



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

### **Accessibility Meeting to Address Taxi Transportation**

The July 17th meeting of the Accessibility Committee will discuss the Taxi problem in Hillsborough County. Guests will be Greg Cox, Executive Director, Hillsborough County Transportation Commission; Doug Town, Executive Liaison for Persons With Disabilities Public Relations Group; Johnny Long, Chairman, Clearwater ADA Advisory Committee. The meeting will be at the Sandy Freedman Tennis Center on Davis Island starting at 2pm. For more information contact Ben Ritter at 935-6540

### **Wheelchair Ballet/Jazz Classes**

Ballet and Jazz technique dance classes transposed for teen/adults using wheelchairs are being taught Tuesdays from 9:30 to 10:30 at the MacDonald Training Center, 5420 W. Cypress St. The classes are taught by a registered dance/movement therapist. For more information call 813-786-6291.

### **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.

### **Sign Language Class at Barnes & Noble**

A sign language class, to assist parents of infants and toddlers and for children through age 12, is being offered at the Barnes & Noble Bookstore in Carrollwood (11802 N. Dale Mabry Highway.) The classes are being held the second and fourth Saturdays in July and August. For more information call 962-6446.

### **"Artfest" to Highlight Artists With Disabilities**

Several local artists that are disabled will have their works on display at this year's "Artfest" to be held at MOSI, 4801 E. Fowler Avenue from 1 to 5pm on Thursday, July 25th. In addition to the art show there will be a Hands-on demonstration of adaptive techniques for artists with disabilities. The public is invited to this free event. For more information contact Sandy Sorka at 276-2742 or Marian Winters at 558-5092.

### **Self-taught Artist With Disabilities to Display Artwork**

Artist Jack Beverland (Mr. B) work, Song of the

### **Mayor's Alliance Board Meeting**

3rd Wednesday every month at 1:00 p.m.  
Sandy Freedman Tennis Club  
Davis Island

Hillsborough, based on the Millennium Poem written by James Tokley, Sr., the City of Tampa Poet Laureate, will be presented on Thursday, July 11 at the TECO Plaza gallery. The show entitled The Poet and the Painter Song of the Hillsborough will be an art and poetry presentation with sign language interpretation. The gallery is at 702 N. Franklin Street. For more information contact VSA arts Florida at 558-5092.

### **"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.

## 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

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