

AREA RESOURCE GUIDE

(Services listed are provided free of charge, or have income-based scheduling)

Homicide Support/ Advocacy

Compassionate Families
354-0007, 721-3326
Parents of Murdered Children
262-0866, 713-9683
Victim Services Center
630-6300
Jax. Sheriff's Office Victim Advocate
630-1764

Abuse (Domestic)

24 Hour Hotline
1-800-500-1119
Hubbard House Emergency
Shelter & Counseling
354-3114
Quigley House (Clay County)
1-800-339-5017

Compensation (victim)

Victim Services
630-6300
MADD Victim Services
388-0664

Consumer Fraud

State Attorney's Office
351-0900

City of Jacksonville

Consumer Affairs Division
630-3467

Detoxification

Gateway Community Services
387-4661

Family

Family Nurturing Center of Florida
389-4244

Family Support Services of North Florida

4057 Carmichael Avenue
Jacksonville, FL 32207
(904) 421-5800
www.fss.jax.org
(Provide foster care, adoption and prevention)

Guardian Ad Litem Program

220 East Bay Street, 6th Floor
Jacksonville, FL 32202
(904) 630-1200

Legal Assistance

Legal Aid
356-8371
Three Rivers Legal Services
126 W. Adams St., 7th floor
Jacksonville, FL 32204
904/394-7450

Mental Health Center of Jacksonville

333 West 20th Street
Jacksonville, FL 32254
(904) 695-9145

Mothers Against Drunk Driving

(MADD)
388-2455

Parenting Help

A place where parents and kids learn how to survive.
www.ihelpparents.com

Rape

Sexual Assault
Response Center
244-RAPE (244-7273)
Office: 244-4600

RAPE Recovery Team

722-3000

State Attorney's Office

630-2400

Trauma Counseling

Women's Center of Jacksonville
722-3000
City Victim Services
630-6300

Youth Crisis

Youth Crisis Center - The Safe Place
3015 Parental Home Road
Jacksonville, FL 32216
904-725-6662



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Berachah Lowe

...to Berachah Lowe, a 16-year-old home school student who spends a day every week assisting in the children's department at the Western Regional Library on Chaffee Road. This talented young woman has always loved the library environment, so she is a natural to help the little two- and three-year-olds with story time and crafts.

Rhonda Lowe says her daughter loves the little kids and they seem to be drawn to her. "The Western Library has a huge children's area and there are a lot of things to do. A few weeks ago, they had Zoo Day, when zoo employees brought some animals to the library."

Chris Cavan, who oversees the children's program at Western, says Berachah has been helping her "for the past two years. She is friendly, helpful, reliable and works very well with the children. She helps with program preparations, sets out the craft materials then puts them away." Sometimes she reads stories to the 12 to 14 little tykes who

benefit from the excellent programs offered by Jacksonville libraries.

Homeschooled since she was two years old, Berachah has played the piano for the past nine years. (This ability comes in handy at the library, too, if music is involved in the story.) She also sings in her church choir and is now learning to play the violin. She enjoys soccer and volleyball at Trinity High School and has started track this year. A junior in high school, she plans to attend college and wants to be a cosmetologist, a nurse and also expand her interest in photography.

Our hats are off to this young lady who shares her time and talents with the younger citizens of her community.



Ask the Mayor

by Mayor John Peyton

Budget workshops affect crime victims

Through the end of April, Jacksonville residents will have the opportunity to attend Citizen Budget Workshops at different locations around the city to learn about, discuss and voice their opinions on priorities for city services. These workshops are one of several new components being implemented to continue the budget conversation that began throughout our community last year. Public safety spending and funding for city services affecting crime victims will be discussed at these workshops.

In 2009, city leaders engaged residents in a robust community budget conversation, meeting dozens of times, all over the city. Because of that dialog, citizens and government alike learned a great deal. We asked citizens: "What kind of city do you want to live in?" And we received

some really useful feedback from members of this community. Their answers were complex, surprising and instructive.

We've decided to continue the budget conversation that began last year with an even greater emphasis on public participation and transparency. To that end, we have implemented these workshops, along with a new Web site dedicated to making the budget process more user-friendly.

At the workshops, participants will be divided among 11 tables, and each table will be assigned a different topic for discussion. Topics will include Fire & Rescue, Public Works, Housing & Neighborhoods, Public Libraries, Children's Commission and Office of the Sheriff. Staff from Jacksonville Community Council, Inc., will assist at these events.

After learning about gov-

ernment functions and services, workshop attendees will vote on which service areas they consider to be priorities. Data collected at the workshops will be tallied and reported to my office, and will also be posted on the new MyJaxBudget.com Web site. Workshops will allow the city to gain additional insight into residents' priorities for government services.

Workshop dates and times can be found on the Web site, and locations will extend to each of the six Citizens Planning Advisory Committee (CPAC) districts to ensure comprehensive community involvement.

City Council President Richard Clark recently joined me as we announced this budget communications effort, and it is critical that as we move through this process, my office and the City Council work closely to ensure the

community's views are reflected in the budget for next year. The new Web site will also include the schedule for City Council town hall meetings as well as workshop dates.

In our efforts to accommodate all attendees, we ask that people pre-register for the workshops. Citizens can do so by phone or by visiting MyJaxBudget.com, clicking on the Budget Workshops header and then following the link to the Registration page.

Both the workshops and the Web site will ensure increased transparency and community involvement in our city's budget process. And I am confident that these new components will enable residents and city leaders to more easily engage in meaningful budget conversation. We'll be planning for Jacksonville's future, together.

In Memory of James Edward Shaw Jr.

(late husband of editor, Shirley Shaw)

James Edward Shaw, Jr., died peacefully at home Tuesday, February 23, 2010. He is survived by his wife of 40 years, Shirley Shaw; two daughters, Becky Hopper, Binghamton, NY, and Judy Manley, Jacksonville; two grandsons, Joel and Nathaniel Hopper; a sister, Indie Grace Whittle (Don), Burley, Idaho; many aunts, uncles, cousins and a host of friends.

Born in Norfolk, Virginia, on December 1, 1946, to James Edward and Grace B. Shaw, Jim grew up in Haiti and the Bahamas where his parents served as missionaries. He attended Tennessee Temple University in Chattanooga and taught sign language at the Georgia School for the Deaf. His profession of safety management took him to plants in Indiana, Illinois, Texas and Florida.

Always having a desire to pastor, he realized that dream in an unexpected way while living in St. Petersburg where he lived and worked the last several years. He became an on-call chaplain for the St. Pete General Hospital and that led to a ministry at area nursing homes.

Funeral services were held at New Life International Church, 706 Wyoming Street, Tampa, on Saturday, Feb. 27, at 11:00 a.m.

Family Support Services of North Florida

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MATHEW OLSON
aka RATLIFF
Missing Since
2/17/09



HANNAH PARRISH
Missing Since
12/6/09



TERRY NIXON
Missing Since
1/29/10



ALEXANDER ALLDRIFF
Missing Since
2/12/10



TERRENCE WILSON
Missing Since
11/27/09



DYLAN CHANDLER
Missing Since
1/15/10



TRENT BOAN
Missing Since
2/5/10



MEGAN JONES
Missing Since
2/10/10

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