bob Barrett; **Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group**, 287-2939 or 800-922-0170; **Statewide Advocacy Network on Disabilities, Inc. (STAND)** offering education and resource services to persons with disabilities. 258-5700 Patricia Miller **Florida Alliance for Assistive Services and Technology (FAAST)** learn about assistive technology 251-7591; **Amputees Together**, 870-3323; **Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA)**, 935-6540 Ben Ritter; **All People's Life Center** 6105 East Sligh Avenue (east of 56th St.) fully accessible recreation center. Call Al Orr at 903-2248 for more information.

## OFFICERS AND COMMITTEE CHAIRPERSONS

**Chairperson:** Norman Mallory, 988-4985. **Treasurer:** Connie Hayden-McPeak, 276-5555. **Secretary:** Kelly Hickman, 974-8927. **Past Chairperson:** Chuck Porter, 276-2029 ext 7659. **Advocacy and Accessibility Co-chairpersons:** Norman Mallory, 988-4985. **Bob Ellis**, 974-2002. **Employment Committee Chairperson:** Cindy Stephens 984-6840, **Awareness Committee Chairperson:** Chuck Porter 276-2029 ext 7659. **Mayor's Representative:** Herb Gold, 254-1111

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