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Community Update



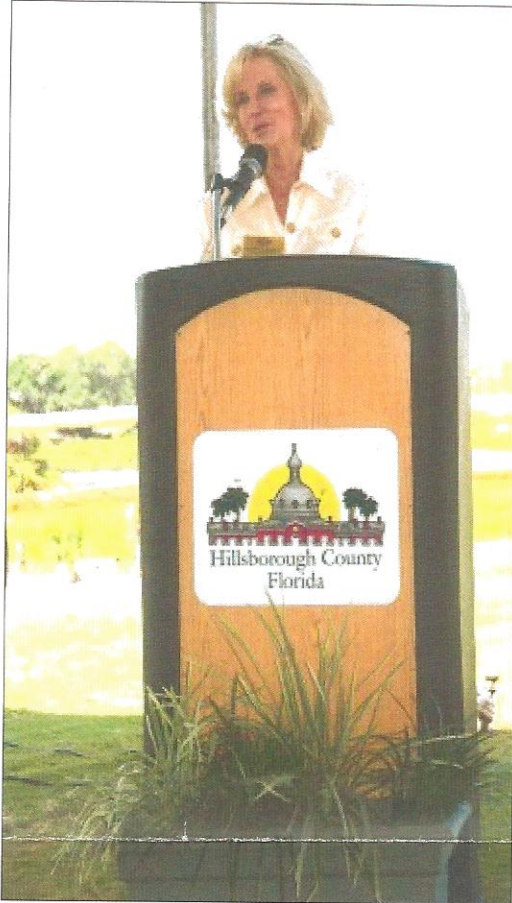
Monthly News and Happenings from Hillsborough County Commissioner, Sandra Murman, District 1

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.

Murman Praises Completion of Cockroach Bay Restoration

County Commissioner Sandy Murman was on hand along with the Tampa Port Authority, Hillsborough County and the Southwest Florida Water Management District, as they announced completion of a major environmental restoration project at Cockroach Bay in a special dedication ceremony attended by about 100 stakeholders and environmental supporters recently. The Cockroach Bay Restoration Project represents one of the largest, most complex coastal ecosystem restorations ever developed for Tampa Bay—and more than 20 years of dedicated, collaborative restoration work.

Before the restoration, the area suffered from a number of environmental problems.



Commissioner Sandy Murman thanked former Hillsborough Commissioner Jan Platt and so many others for their vision of the beautiful Cockroach Bay.

Commissioner Murman Lauded by Tribune for Leadership on the County's Homeless Plan

In a recent editorial the *Tampa Tribune* had this to say: "Despite numerous efforts, Hillsborough County has been unable to come to grips with homelessness. That's understandable. It's a staggering problem. The Homeless Coalition estimates there may be more than 17,000 homeless men, women and children in the area any given night. There are, to be sure, a number of worthy efforts, but a systematic effort has eluded county government. That may be about to change, thanks to a task force that includes County Commissioner Sandy Murman. Members realize the best approach to such a daunting task is to start small and demonstrate success. Murman says by starting small, results can be measured. But she is confident of success and expects to raise private funds to expand the effort. The proposal may be modest, but it represents a major step toward the county finally implementing a comprehensive homeless strategy. It merits support."

Where's Sandy?

Community Office Hours:

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

Friday, May 25th
10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Gardenville Rec Center
Symmes Rd., Gibsonton



Coffee with Commissioner:

Friday, May 18th
8:30 a.m. at Nola's Cafe,
301 W. Platt Street, Tampa

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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Murman Helps Groups Renourish Beaches

Commissioner Sandy Murman brought together government and volunteers from the Apollo Beach Water Improvement Group (ABWIG) recently to discuss a channel dredging project and to outline plans to restore the beach at Apollo Beach Nature Park. The public-private partnership includes County Parks, EPC, SWFWMD, Port Authority, and private groups. The project will renourish the beach portion of the nature park and install wave attenuation devices that will prevent beach erosion and protect the channel from silt buildup. "This is the first step to bringing back our pristine beaches here. This partnership is a great example of how we can work together to plan, and make it happen," said Murman.



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed the Sixth Annual Islands Fest a success recently, as the community, local businesses, and Peter O. Knight Airport gathered to celebrate Davis Islands, Corporal Michael Nicholson, a true American hero, and the late Bill Sharpe, one of the event's organizers.

Hurricane Season!

Sandy Murman is committed to having Hillsborough County residents prepared for the next big storm. Commissioner Murman will be sharing the "Get Ready!" message at meetings throughout District 1 in June. Connect to her homepage for details on how to "Get Ready!"

