

## City Contacts

### Aquatics

(727) 893-7332

### Downtown Marina

(727) 893-7329

### Housing and Community Development WIN Program

(727) 893-7247

### Mayor's Action Center

(727) 893-7111

### Parks/Playgrounds

(727) 893-7335

### Police Non-Emergency Line

(727) 893-7780

### Recreation

(727) 893-7441

### Sanitation (Tub-Out Service)

(727) 893-7334

### Therapeutic Recreation Programs

(727) 893-7899

For questions or concerns about city accessibility or to report complaints of discrimination, please contact CAPI's administrative liaison at (727) 893-7345.

### City of St. Petersburg Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments

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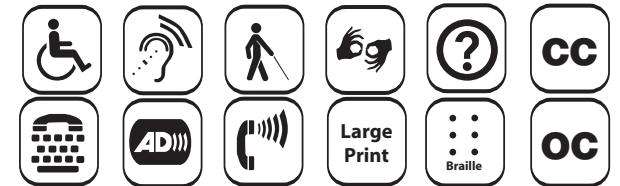
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# CAPI

## Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments



The Committee to Advocate for Persons with Impairments (**CAPI**) is a group of residents appointed by the Mayor with advice and consent of City Council. The function of CAPI is to advise City Council on disability related issues and to advocate on behalf of persons with disabilities. Since its inception in 1972, CAPI has advised the city of St. Petersburg on many issues concerning the needs and rights of individuals with disabilities to insure their full participation in and enjoyment of the city's facilities, programs and services.

CAPI has taken a leadership role in recommending improvements to city facilities, services, and programs some of which include playgrounds, pools, and parking. CAPI encourages comments and suggestions from the public about issues that prevent or inhibit full use and enjoyment of any facility, service or program under the city's jurisdiction.

Regular meetings are conducted at City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. Time for public comment is provided at each meeting. You may call the Community Affairs Department at (727) 893-7345 for information about meetings or to request a reasonable accommodation.

### **CAPI Can Help**

The city of St. Petersburg and CAPI are concerned with the quality of life for residents and visitors, including issues that affect persons with disabilities. The primary areas CAPI addresses are:

#### **Compliance**

CAPI provides guidance to the city when implementing laws and regulations addressing persons with disabilities, including the Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) and related legislation.

#### **Awareness**

CAPI assists residents and community groups to raise awareness of opportunities in the city available to residents and visitors with disabilities.

#### **Housing**

CAPI works with the city on housing issues, including modifications and reasonable accommodations for accessible living. Under CAPI's guidance and recommendation, City Council passed a Visitability Ordinance in 2004 and the city continues to enforce its requirements.

#### **Transportation and Parking**

CAPI addresses the concerns of residents who use downtown transit and parking on an ongoing basis. CAPI members work with city government on issues related to transportation for our residents and visitors.

#### **Leisure and Fitness**

The city offers excellent leisure, fitness, sports and play opportunities for residents and visitors. CAPI works to ensure the accessibility of programs and facilities, and consults on accessibility for commercial endeavors and co-sponsored events.

### **Did You Know**

- St. Petersburg has a sailing facility for persons with disabilities. The municipal marina offers an **accessible boat ramp, floating docks and hoist lifts** for persons with mobility impairments.
- Wheelchair lifts are available at municipal pools. North Shore Pool also has an **in-pool ramp and an aquatic wheelchair** for patrons.
- All **City Council meetings are captioned**. Tune into WSPF-TV to view the meetings.
- The city offers a **"Tub Out Service"** at no additional charge to persons who need assistance taking their garbage cans to the curb for pick-up.
- The city's WIN program offers **grants and loans** to qualifying persons who need modifications made to their homes.
- Dell Holmes Park is a boundless playground that features accessible play components, picnic tables, grills, a fishing pier and more.
- The city's Recreation Department has adaptive equipment available for use, including beach wheelchairs and handcrank cycles.

These are just a few examples of projects that CAPI has advocated for to enhance the accessibility of St. Petersburg. For more information about these and other special programs and features, please visit our Web site at [www.stpete.org/capi](http://www.stpete.org/capi) or contact the individual departments listed on the back of this brochure.

