



## MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • OCTOBER 2002

### 15th Annual Job Fair to be Held in October

The Mayor's Alliance and the Hillsborough County Alliance will hold the 15th Annual Job Fair on Tuesday, October 22nd, 9am to 12 noon, 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 984-0909 ext 281.

### Crime Prevention Subject of October Accessibility Committee Meeting

The guest speaker at the October 14th meeting will be Brian Macneel, a former Army Ranger. Mr. Macneel is now with the Metro Crime Prevention of Florida and will discuss ways to prevent crime. For more information contact Ben Ritter, Accessibility Committee Co-Chair at (813) 935-6540

### M.A.D. Theatre Offering Wheelchair Dance Technique Classes

The M.A.D. theatre group is holding dance classes for wheelchair users with good upper body mobility in the Channelside Area. The classes meet Thursdays from 8 to 9pm. For more information call 229-5958.

### General Election is November 5 ... Make Sure You Vote!

If you had a problem voting with the new machines or have not gotten your new voter ID card call the Elections office at 272-5850

### New Consumer With Disability Aviation Toll-Free Hotline

Had a problem at an airport or with an airline? The Department of Transportation has a new toll-free hotline to take your complaints. The number is 1-866-266-1368(voice), 1-866-754-4368(TTY).

### White Cane Safety Day, Tuesday, October 15

Each year October 15th has been set as White Cane Day to remind the public that visually impaired people are capable of doing things everyone does. The white cane is not a tool. It is not a sign of weakness but rather a sign that a person is striving to be independent and responsible.

### Enable America to Meet in Tampa October 28

Enable America, a nationally known political action committee, will hold a town meeting in Tampa on Monday, October 28th. Richard Salam of Tampa originated the idea to form the organization to reduce the unemployment rate among Americans with Disabilities. To learn more about this organization and the Town Meeting call Bill Frederick at 727-789-2038.

### Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

3rd Wednesday every month at 1:00 p.m.

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club  
Davis Island

### 3rd Annual Conference on Disabilities to be Held in Orlando

The 3rd Annual World Congress & Exposition on Disabilities will be held at the Orange County Convention Center in Orlando, Thursday - Saturday, October 3rd to the 5th. The WCD is intended to educate, inform and provide a useful exchange of ideas for persons with disabilities and for those involved in their care and development. For more information call 201-226-1446.

### "Tis" Still The Season

For Hurricanes and Tropical storms...are you ready? Persons with disabilities have different needs during this season, have you taken care of yours. If you do require special care please get in touch with the Emergency Operations Center (EOC) now! The Hillsborough County EOC can be reached at 813-272-6900.

### Thank You Southern Equipment Corporation

The Mayor's Alliance thanks Southern Equipment Corporation for their help with the postage to distribute the "People First" Booklets.

### Information Available About ADA

The Department of Justice (DOJ) operates a toll free information line to provide the public with ADA requirements, answers to technical questions, free publications and information on filing complaints. The phone lines are manned from 10am to 6pm on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and from 1pm to 6pm Thursdays. The numbers are 800-541-0301 (Voice) and 800-514-0383 (TDD). Services are available in Spanish.

## 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 984-0909 ext. 281.

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 273-3625 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
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