



District ONE NEWS



A Bi-Monthly Newsletter from Hillsborough County Commissioner, Sandra Murman, District 1

The Board of County Commissioners is made up of 7 County Commissioners who are elected by voters. Sandy is passionate about responsible solutions for the people of Hillsborough County. This newsletter shares her commitments and schedules as an advocate for Hillsborough County, District 1.

Commissioner Sandy Murman and Tampa International Airport CEO Joseph Lopano ride a HARTline bus in Tampa recently.



Where's Sandy?

Coffee with the Commissioner:

Friday, Oct. 7 at 8:30 a.m. at Nola's Cafe, at 301 W. Platt Street, Tampa



Community Office Hours:

Friday, October 21, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at West Tampa Branch Library 2312 W. Union Street, Tampa

Friday, November 18, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. at HCC SouthShore Campus, Ruskin

Sandy's Survey:

Please answer the questions below to help me serve you!

1. Do you believe property taxes are too much, too little, or just the right amount to serve our needs in Hillsborough County?
2. Do you think Hillsborough County should offer after school programs in public parks? Yes or No
3. If public transportation options were expanded in our community, would you use them? Yes or No
4. Do you support the use of tax incentives to entice new businesses to move to Hillsborough County? Yes or No
5. Would you support merging city and county government to eliminate duplication of services? Yes or No

Please reply with answers only, numbered 1-5 in an email to:

murmans@hillsboroughcounty.org

Business Incentives Jump Start Economy

Hillsborough County Commissioners passed economic incentive changes recently to make the Tampa metropolitan area more competitive with cities like Raleigh, Charlotte and Atlanta. "We're sending a message that says we are open for business in Hillsborough County," said Commissioner Sandy Murman after the vote. "It's important that we encourage companies to create more jobs," she said. Incentives include lowering the average wage companies have to pay to qualify for the county's Premier Business Bonus program from 150 percent of the average area wage to 115 percent, or \$46,833. Companies that meet the lower thresholds can get \$300 per job from the county if they locate in the unincorporated area. Commissioners also sped up the process for companies to get property tax exemptions approved by referendum last year.

Jail Diversion Saves Taxpayer Dollars

This summer, Commissioner Sandy Murman brought together a special mental health and substance abuse policy leadership group to create a jail-diversion program to decriminalize mental health and substance abuse issues at the misdemeanor level. It will help law enforcement get back to work doing what they do best: protecting the public. Consider these statistics and costs: The prevalence of serious mental illness among jail inmates in Hillsborough County is estimated between 11%-18.9% among men, and between 21.7%-42.1% among women. Projections for 2011 show 537 mentally ill misdemeanants will spend 48 days on average in jail at an average daily cost \$ 100.06 for a total of \$2,579,146. Through investment from many parties, both public and private, Sandy believes we can offset the costs of implementing this jail-diversion program in Hillsborough County until we see the savings the next year, making this a win-win for taxpayers and all involved. The County Commission unanimously agreed.



It's Hurricane Season!

"Get Ready!"

I am committed to having Hillsborough County residents prepared for the next big storm. Here are links to some important information. Connect to my homepage for details on how to get ready.

<http://www.sandymurman.com>

Important Numbers:

Affordable Housing: 274-6600
 Animal Services: 744-5660
 Job News Line: 272-6975
 Code Enforcement: 274-6600
 County Information Line: 272-5900
 Emergency: 9-1-1
 Emergency Management: 272-6900
 Family & Aging Services: 272-5040
 Fire Rescue: 272-6600
 Libraries: 273-3652
 Neighborhoods: 272-5860
 Parks, Recreation & Conservation: 635-3500
 Public Works Construction—Hotline: 272-5275
 Sheriff's Office: 247-8000
 Solid Waste: 272-5680

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