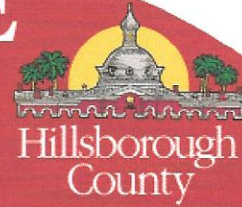




District ONE NEWS

Oct/Nov 2011



A Bi-Monthly 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.



Commissioner Sandy Murman stands with Bayshore Patriots Julie Whitney and Chris Whitney during the 9-11 Memorial.

Sandy's Survey:

Please answer the questions below to help me serve you!

1. Have you had an issue with county government in the last 30 days that made you contact our service departments? **Yes or No**
2. Do you mind paying more for bus service even if that service may not benefit you directly? **Yes or No**
3. Does Hillsborough County have enough activities to attract retirees? **Yes or No**
4. Is the Hillsborough county school system adequately educating our children and grandchildren? **Yes or No**

Please reply with answers only, numbered 1-4 in an email to: murmans@hillsboroughcounty.org

Budget Reshapes County Government

Hillsborough County's adopted budget for 2012-2013 reflects the rebalancing and reshaping of county government. In this era of economic challenges, we are changing the way government was run in the past. This budget is leaner, more efficient and innovative. The bottom line is that the \$2.907 billion budget for 2012 is a \$614 million reduction from last year's budget.

"Most importantly, we are making it easier to grow our local economy ..."

We did this by reducing the operating budget by \$34.8 million from the County Administrator's department budgets. The county now shares office work like accounting and administrative functions; it utilizes one-stop social service case management; it now contracts out services like mowing parks and roadsides; we are not competing with non-profit providers for program participants; we are partnering with other governments and agencies to save dollars; and we delayed many capital projects until 2014.

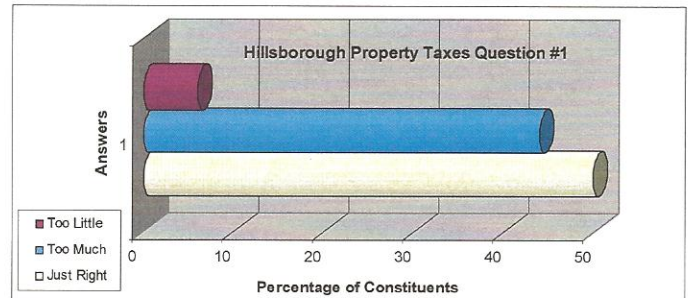
Most importantly, we are making it easier to grow our local economy by streamlining the permitting processes through a one-stop permit center; revising regulations that inhibit job creation; offering economic incentive funds for recruiting target industry jobs that includes a small business investment fund to grow our own jobs; and more funds for job creation in "green" sustainable industries. For more information you may visit:

www.hillsboroughcounty.org/budgetmatters

Where's Sandy?

Coffee with the Commissioner:

Friday, Dec. 9 at 8:30 a.m. at Village Inn Restaurant, at 7011 W. Hillsborough Ave., Tampa



Survey Results from Aug/Sept Issue:

Following are the results of the survey you took in my last newsletter: 50% said property taxes were just right to serve our needs, 37% said property taxes too much, and 6% said property taxes too little; 55% said yes county should offer after school programs in parks, 39% said no; 36% said yes you would use expanded transportation options, 55% said no; 69% said yes to using tax incentives to entice businesses to move here, 23% said no; 71% said yes to merging city and county government to eliminate duplication, 21% said no.

(There was no response to a question about 8% of the time; there were nearly 100 respondents to the 5 question survey.)

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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