



District ONE NEWS

December 2011



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.

Merry Christmas and Happy Holidays!

Commissioner Sandy Murman honors members of the Anti-Bullying Advisory Committee during National Bullying Prevention Month.



Where's Sandy?

Community Office Hours:

Friday, February 3rd
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Jan K. Platt Library

Friday, March 2nd
11:00 a.m.—1:00 p.m.
Town 'N Country Library



Coffee: Friday, Jan. 20th
8:30 a.m. at Nola's Cafe,
301 W. Platt Street

Gas Pump Assistance Easier for Disabled

Commissioner Sandy Murman brought before the Hillsborough County Commission an ordinance to make it easier for persons with disabilities to get refueling assistance at gas stations, which passed unanimously on Dec. 7. The ordinance requires the placement of a decal displaying the gas station/convenience store's telephone number on gas pumps so that customers with disabilities can call into the gas station/convenience store from their cellular phones to request refueling assistance.

Internet/Sweepstakes Cafes Closing

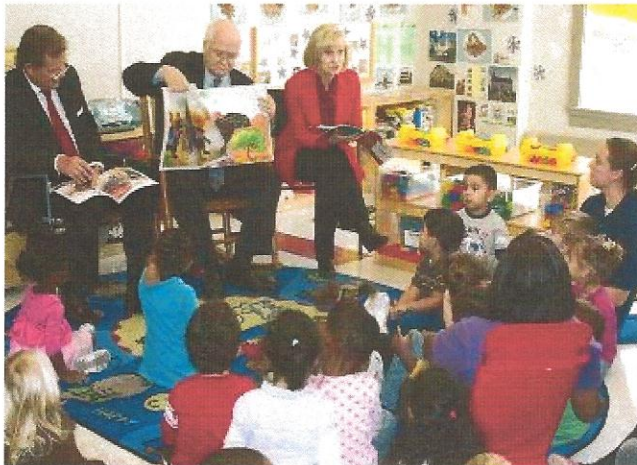
Looking to stop the proliferation of Internet sweepstakes cafes, Hillsborough County commissioners voted to ban "simulated gambling devices," which function much like slot machines and are at the center of a \$1 billion industry in Florida. Commissioner Sandy Murman has worked diligently for months in cooperation with Sheriff David Gee on ways to shut down what authorities view as illegal gambling operations. "I think it just boils down to what's good for our community," said Murman. "They are predatory organizations that prey on the elderly and the poor." Since the ordinance passed Dec. 7, nearly 20 of these establishments have closed their doors.

Air Quality in Gibsonton - Apollo Beach

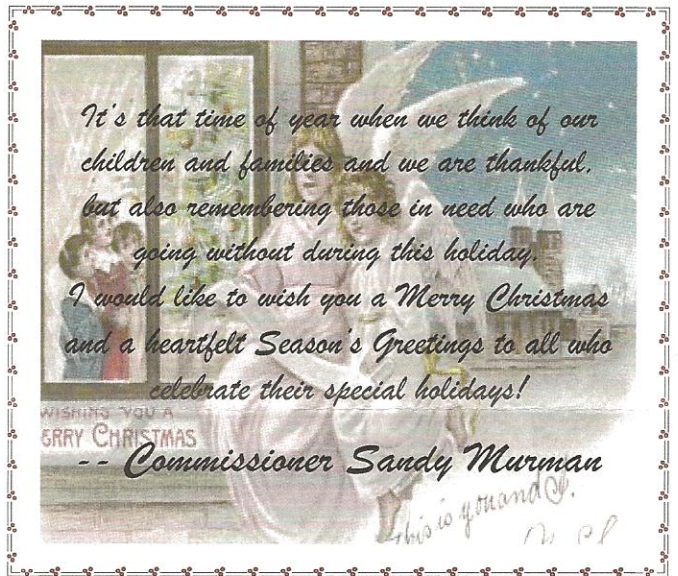
This past spring Commissioner Sandy Murman hosted several public meetings to provide information about existing air quality in the south county area. Citizens expressed concerns and in response, Sandy asked the County's Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) to look into additional sampling in the area. As a result, EPC has worked with the Tampa Electric Company (TECO) to site a new air monitoring station just south of Big Bend Road between the Kings Lake and Covington Park subdivisions.

Solid Waste Contracts Go Out to Bid

The Hillsborough County Commission voted unanimously to go out to bid on Solid Waste contracts, encouraging competitive costs and quality when it comes to garbage pickup in the county. Thanks to all who participated in my survey on this issue.



Commissioner Sandy Murman, Dave McGerald and Dave Lawrence read to students at the HCC Early Childhood Center recently.



It's that time of year when we think of our children and families and we are thankful, but also remembering those in need who are going without during this holiday. I would like to wish you a Merry Christmas and a heartfelt Season's Greetings to all who celebrate their special holidays!
WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS
-- Commissioner Sandy Murman
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D. P. P.

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
Environmental Protection (EPC): 627-2600

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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