



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • DECEMBER 2001

Mayor's and County's Alliances to Hold Joint Meeting

The annual joint meeting of the Mayor's and County's Alliances will be held on Wednesday, December 5th 4:30pm at The Latam in Ybor City. This meeting will take the place of the Alliance Board Meeting and the Accessibility Committee Meeting normally held on the third Wednesday of the month. Please call 254-1111 to confirm your attendance.

Holiday Magic

If you are a person with a disability with children, or you have children with disabilities in your household and you need assistance bringing the magic of the Holiday season to your home, Caring and Sharing can possibly help. Give them a call at 727-577-0065.

RoseMary Ellis

RoseMary Ellis, a member of the Mayor's Alliance and other persons with disabilities advocacy associations passed away last month. Rose Mary's pet project was a bed and breakfast that would be accessible to persons with disabilities. Plans for a memorial service are incomplete but will be listed in Tampa newspapers when announced.

Hillsborough County Citizen Action Center Help Numbers

Looking for help in Hillsborough County? Try the Citizen Action Center...here are some phone numbers that are available through the center: Hillsborough Information Line 272-5900, a direct

line that answers questions and provides information on health and social services. Fact Finder 272-6500 automated information messages accessed using a touch tone phone. Elder Helpline 273-3779 provides information and referral for health services assisting senior citizens. The center's TTY number is 301-0173 and they have a bilingual staff ready to help all that call.

Show Information Available on Audio Carts.

The Tampa Bay Performing Arts Center has Audio Carts available for patrons with impaired sight who wish information regarding shows at the Center. To obtain a copy of the Audio contact Henry Adams at (813) 222-1085.

New Toll Free Hot Line for State Agencies

Florida residents that are disabled can now call one number to get available information on agencies

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!

**No Board Meeting in December
replaced with
Annual Combined Meeting
December 5th**

and services available for the disabled. For state services that are available for persons that are physically or mentally disabled call 1-877-232-4968.

Stroke Support Group to Meet

The Tampa Bay Stroke Support and Prevention Group will meet Monday, Dec. 10 from 7 to 8pm at Tampa General Hospital, Room B-104. For more information call Karen Zinszer at 844-7270.

Send Holiday Greetings Through the Florida Speech Relay

This year persons with a speech disability can use the Florida Relay System (FRS) to send Holiday Greetings without the use of a TTY. Speech To Speech (STS) enables people with speech disabilities to communicate by voice through a communication assistant (CA). People with speech disabilities can dial toll free to reach a patient, trained CA who is familiar with many speech patterns and has excellent language recognition skills. The CA will make phone calls and repeat words exactly in a 3-way phone call. To use the system in Florida dial 1-877-955-5334.

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. 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	800-FIGHTMS
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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