



Commissioner Sandy Murman was the Chief Guest of Honor and speaker at the India Independence Day event celebrating 71 years since India declared its independence. In a special ceremony, Commissioner Murman raised the United States flag, then spoke to the Federation of Indian Associations of Tampa Bay, at the India Cultural Center in Hillsborough County. On hand to introduce the Commissioner was Satish K. Sharma, president of the FIA of Tampa Bay and Dr. Madhavi Sekharam, Chairperson of the event.

[USAA expansion at Crosstown Center may bring Hillsborough 1,000 more jobs](#)

Insurance and financial services company USAA will bring as many as 1,000 more jobs to Hillsborough County by early 2019 as it expands its existing operations. The San Antonio, Texas-based company, which serves members and former members of the military and their families, is building a new 240,000 square-foot office building at Crosstown Center near the Lee Roy Selmon Expressway and U.S. 301.

[Tampa Bay area led state with most jobs created in the past year](#)

The Tampa Bay area added 39,700 new private-sector jobs in the last year, the highest number of jobs among all metro areas. The area's unemployment rate was 4.1 percent, down 0.8 percentage point from one year ago. Statewide, Florida businesses created 26,300 new jobs in July. The Tampa area also continues to rank first in the state in demand for high-skill, high-wage STEM occupations with 14,293 openings in July.

[Hillsborough County leads effort to spruce up houses, yards of needy Veterans](#)

Until recently, James Palmer did plenty of heavy lifting, working around his house and even getting his elderly mother's property in shape to sell. Then a kidney condition sapped his energy. Since going on dialysis two years ago, the retired accountant/manager and Vietnam War-era Army private avoids strenuous activity such as trimming trees, repairing his fence, or hauling away junk. Meanwhile, a fixed income limits his ability to hire workers to maintain his house and yard.

FROM THE BOARDROOM:

The Board accepted the SAFER grant in the amount of \$2,788,418, which will help fund 21 entry level firefighter positions over a three-year period. This grant requires Hillsborough County Fire Rescue (HCFR) to match 25% in Year One, 25% in Year Two and 65% in Year Three, for a total mandatory match of \$1,733,344 in nonfederal funds.

The BOCC adopted a resolution approving the issuance by the Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County of its Multi-Family Housing Revenue Bond (Bethune residences I at West River) in an amount not to exceed \$22,000,000 for the purpose of financing the acquisition, construction, and equipping of a multi-family rental housing development.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

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

Tuesday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. – Sandy's Opioid Summit at TPepin Hospitality Centre

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