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Downtown Marina
727-893-7329

Housing and Community Development
WIN Program
727-893-7247

Mayor’s Action Center
727-893-7111

Police Non-Emergency Line
727-893-7780

Parks & Recreation Administration
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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An Overview of 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, Room 100 on the second Wednesday of each month at 1:30 p.m. City Hall is located at 175 Fifth Street North.

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 Hoyer 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 in to St Pete TV to view the meetings.
- The city offers a “Tub Out Service” at no additional charge to persons who need assistance taking their garbage bins 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 hand crank cycles.
- Azalea Park has an accessible outdoor fitness area.
- Our city website, www.stpete.org, continually strives to improve existing services, increase accessibility and implement practices from the latest Web Content Accessibility Guidelines.

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 or contact the individual departments listed on the back of this brochure.