



MAYOR'S ALLIANCE FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES NEWSLETTER • SEPTEMBER 2002

Verizon Offers Customers with Disabilities Help on Internet

Verizon's Center for Customers with Disabilities website offers information on communications solutions for customers with vision, hearing, speech or mobility limitations. The site has information on products and services that are available as well as other helpful links. The web address is www.Verizon.com/disabilities.

Florida Development Disabilities Council (FDDC) to Host Public Issues Forum in Tampa on September 14th

The FDDC will host a forum for Legislative Candidates in Tampa at the Shriners Hospital For Children Auditorium on Saturday, September 14, 9am to 1pm. The forum will provide a question and answer session for the candidates' platform and stance on assisting persons with disabilities. For more information on the forum or if you plan to attend and need special accommodation contact Lesley Guilaran at 850-488-4180.

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 Wednesday, October 7, 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.

HDR Architecture and Engineering Firm has Positions Open

The HDR Companies has notified the Alliance that they have several positions open and are interested in hearing from qualified persons with disabilities to fill the positions. If interested call Rob Johnson at 402-399-1205 or fax a resume to him at 402-399-1214.

Accessibility Committee to Meet with Tampa Art Museum Officials

Members of the Accessibility Committee have been invited to meet with officials of The Tampa Art Museum to review the plans of the proposed new museum. The museum will be part of the proposed Arts and Culture District being established around Curtis Hixon Park. For more information regarding the Accessibility Committee contact Ben Ritter at 935 6540

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. This is an educational event with over 65 conference sessions that are CME and

CEU accredited. 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. In addition to educational sessions the event will have over 250 exhibitors showing the latest of products and services. For more information call 201-226-1446.

New Edition of "People First" Booklet Available

"People First" a booklet on the rules of Disability Etiquette, 2nd edition, is now available. The booklet has been expanded to include information on "Fair Housing and Disabilities Rights and Responsibilities." For more information regarding getting copies of the book for your agency to distribute contact Herb Gold at 254-1111.

"Tis" 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.

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.

Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

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

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club
Davis Island

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

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| 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

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| 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 | 984-0909 ext. 281 |
| Awareness Committee Chairperson: Chuck Porter | 276-2029 ext. 6140 |
| Mayor's Representative: Herb Gold | 254-1111 |



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