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Accessibility A 'Ringin' Success

The City of Tallahassee recently installed the Big Bell at the entrance of the commission office on the fourth floor of City Hall. The bell, made by Inclusion Solutions, enables citizens with special needs to better access elected officials.

Essentially, the device is a doorbell that alerts someone inside that there is a person in need of assistance at the door. This provides the user a way to open the door and automatically gives them a staff contact to help facilitate their business. This is an



affordable solution for locations with an accessibility issue.

This common sense access, a disability doorbell, overcomes a barrier with dignity and sensitivity for our seniors and persons with disabilities, wrote J.R. Harding, a Tallahassee resident who brought the idea to the City.

The Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) imposes many obligations on public and private business that are intended to facilitate equal opportunity and inclusion for persons with disabilities.

The City understands that making handicap accessible improvements, both big and small, means a lot to our citizens, and the Mayor's Office is proud to lead by example in promoting equal access for all citizens, everywhere, said Dinah Hart, senior aide to the Mayor.

On behalf of all of our citizens with special needs, I am most grateful for the City's leadership in tearing down yet another barrier, wrote Harding.



Holiday Schedules

The following is the holiday schedule for the remainder of 2007 and all of 2008.

- ☀ **Christmas Eve**
Monday, Dec. 24
- ☀ **Christmas Day**
Tuesday, Dec. 25
- ☀ **New Year's Day**
Tuesday, Jan. 1, 2008
- ☀ **Martin Luther King, Jr. Day**
Monday, Jan. 21, 2008
- ☀ **Memorial Day**
Monday, May 26, 2008
- ☀ **Independence Day**
Friday, July 4, 2008
- ☀ **Labor Day**
Monday, Sept. 1, 2008
- ☀ **Veterans Day**
Tuesday, Nov. 11, 2008
- ☀ **Thanksgiving Day**
Thursday, Nov. 27, 2008
- ☀ **Day after Thanksgiving**
Friday, Nov. 28, 2008
- ☀ **Christmas Day**
Thursday, Dec. 25, 2008

An additional holiday for 2008 will be named at a later date.

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