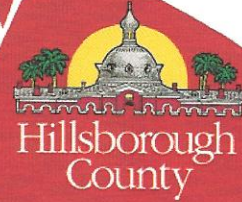




Community Update



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 Walter Lamerton, Jr. for his work to bring a USO Club to Tampa Airport, at a recent meeting of the Hillsborough BOCC.

Commissioner Sandy Murman supports consolidating services with City, County

Commissioner Murman is pleased to announce that Hillsborough County and City of Tampa governments are working together to save taxpayer dollars. Both have talked about consolidation on things they do in common, but now they are taking action with the approval of the joint purchase of a \$34.1 million software system. The new technology will power their accounting, budgeting, purchasing and personnel decisions. "This is an unprecedented collaboration," said Murman. "We're beginning to see what we can do with the spirit of cooperation," she added. By purchasing the software system together, the two governments will save a combined \$6.5 million. The cost will be split, 59 percent from the county, 41 percent from the city. One of the more significant areas the software system will help is purchasing. The county will be able to see when the city is getting ready to buy something. If the county needs the same thing, it can combine forces with the city.

Murman calls for small business finance program to enhance job creation

County Commissioners voted unanimously for Sandy Murman's request to have economic development staff work with the Industrial Development Authority (IDA) to come up with a way to use Request for Proposals (RFPs) or other means and to evaluate the potential for a small business finance program to encourage expansion and enhance job creation opportunities for small businesses in Hillsborough County. "Small businesses in Hillsborough County need to be given a chance to survive in today's challenging economy, and this is another tool we can provide to keep businesses alive," said Murman. Staff and the IDA are charged to do this without having an adverse impact on the County's credit, bond capacity or bond rating.

RNC is coming to Hillsborough County

Commissioner Sandy Murman will be providing information in early summer about the Republican National Convention (RNC) that is coming to Hillsborough County in August. For current information on business or volunteer opportunities with the Tampa Bay Host Committee, you may access this link: <http://2012tampa.com/>

Where's Sandy?

Community Office Hours:

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

Tuesday, May 8th
4:00 p.m.—6:00 p.m.
Jan Platt Library

Friday, June 15th
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
West Park Village YMCA



Coffee with Commissioner:

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

Sandy Murman elected Chair of Economic Committee that will address burdensome regulations

In November, Commissioner Sandy Murman asked the County Commissioners to create a regulatory review board that would look for ways to streamline the county's zoning and permitting rules, in addition to an evaluation of fees and location of permit-ready sites for development. Commissioners voted unanimously to create this task force on Feb. 22nd, and elected Murman chair of the committee. "It's high time the county tackled overly burdensome regulation," she said. "Businesses are still feeling strangled by regulation, and now we're doing something to address that," Murman added.

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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