



*Commissioner Sandy Murman took time to visit with a bevy of Hillsborough County employees and their children during the Bring Your Child Work Day event held at County Center. Sandy spoke to both parents and kids about her role as a Commissioner in County government. The future leaders of Hillsborough ranged in age from 9-16.*

#### **Hillsborough Commissioners honor Tax Collector for leadership**

Hillsborough County Tax Collector Doug Belden credited mentors and his office's 321 employees today with his selection as recipient of the county's Ellsworth G. Simmons Good Government Award.

#### **Commissioners break ground on Bass Pro Shops**

Hillsborough County Commissioners broke ground on The Estuary development this week, which will include a Bass Pro Shops. In addition to Bass Pro, the complex is expected to include a Topgolf entertainment facility with driving ranges, retail stores and themed restaurants.

#### **Hillsborough's Social Services undergoing a makeover**

In an effort to establish trust with residents, the county's Social Services Department is undergoing an overhaul that includes training, technology and a new motto: Service matters. Commissioners blessed the plan at their meeting this week.

#### **Commissioners take steps to create Manufacturing Academy, Apprenticeship program**

Hillsborough County Commissioners approved an agreement with CareerSource Tampa Bay in the amount of \$350,000, for operational support services to the County for the development and delivery of the Manufacturing Academy and Apprenticeship/Internship Program to address the identified skills gap in Hillsborough County.

#### **Crime rate drops 6.4 percent in Hillsborough County and across Florida**

The total number of crimes in Florida is 3.8 percent lower in 2013 from the year before, with every major category showing similar declines. The local crime trends mirror the state, with overall crime down 6.4 percent in Hillsborough County; 5.2 percent in Pasco County and 4 percent in Polk. The rate in Pinellas edged down by -.5 percent, state statistics show.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Wednesday, April 30, 8:00 a.m. – Health Fair at Joe Chillura Park (26<sup>th</sup> Floor County Center if raining)

Monday, May 5, 10:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m. – Commission on the Status of Women at County Center 26A and B

Wednesday, May 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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