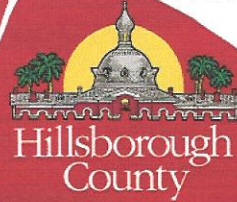




Community Update

November 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.



Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandy Murman helped dedicate the Shimberg Gardens in Town 'n Country recently. "This a shining example of this Community and County Government working together to make something happen," Sandy said. From left are Rob Gamester, Fran Gamester, Commissioner Murman, Hinks Shimberg and Congresswoman Kathy Castor.

Murman's Revisions to Ordinance Bring Attention to Fetal Alcohol Syndrome

Sandy believes the public health, safety and welfare of County residents will be served by making them aware of the dangers of consuming alcoholic beverages during pregnancy. With that in mind, she pushed for revisions to the County's antiquated ordinance. The BOCC unanimously passed the ordinance that changes language on a required health warning sign to emphasize the risk of Fetal Alcohol Syndrome and designates the administration and enforcement of it to Code Enforcement. It also provides a six-month period for existing signs to be modified to reflect the new language.



Commissioner Sandy Murman cuts the ribbon along with Public Defender Julianne Holt and State Attorney Mark Ober at the Mendez Foundation Too Good For Drugs Walk & Kids Fest held at MOSI recently. They were recognizing National Bullying Prevention Month.

Commissioner's Job Creation Program Continues Success

Sandy's Small Business Job Creation Program continues to provide quality, sustainable, new jobs and help reduce unemployment in Hillsborough County. To date, 73 businesses have applied, 121 new jobs created and 113 employees have been hired. Nearly 90 percent of employees hired are still employed and more than 70 percent of the businesses have reported an increase in sales. There are still nearly \$100,000 available for businesses to apply. Call 813-914-4028, for more information or go to Sandy's website.

Sandy Helps Protect Businesses Plagued with Drive-by Suits

Drive-By Lawsuits on ADA compliance have plagued small businesses in Hillsborough County. These suits were most often directed at small "mom and pop" businesses that were not fully aware of their obligations. So when Paralyzed Veterans of America and others came to Sandy to resolve this issue, she requested the County research sending notifications to businesses regarding drive-by lawsuits. "It's all about arming our business owners with the information they need on how to comply with both federal ADA standards, and stricter state standards," Sandy said. Commissioner Murman asked to have the County work with the PVA and other interested parties on a final program that the BOCC can approve and implement as soon as possible.

Sandy Spearheads Holiday Food Donation Drive at County

At the request of Commissioner Murman, the County will be starting a new effort this year to collect food for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The County will be working in cooperation with Metropolitan Ministries in distributing the food to those in need throughout the area.

There will be trucks available at the following County Neighborhood Service Centers to take donations beginning November 1st:

Lee Davis Center
3402 N. 22nd St.
Tampa, FL 33605
P: 813-272-5220
Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 5:00pm

Plant City Center
307 N. Michigan
Plant City, FL 33566
P: 813-757-3871
Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Ruskin Center
201 14th Ave. SE
Ruskin, FL 33570
P: 813-671-7647
Hours
Monday - Friday
8:00 am - 5:00 pm

University Community Resource Center
13605 N. 22nd St.
Tampa, FL 33613
P: 813-975-2153
Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

West Tampa Center
2103 N. Rome Ave.
Tampa, FL 33607
P: 813-272-5074
Hours
Monday - Friday
7:30 am - 5:00 pm

Where's Sandy:

Coffee with Commissioner:



Community "Friendraiser" for new USO

Friday, November 9th
8:30 a.m. at Nola's Café

Friday, Nov. 30th
9:00 a.m. - Waterset
Landing Club & Café
Apollo Beach

Community Office Hours:

Friday, Nov. 2nd: 10:00 a.m.—12:00 p.m.
Upper Tampa Bay Library

Call or visit Sandy's Office:

601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 2nd Floor
272-5470