



The Fort Lee Mayor & Council's Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities was established in 1993. It is comprised of 17 members including a Council liaison, Borough Department Heads, residents with disabilities, and other interested residents of Fort Lee.

The Committee identifies needs and problems, advises and helps develop services and programs, and recommends solutions to meet the needs of Fort Lee's residents with all type of disabilities.

The Committee has worked to improve accessibility throughout the Borough. Among its accomplishments are the following:

- Revision of snow removal ordinance to make sidewalks, streets, and parking more accessible
- Revision of Municipal Building code to eliminate permit fees for alterations which improve accessibility
- Sensitivity training sessions for all Borough employees
- Resource racks containing literature about disabilities
- Informational town wide meetings for persons with disabilities
- Participation in Heritage Day and Fort Lee's [Annual Health Fair](#)

### **Mission Statement**

The goal of the Fort Lee Mayor & Council's Advisory Committee for Individuals with Disabilities is to encourage the ability of individuals with disabilities to fully participate in all aspects of community life. This mission is achieved through educating and advising the local government on the creation of accessible and barrier free services and facilities in Fort Lee.

The Committee is a member of the National Organization on Disability's Community Partnership Program (CPP), and a participant in New Jersey Transit's ADA Task Force Committee.

### **Accessible Facilities**

- Borough Hall

- Library (audio and large print books and assistive reading devices are also available)
- Jack Alter Fort Lee Community Center
- Youth Center\*
- Parking Authority Office
- Parking Authority Buses
- Police Department
- Firehouses
- Ambulance Corps
- Recreation Center
- Richard & Catherrine Nest Adult Activity Center\*
- Parks
- Streets with Curb Cuts
- Health Department
- Judge Moore House\*
- Voting Sites

\* Limited accessibility

## **Services Available to Fort Lee Residents with Disabilities**

- **Text Telephone (TTY) for individuals with hearing or speech disabilities:**  
**201-585-0476**
  - Transportation to doctors and local stores: call 201-592-3500 extension 1518
  - Registry of Disabled Persons: you may visit [www.registerready.nj.gov](http://www.registerready.nj.gov) to register online, or you may call 201-592-3500 extension 1512 (OEM) or 201-592-3500 extension 1018 (Fire Prevention) for assistance and/or additional information
- Resource rack of literature on disabilities in Borough Hall
- Hearing devices at Council meetings and Court sessions
- The Office of Emergency Management will arrange for assistance with snow removal and secondary backup for power outages: call 201-592-3500 x1512 or 201-592-3500

## **Important Telephone Numbers for Text Telephone (TTY) Users**

- Emergency - 911
- Police & Fire - 201-592-3700
- Borough Hall - 201-592-3500 extension 1099
- Special Needs Registry - 211
- Library - 201-592-3614
- Bergen County Special Transportation - voice 201-646-3227 TDD 201-343-8833, fax 201-343-2512

- NJ Transit Access Link - 201-491-7385

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**Contact Information:**

- [E-Mail](#)

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You may also call the Borough's ADA Compliance Officer at 201-592-3500, extension 1026.

- **Notice under The Americans with Disabilities Act**
- **Grievance Procedure under The Americans with Disabilities Act**

**Committee Members**

<b>Title</b>	<b>Term</b>	<b>Exp</b>
Patricia Ciccone	Chairperson	2017
Dr. Rita D. Posner	Vice Chairperson	2016
Mitch Barnett	Member	2016
Eileen Goff		
Member	2017	
Roy Lippin		
Member	2017	
Dr. Sandra Pinkerton		
Member	2017	
Dr. Barbara Rivlin		
Member	2016	
JoAnn Santillia	Member	2018
Roberta Wailes	Member	2017

## News from the Committee

### The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project

The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project is a program designed to provide eligible low-income older adults with conditioned hearing aids at little or no cost.

The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project is a collaboration among the New Jersey Department of Human Services, Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing, Sertoma Inc. Hearing Charities of America and Montclair State University.

The Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing indicates that to be eligible, you must meet the following criteria:

- 65 years of age or older
- Resident of New Jersey
- Physician or licensed audiologist must determine necessity of a hearing aid
- Income less than \$26,130 if single or less than \$32,037 if married
- Not eligible for others sources of hearing aid assistance (e.g. Medicaid)
- does not possess a hearing aid

Interested individuals can obtain an application from the New Jersey Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing and for any questions about eligibility, contact information is below:

The New Jersey Hearing Aid Project  
Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing  
New Jersey Department of Human Services  
PO Box 074  
Trenton, NJ 08625-0074  
800-792-8339 V/TTY toll free in New Jersey  
609-588-2648 V/TTY  
609-588-2528 FAX  
609-503-4862 VP

For any questions about eligibility, there is also an online email option at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/staff/email/index.html>

### Closed Captioning on Mayor & Council Meeting Broadcasts

As of September 19, 2013 all the televised Mayor and Council regular meetings are now being shown with closed captioning. Time Warner subscribers may view the meetings on channel 81, Verizon FIOS subscribers may view the meetings on channel 34.

## **New Jersey's Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) "Equipment Distribution Program"**

The State of New Jersey's Division of the Deaf and Hard of Hearing (DDHH) offers an "Equipment Distribution Program" that is designed to help qualified New Jersey residents, regardless of their economic status, have access to assistive communication devices and visual alerting home safety equipment needed to live independently.

You may apply to the DDHH's "Equipment Distribution Program" for assistance and, if you meet the eligibility requirements, you may receive an Assistive Communication Device free of cost from the DDHH.

Assistive devices currently available in the DDHH's Equipment Distribution Program include:

- \* Amplified Telephone
- \* Cap Tel
- \* TTY
- \* Hearing Carry Over (HCO) Telephone
- \* Smoke Detector
- \* Carbon Monoxide Detector
- \* Baby Cry Alert System
- \* A speech device, the Artificial Larynx Device, is also available

For information about each of the above devices, please visit DDHH's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/catalogue/index.html>

To find out if you are eligible for a device through this program, please visit DDHH's website at <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/equipment/application/eligibility/index.html>

For any questions about eligibility, there is an online email option at: <http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/ddhh/staff/email/index.html>

Or, you can telephone DDHH at:

609- 984-7281 V/TTY

800-792-8339 V/TTY toll free in New Jersey

866- 771-7947 (Video Phone)