



## MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2001

### Section 508 Of The Rehabilitation Act Now In Effect

The law, which requires electronic and information technology be accessible to persons with disabilities for the public and governmental employees when procured by Federal agencies became effective in June. Over 120,000 people with disabilities are governmental employees and this will allow the agencies to become better employers. Surveys show that over half of the hardware and software now used by Internet access and computerize events are not accessible to persons with disabilities. There are several events scheduled between now and the end of the year to disseminate information on Section 508. For more information go to [www.section508.govwebsite](http://www.section508.govwebsite).

### ADA Program On Hillsborough County Cable CH-22

The County produced TV show on ADA and persons with disabilities can now be seen on cable channel 22. The program is on Mondays at 9am, Thursdays 2:30pm and Saturday at 7:30pm. If you would like to appear on the show or have a topic that you wish covered call Sandy Sorka at 276-2742.

### You Have The Right To Live Anywhere You Choose

The Fair Housing Act was amended in 1988 to include persons with disabilities. This means that you have the right to choose wherever you wish to live and you cannot be discriminated against if you require a wheelchair, personal care attendant or a service animal. If you feel that you have been discriminated against in a housing situation due to a disability you have the right to be heard. In the City of Tampa the Human Relations Office handles

such complaints. To file a complaint or get more information call the City of Tampa Human Rights Office at 274-5835.

### Fourteenth Annual Job Fair This Month

The Mayor's Alliance and the Hillsborough County Alliance present the Fourteenth Annual Job Fair on Wednesday, October 17, 9am to 12 noon. The Job Fair will take place at WORKFORCE TAMPA (Old Floriland Mall) 9215 N. Florida Avenue in the Excellence Room. This job fair brings employers and persons with disabilities together in one setting to discuss possible employment, those seeking employment are urged to bring a resume with them or be prepared to fill out employment application forms. For more information on the job fair contact Cindy Stephens at 983-9819.

### New Florida Coalition For Disability Rights Formed

A new coalition has been formed to further the rights of people with disabilities in Florida. The purpose of the coalition is to involve persons with disabilities in decisions that affect them. The coalition also plans on educating the general public and public servants on issues affecting the rights and lives of Floridians with disabilities and their families or care givers, including their right to

#### Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month  
at 1:00 p.m. (New day & time)

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club  
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

Everybody Welcome!

acceptance, access, integration and support. For more information regarding the coalition contact Doug Towne at 727-577-0065.

### Self Reliance Holds 4th Annual Bucs Madness

Once again Self Reliance, Inc. is holding their Bucs Madness Event. This is the 4th year for this event. For more information contact Norm Mallory at 988-4985 or Sandy Sroka at 206-9559.

### Nominations Being Accepted For Annual Awards

Nominations are now being accepted for the Mayor's Annual Awards. Mayor Greco will present the Employer of the Year Award, Media Award and Outstanding Community Service Award at the Alliance Annual Luncheon. Nominations for these awards should be returned no later than Friday, October 12. If you have not received a nomination form please call 254-1111 and leave your name and address. The form once completed can be faxed to 259-2517.

### 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. 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).

## Dates to Remember

2nd Monday every 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. Repeats on Sundays pm, Mondays at 7pm and Fridays at 3pm.

1st Monday every month - 3pm

### Employment & Job Fair Committee Meeting

Corporate Square, 7402 N. 56th Street, Building 800, Suite 850. For more information, call Cindy Stephens at 984-6840.

3rd Wednesday every month - 2pm

### Accessibility Committee Meeting

Sandy Freedman Tennis Complex 59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

3rd Tuesday every month - 2pm

### Florida Council for the Blind, Greater Tampa Chapter

USF Westside Conference tn. Section B

3rd Tuesday every month - 6:30pm

### Tampa Self Help for Hard of Hearing People (SHHH) Group

Jefferson High School

4th Wednesday 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 558-5557.

3rd Thursday every 3rd month - 2pm

(next meeting 4/19)

### HARTLINE ADA Consumer Forum

Hartline Offices, 4305 E. 21st Ave. For more information contact Lauren Skiver at HARTLINE 623-5835, ext.1171.

## Get Involved! Join the Alliance Board!

For more information call 254-1111.

### Support Groups

City of Tampa Office of Human Rights .....	274-5835
Hillsborough County Information Line .....	272-5900
Self-Reliance Cross Disability Support Group .....	975-6560
Family Network on Disabilities .....	1-800-825-5736 Jan Labell
VA Spinal Cord .....	972-2000 ext. 7886 Karen McGoff
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 .....	844-7591
Spinal Cord Injury Unit, Tampa General Hospital .....	844-4286
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 .....	903-2248 Al Orr
Tampa Bay Polio Survivors Support Group .....	779-8158 Lonnie Hazelwood, President

### Officers & 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
Ben Ritter .....	935-6540
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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