



Commissioner Sandy Murman hosted a community coffee event with members of the South Tampa Coalition, a group of civic leaders representing residents and homeowners from the area. Sandy and staff meet with the coalition regularly at First Watch on Henderson Avenue to discuss issues related to local government.

Tampa Bay among top areas competing with Silicon Valley for tech startups

Bill Gates' Cascade Investment is investing \$2 billion in reinventing the Tampa of the future as an incubator and preparing its infrastructure for growth. Investor Jeff Vinik, now owner of the city's NHL Tampa Bay Lightning team, has joined him. The pair aims to help build a future for the more than 200 residents flocking to the city each day, according to a CNBC report.

Hillsborough, Pinellas counties have top recycling rate in Florida

Hillsborough and Pinellas counties are leading the state of Florida in recycling efforts, according to data released last month from the Florida Department of Environmental Protection (FDEP). The agency's 2016 annual recycling rates for individual counties and the state show both counties tied for the highest county recycling rate at 82 percent.

Hillsborough County Yellow Dot program could save lives

Hillsborough County recently launched Yellow Dot to improve the effectiveness of on-scene emergency rescuers. Advocates say the stickers, part of a national program, save lives. A brightly-colored sticker affixed to the driver's side of a vehicle's rear window alerts first responders there is a packet of information in the glove box.

COMING TO THE BOARDROOM:

Commissioner Murman will be declaring September 11, 2017 as Patriot Day in Hillsborough County by presenting a special proclamation at the September 7 Board of County Commissioners meeting. She will also be declaring October 7, 2017 as Disability Awareness FAIR and Community Inclusion Day in the county.

The Board of County Commissioners will be discussing a proposed resolution in support of a stronger law banning texting while driving in the State of Florida. There were 476 deaths and 30,000 injuries related to texting while driving in 2015 in the United States.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Thursday, September 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Thursday, September 7, 6:00 p.m. – Hillsborough County Budget Public Hearing at County Center

Tuesday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. – Sandy's Opioid Summit at TPepin Hospitality Centre

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