Sandy Murman

August 19, 2016 HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

Commissioner Sandy Murman attended new teacher breakfasts at the SouthShore Chamber of Commerce in Ruskin and the South Tampa Chamber, presenting backpacks for students in need, and motivating new Hillsborough teachers. In Tampa, Sandy was joined by Tampa City Councilman Harry Cohen, Troy University's Steve Miciak and South Tampa Chamber CEO Kelly Flannery.

Commissioners hope workshops enhance relations between law enforcement and public
Unlike Ferguson, Baltimore or, most recently, Milwaukee, the Tampa/Hillsborough County community hasn't had to contend with civil unrest due to a police shooting. Aware such an incident can literally happen overnight, however, the Board of County Commissioners on Wednesday approved a program that would attempt to enhance relations between law enforcement and the community over the next year.

Hillsborough to allow Eckerd kids to stay at county facility
The County Commission is stepping in to provide additional shelter for foster children after commissioners heard reports of children sleeping in office buildings. On Wednesday, Hillsborough County Commissioners voted to approve the use of a county facility by Eckerd Youth Alternatives, Inc. to house foster care youth. EYA will pay the county the cost of utilities.

BlueGrace Logistics plans to hire up to 700 in Hillsborough County
BlueGrace Logistics is on the fast track to become a major Tampa Bay employer, feeding off a $255 million investment from New York-based private equity giant Warburg Pincus. Hillsborough County-based BlueGrace, a 6-year-old transportation logistics company, is using the money to hire 500 to 700 employees in the next few years and will be on the hunt for a new, larger headquarters, possibly in downtown Tampa.

Learn to diversify your workforce at Aug. 25 Lunch and Learn
The Diversity Initiative and TPepin's Hospitality Centre, 4121 N 50th St., will host the inaugural "Diversity and Inclusion in the Workforce" Lunch and Learn from noon to 1 p.m. Thursday. This joint event is designed to educate attendees including business owners, human resources professionals and hiring managers from small to large companies about the value, productivity and profitability disabled individuals bring to organizations.

$12.9 million youth sports complex moves ahead in Hillsborough County
For more than a decade, plans to build a massive sports complex in east Hillsborough County capable of luring large youth athletic tournaments and the millions of tourism dollars that come with them have slowly inched along. Commissioners will have at least one more opportunity to review the project when they approve the final design.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, September 8, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC meeting at County Center

Wednesday, September 8, 6:00 p.m. – Hillsborough County Budget public hearing at County Center

Tuesday, September 13, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use meeting at County Center

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