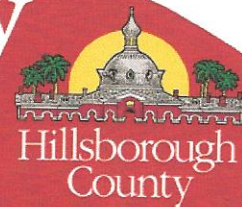


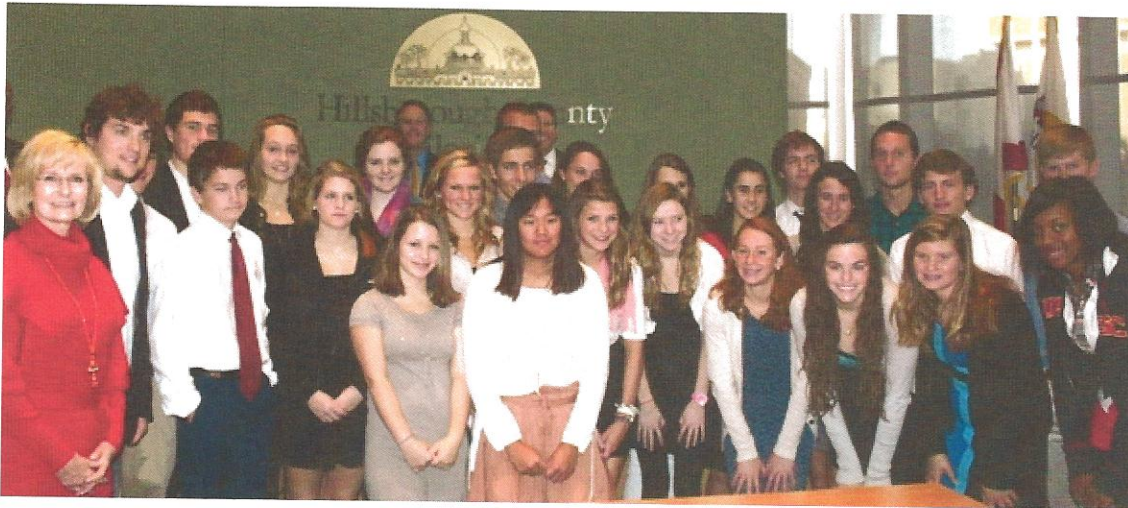


Community Update



Monthly News and Happenings 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 honors the Tampa Prep High School Swim Team for their stellar season at a meeting of the Hillsborough BOCC.

Where's Sandy?

Community Office Hours:

Friday, February 3rd
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Jan K. Platt Library

Friday, February 17th
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
HCC Southshore Campus

Friday, March 2nd
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Town 'N Country Library

Commissioner Sandy Murman votes to ban dog tethering in Hillsborough County

After nearly two years, Hillsborough County Commissioners unanimously approved one of the toughest anti-tethering laws in the state. Constituents and animal welfare activists, who have been pushing for the law, were pleased with the final outcome. And while Commissioner Sandy Murman's proposed restrictions on the weight of chains used for tethering was rejected by Commissioners, she was satisfied with passing an ordinance that will prevent many cases of animal neglect and cruelty, while allowing dog owners or keepers to be outside watching or supervising their pet while tethering. Hillsborough County's new language is tougher than that approved by the county's Animal Advisory Committee.



Watch Sandy's new PSA on YouTube

Commissioner Murman recently spearheaded the County's Small Business Job Creation Program in order to create quality, sustainable, new jobs and help reduce the unemployment rate in Hillsborough County. Watch the new PSA by going to the following link or typing this URL into your browser: http://youtu.be/FRwwDvZk_EY



Coffee with Commissioner Murman:

Friday, March 16th
8:30 a.m. at Nola's Cafe,
301 W. Platt Street, Tampa

Commissioner protects neighborhoods by supporting Anti-Noise ordinance

County Commissioner Sandy Murman is trying to put some teeth into an anti-noise ordinance in Hillsborough County. In 2009 the State Attorney stopped enforcing the county's noise ordinance after it was ruled unconstitutional. Since then the Sheriff's Office has been swamped with calls about noisy concerts, neighborhood parties and machinery. Last year the Sheriff's Office got more than 6,000 complaints about excessive noise. Commissioners asked the County Attorney to come up with an ordinance that is enforceable in court. "Let's get it right," said Commissioner Sandy Murman. She asked staff to also research city of Tampa guidelines and what they use for special events permits for better controlling noise at public and private events. "Some of these events adversely impact neighborhoods and churches," she added. "We need to address a special events permit without reinventing the wheel." The BOCC will discuss the issue again on Wednesday, February 22nd.

Free tax preparation at Extension Office

Tax time is just around the corner. Free tax preparation help is available at the County Extension Office. This service is open to all Hillsborough County residents. Access the following link for more information or call 813-744-5519, ext. 54143.

<http://coin.hillsboroughcounty.org/docs/employeeannouncements/extensionFreeTaxPrep.pdf>

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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