



Commissioner Sandy Murman commends Les and Pam Muma for their extraordinary charitable acts in Hillsborough County. From left are Judy Genshaft, President of the University of South Florida, Les and Pam Muma, community philanthropists and supporters of the University of South Florida and Tampa General Hospital, Commissioner Murman and Jim Burkhart, President and CEO of Tampa General Hospital.

Commissioner Sandy Murman takes the county reins as BOCC Chairman

Tampa Bay Times Editorial: Sandra Murman's experience, personality and quiet confidence will be enormously useful in the coming year as she takes over as chairman of the Hillsborough County Commission. In selecting her, the board signaled that it wanted a moderate leader and a forward-looking agenda, which is what the county needs as it considers new investments in transit, jobs and the social safety net in the coming year.

Vinik previews vision and plans for Hillsborough Commissioners

Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik gave the Hillsborough County Commissioners a sneak peek of his billion-dollar development plans for Channelside and downtown on Wednesday morning. "What we're going to show this morning is a vision plan," Vinik told the board.

Commissioners approve final purchase agreement for Pluris utility

Hillsborough County Commissioners voted to approve the final purchase agreement of the Pluris Eastlake utility franchise, which provides water to nearly 1,000 homes in the community east of Tampa. Residents have been complaining to commissioners for years about the water, which they say is dirty and overpriced.

County Commissioners select proposal for development of community park

The BOCC selected a proposal for the development of a New Tampa Community Park. The proposal from Harrison Bennett Properties and Regency Centers is a mixed-use town center with townhouses and apartments, plus shops and an organic grocery. The developer will provide \$2 million to go toward a cultural center or theater space.

USF's downtown plan may elevate economic future of Hillsborough, region

The University of South Florida is looking to co-locate the Morsani College of Medicine and USF Heart Institute to a one-acre parcel in downtown Tampa that Jeff Vinik has offered to donate. The move will elevate academic medical programs and create an innovative urban core that will boost the economy throughout the Tampa Bay region and Florida.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Saturday, Jan. 3, 10:00 a.m. – First Saturday Celebration at Hillsborough County Pet Resource Center

Wednesday, Jan. 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Thursday, Jan. 15, 8:30 a.m. – Hillsborough County Access to Capital Summit at Sheraton Tampa East

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