



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

### City & County Representatives to Speak at Accessibility Meeting

Representatives of the City and County's Parks and Recreations Departments will be the featured speakers at the January Meeting of the Accessibility Committee. Design plans for new projects in the city and county will be reviewed. The new federal regulations regarding outdoors recreational areas will also be discussed. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, January 16th at 2pm at the Sandy Freeman Tennis Center on Davis Island. For more information regarding the Accessibility Committee contact Co-Chairmen Norman Mallory at 988-4985 or Ben Ritter at 935-6540

### MS. Wheelchair Florida Pageant This Month

The 2002 Ms. Wheelchair Florida Pageant will be held Friday and Saturday, January 18-19 in downtown St. Petersburg at the St. Pete Hilton. Registration begins Friday the 18th at 12 noon. Contestants must be an U.S. citizen 21 to 60 years of age, and utilize a wheelchair for daily mobility. For more information contact Lynn Naves at 727-343-8034 or email her at msllync@rocketmail.com.

### Wheelchair Tennis Available at USF

Wheelchair tennis games and instruction are available in the Tampa area at the University of South Florida Tennis Facility. For more information contact Tracy Wilkerson at 813-672-2573.

### Orlando Hosts Florida's First Self-Determination Conference

Florida's First Self-Determination Conference will be held in Orlando at the Orlando International

Airport January 18th to the 20th. The conference will give persons with disabilities, their family members, educators, support coordinators, job coaches and service providers an opportunity to hear from self-advocates and national and state-wide speakers who will provide up-to-date information on self-advocacy issues and self-determination. For more information on this conference contact Wilson Resources at 850-386-2022 or email them at courtneywri@aol.com.

### Need Help Learning About Equipment Available to Persons with Disabilities?

Looking for help in learning about equipment that is available for persons with disabilities? The U.S. Department of Education has a database that is within your reach. ABLEDATA can be reached at 1-800-227-0216 or by going on the web at [www.abledata.com](http://www.abledata.com). This federal database is the only single source covering all assistive technology. Also CAMA (Communication Aid Mfg. Assoc.) is an organization of communications and computer access manufacturers that offers a free packet of catalogs and runs a series of workshops for persons with disabilities around the country. To receive a packet or get information on the workshops call 1-800-441-2262.

### Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting

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

Sandy Freedman Tennis Club  
59 Columbus Drive, Davis Islands

Everybody Welcome!

### AMTRAK Offering 15% Discount to Persons with Disabilities

AMTRAK is offering a 15% discount to adults with disabilities and also offers 50% discount to children ages 2-15. Documentation of a disability must be provided. For more information call 1-880-USA-RAIL or 1-800-872-7245. Information is also available of the web at [www.amtrak.com](http://www.amtrak.com).

### Help for Parents of Children with Disabilities

The National Information Center for Children and Youths with disabilities (NICHCY) has a new News Digest "Planning for Inclusion" This publication looks at critical issues associated with educating children with disabilities in general education classrooms. It contains more than 85 resources. To obtain a copy write NICHCY, PO Box 1492, Washington, D.C. 20013.

### Care Assistants Travel Free on Greyhound Buses

Care Assistants can now travel free on Greyhound Buses when accompanying people with disabilities. To qualify, the assistant must be necessary in order for the person with the disability to travel. Call 1-800-752-4841 for more information.

### 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 273-3625 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
Treasurer: Connie Hayden-McPeak .....	276-5555
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