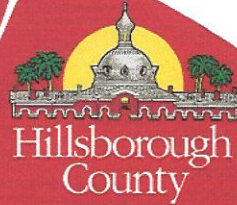




Community Update



July 2012

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's Independence Day Message:

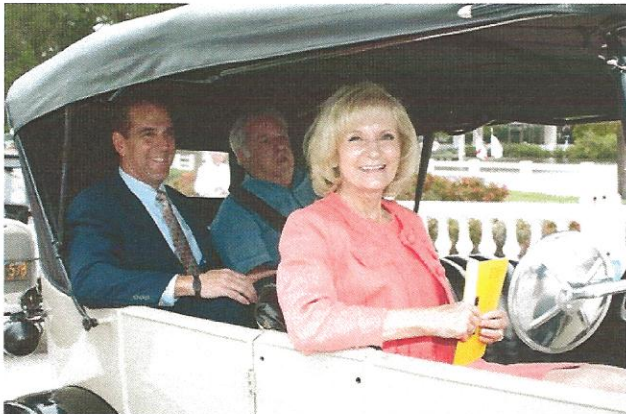
As we take a break in our busy schedules to celebrate America's birthday with family picnics, barbecues, games, music and fireworks, it is also a time to pause and remember the special meanings behind Independence Day. It's a time to think about the freedoms we enjoy every day ... the freedoms we sometimes take for granted. We should take time to remember all those in our services who paid the price of freedom so that we could celebrate this holiday safe and secure. Thank you for the opportunity to serve you and God Bless each of you on this Fourth of July!

Sandy Murman



Commissioner Aims to Reduce Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Commissioner Sandy Murman has asked the County Commissioners to amend the Hillsborough County Alcoholic Beverage Public Awareness Ordinance that is more than 20 years old. The revised ordinance will provide more specific language, requirements, enforcement and penalties, so that the county can get the message out about Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and the dangers associated with mothers drinking alcohol during pregnancy. "Only 39 percent of women of childbearing age know about fetal alcohol spectrum disorders, and, there are no health warnings about these disorders in television commercials and other alcohol advertising," Murman said. "We need to get the word out to the public to prevent the costly conditions of babies born to alcohol-dependent mothers."



Commissioner Sandy Murman helped cut the ribbon for the Platt Street Bridge Rehabilitation Project as she rode in a 1926 Ford Model T. "We are preserving the past, and forging the future. We marry old-fashioned ingenuity to modern engineering to create a functional bridge that is now safe and secure," she said, speaking about the bridge built in 1926. Follow this link to see the video of this historic event: <http://youtu.be/QCO5Viq6rZA>

Hurricane Season!

Sandy Murman is committed to having Hillsborough County residents prepared for the next big storm.

Watch the Emergency Disaster Drill video:

<http://youtu.be/AxZL0Oo2aw8>

Connect to Sandy's homepage for details on how to "Get Ready!":

<http://www.sandymurman.com/>



Coffee with Commissioner:

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



Commissioner Sandy Murman helped dedicate Sandpiper Pavillions, public art, at the SouthShore Regional Library recently. On hand were former Commissioner Jan Platt, James Johnson, and James Harkins IV, who secured the project.

Rally for Homeownership

Join us July 11 from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in downtown Tampa's Joe Chillura Courthouse Square Park to support the dream of homeownership. Enjoy music, a free boxed lunch and hear from Mayor Bob Buckhorn and Commission Chairman Ken Hagan, and Commissioner Murman, among other leaders. We invite you to learn more and sign petitions telling elected officials to: Protect the mortgage interest deduction; Guarantee credit-worthy consumers and small businesses the opportunity to obtain mortgages and loans; Resolve the foreclosure crisis. Please RSVP RallyHomeownership-Tampa@gmail.com. Residents, business owners are invited to register and sign the petition at: www.ProtectHomeownership.com/TampaRally.

