

District ONE NEWS

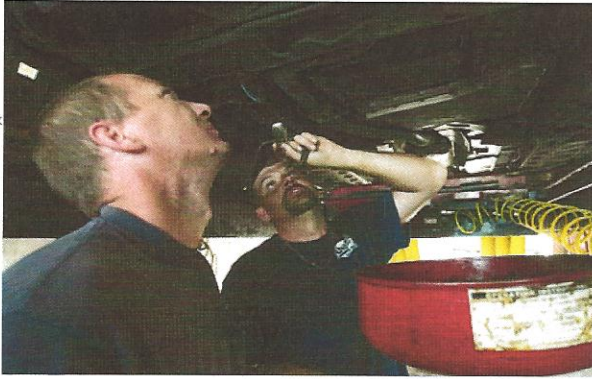
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A Newsletter from Hillsborough County Commissioner, Sandra Murman, District 1

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.

Auto technicians Ralph Wynne, left, and Rob Thomas look under a Cadillac at Absolute Auto Repair in Dover Monday morning. Both Wynne and Thomas were hired as part of a county job creation incentive program that helps pay for part of their salary.



Where's Sandy?

Coffee with the Commissioner:

Friday, July 8 at 9:00 a.m. at West Tampa Sandwich Shop, at 3904 N. Armenia Ave.



Community Office Hours:

Wednesday, July 20, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Town 'n Country Library

Friday, August 5, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at Jan K. Platt Library

Friday, August 19, 11:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. at South Shore Regional Service Center

Sandy's Boards & Councils:

[Metropolitan Planning Organization \(MPO\)](#)

[Tampa Port Authority](#)

[HART Authority Board](#)

[Tampa Bay Water](#)

[SWFWMD Liaison](#)

[Tampa Bay Workforce Alliance](#)

[Value Adjustment Board](#)

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In The News

New Program Creates Hillsborough Jobs

With the county suffering an unemployment rate near 12 percent, it's understandable that commissioners don't want to simply sit on their hands. And the county's Small Business Job Creation Program provides a cautious but meaningful way to encourage local firms to hire more workers. Hillsborough Commissioner Sandy Murman, who championed the plan, says it has resulted in plans for at least 65 jobs. "That is like bringing a corporation to town," she says. Murman reports an enthusiastic response. Close to 30 businesses have applied, and just a little more than half the funds remain. This little program is not going to suddenly ignite the economy, but it does give businesses that are gaining traction reason to invest in growth. Murman, her fellow commissioners and retiring Economic Development Director Gene Gray deserve credit for fashioning a simple, accountable way to give business a hand, without getting government's fingerprints all over the place.

For the whole story, click here: <http://www2.tbo.com/news/opinion/2011/jun/20/MEOPINO1-editorial-public-money-for-private-sector-ar-238347/>

Sweepstakes Cafes on the Increase in County

By one count, a thousand internet sweepstakes cafes across Florida are taking in a billion dollars a year. Pinellas sheriff Jim Coats was the first to sound the alarm in the bay area, ordering the cafes in his county to shut down. Hillsborough County may be next. "When you've got a small storefront business making \$20,000 a week, there's a lot going on there," said Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandra Murman. She wants to explore an ordinance to control sweepstakes cafes. She claims 20 new locations have opened in Hillsborough County in just the last year. "They're selling internet time to individuals who come in and through the internet play sweepstakes casino gambling games. It's definitely gambling," said Murman.

Read more: http://www.abcactionnews.com/dpp/news/region_hillsborough/sweepstakes-internet-cafes-may-get-unlucky-if-local-governments-get-their-



It's Hurricane Season!

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!"

Are you threatened by Storm Surge? See the signs: <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/hazardmit/stormsurge/>

Watch the Storm Surge Sign video: <http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/pgm/hazardmit/stormsurge/resources/publications/stormsurgesigns.wmv>.

Connect to Sandy's homepage for details: <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

My District 1 Office: 272-5470

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