



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

Some Disabled Permits to Cost Less

Starting July 1, Florida residents with long-term or permanent disabilities may buy disabled parking permits for \$1.50 instead of the \$15 fee. Gov. Bush recently signed a bill, which included the fee reduction. Those who qualify for the four-year permit may buy an international wheelchair user symbol license plate instead of the window placard. Disabled veterans may opt for the DV license plate.

Auditions For "Cabaret"

"What good is sitting alone in your room? Come hear the music play. Life is a cabaret, old chum, come to the cabaret." Auditions for everyone will be held on Monday, May 13th, 6-10 PM at the Friday Morning Musicales Theater in Hyde Park (South Tampa) and are by appointment only: 813-786-6291. Performance dates are August 16, 17, 18, 23, 24, 25.

FDOT Approved Signs For Sale

Paralyzed Veterans of America (PVA) has FDOT-approved Accessible Parking Signs and \$250 fine signs & posts for sale at their Chapter office in Tampa. Anyone in need of these signs can call the PVA office at 813-935-6540.

Training for Certified Deaf Interpreters Available

The Deaf Services Center of Pasco-Hernando Counties is offering training workshop for people who want to take the test to become Certified Deaf Interpreters (CDI). The workshop will take place at

the Tampa Westshore Crowne Plaza, May 17-19 and will meet the requirements of the Registry of Interpreters for the Deaf, Inc. (RID). This training is required before taking the written part of the test, for more information call 727-816-1314.

Huff N' Puff Fitness Frolic

A special fitness event intended to increase awareness of benefits of fitness and physical activity for people with disabilities will take place at Boca Ciega Park, 6990 125th St. N. in Seminole on Saturday May 4th. Registration starts at 9:30am and the events start at 11am. For more information and pre-registration call Mary Jensen at 727-577-0065.

Catalog of Independent Living Aids Available

This catalog has special watches, clocks, magnifiers, lights, playing cards, games, canes, large print books, meds organizers and much more. Request a copy by calling 1-800-537-2118.

Are You Eligible For Vocational Rehabilitation?

Vocational Rehabilitation (VR) provides services for

eligible persons with physical or mental disabilities. These services are designed to enable you to enter, regain or retain employment. To see if you qualify for the services of VR call 871-7300.

"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 have to be evacuated from your home, do you know where to go and how to get there? Can you get hold of at least two weeks worth of medications to take with you? Have you made arrangements for your pets (shelters will take service animals only)? If you need assistance evacuating have you made prior arrangements with a friend, relative, neighbor or the Red Cross? These are the basics steps that you must take to be ready for "the season." 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. Don't wait until it is too late, be prepared for the worse and you will be safe.

Grassroots Forum for People with Disabilities

Florida Grassroots Forum 2002: Power through participation: No More Excuses! Will be held at the Rosen Centre Hotel, in Orlando, June 10 - 12. The forum is a statewide conference where individuals with disabilities will gather to learn new skills on how to make a meaningful difference at the local, state and national level. For more information call Fredrico Abreu at 813-975-6560.

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 984-6840.

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

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