



June 2012

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 Murman Prepares District for Hurricane Season with "Get Ready!" Campaign



The most important thing that you can do is to be informed and prepared! Disaster prevention includes both being prepared as well as being safe. So Get Ready!

Disaster Prevention should include:

- [Developing a Family Plan](#)
- [Creating a Disaster Supply Kit](#)
- [Having a Place to Go](#)
- [Securing your Home](#)
- [Having a Pet Plan](#)

One of the most important decisions you will have to make is "Should I Evacuate?" If you are asked to evacuate, you should do so without delay. But unless you live in a coastal or low-lying area, an area that floods frequently, or in manufactured housing, it is unlikely that emergency managers will ask you to evacuate. That means that it is important for you and your family to **HAVE A PLAN** that makes you as safe as possible in your home. **Disaster prevention** includes modifying your home to strengthen it against storms so that you can be as safe as possible. It also includes having the supplies on hand to weather the storm. The suggestions provided here are only guides. You should use common sense in your disaster prevention. For more detailed information and to access special links, you may go to my website at: <http://www.sandymurman.com/> and click on the "Get Ready!" tab.

Your Get Ready! Supply List:

Water – at least 1 gallon daily per person for 3 to 7 days

Food – at least enough for 3 to 7 days
- non-perishable packaged or canned food / juices

- foods for infants or the elderly
- snack foods- non-electric can opener
- cooking tools / fuel
- paper plates / plastic utensils
Blankets / Pillows, etc.

Clothing – seasonal / rain gear/ sturdy shoes
First Aid Kit / Medicines / Prescription Drugs

Special Items – for babies and the elderly
Toiletries / Hygiene items / Moisture wipes
Flashlight / Batteries

Radio – Battery operated and NOAA weather radio

Telephones – Fully charged cell phone with extra battery and a traditional (not cordless) telephone set

Cash (with some small bills) and Credit Cards – Banks and ATMs may not be available for extended periods

Keys, Toys, Books and Games

Important documents – in a waterproof container or watertight resealable plastic bag
- insurance, medical records, bank account numbers, Social Security card.

Meet County Emergency Management Director

Preston Cook brings to Hillsborough County more than 20 years of experience in public service and emergency management. He is also certified as a Florida Professional Emergency Manager.

The Office of Emergency Management is now a division of the Fire Rescue Department. He reports directly to the County Administrator's Office during declared emergencies. You may contact Preston at 813-276-2364.



Tools: keep set with you during storm
Vehicle fuel tanks filled
Pet care items - proper identification / immunization records / medications
- ample supply of food and water
- a carrier or cage
- muzzle and leash

Important Get Ready! Websites & Numbers:

Hillsborough County
Office of Emergency Management

Website:

<http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/oem>

County Emergency Management: 272-6900

Emergency: 9-1-1

Florida Division of Emergency Management:

www.FloridaDisaster.org

Storm Consumer Hotline: 800-22-STORM

Legislative Aides:

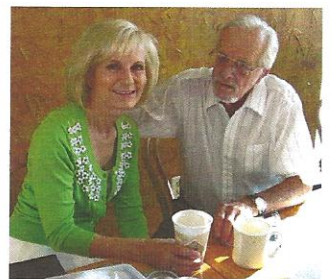
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Coffee with Commissioner:

Friday, June 29th

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

Where's Sandy?

Community Office Hours:

Friday, June 15th

10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
NW Family YMCA

Tuesday, Aug. 7th

4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Jan K. Platt Library
3910 S. Manhattan Ave.

Get Ready! With Sandy Meeting Schedule

Monday, June 25th, 11:30 a.m.

SouthShore Chamber of Commerce
Destiny Church, 2322 11th Ave. SE
Ruskin, FL

Thursday, June 28th, at 6:30 p.m.

Keystone Civic Association
Keystone Civic Center, 17928 Gunn Highway,
Odessa, FL