



Commissioner Sandy Murman honored Patrick Manteiga and LaGaceta newspaper for service to this community during this, the 95th Anniversary of the nation's only trilingual newspaper. On hand to receive the special commendation from the Hillsborough Board of County Commissioners was Patrick Manteiga and his family.

[Hillsborough County storm water rate increase will address flooding issues](#)

Stormwater fees in Hillsborough County are going up for the second time in three years after remaining flat for more than two decades. Commissioners hope the hike can help the county address a significant backlog in the kind of culvert and watershed improvements that can alleviate flooding that habitually occurs after even modest rains.

[Tampa Bay ranks in top five areas for job growth](#)

Led by Tampa Bay and Orlando, Central Florida's major metro areas dominated the ranks of job growth in the past year by larger cities in the United States, according to data released by the Bureau of Labor Statistics. Among cities with at least 1 million population, Tampa Bay's over-the-year employment in June rose 3.6 percent. The national unemployment rate in June was 4.4 percent while Florida's was 4.1 percent. Tampa Bay's jobless rate in June stood at 4.1 percent, down from 4.8 percent a year ago.

[Five big projects planned for Tampa/Hillsborough's future](#)

The Tampa area is on the cusp of a total makeover. With billions of dollars in investment and dozens of new apartment, condo, office and cultural buildings in the pipeline, the city's skyline and surrounding communities are poised to look a whole lot different than what it does today. But dreaming up the future of this area doesn't come without its challenges.

[Hillsborough County addressing the prescription opioid crisis](#)

County Commissioners took the first step this week in addressing the prescription opioid crisis in Hillsborough County by directing the County Attorney's office to pursue litigation, once an RFP is approved, against the wholesale drug distributors that are responsible for the proliferation of those drugs in our community. Hillsborough County, along with many providers, is hosting an Opioid Summit on Sept. 26 to determine next steps.

FROM THE BOARDROOM:

Hillsborough Commissioners accepted a grant for \$388,000 from the Florida Department of Economic Opportunity for enhancements to the Veterans Resource Center, which is currently under construction at Veterans Memorial Park.

The BOCC received the Staffing for Adequate Fire and Emergency Response (SAFER) grant, which will fund 21 entry-level firefighter positions over a three-year period, positively impacting Hillsborough County Fire Rescue's ability to meet increased response time performance in southeastern Hillsborough County.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Monday, August 21, 11:00 a.m. – Fraud Presentation at Ruskin Senior Center

Thursday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. – Hillsborough County Budget Public Hearing at County Center

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