



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Human Trafficking Awareness Month in Hillsborough County, and encouraged all residents and visitors to be vigilant in identifying and reporting human trafficking. Captain Andy Miller, of the Tampa Area Command of the Salvation Army and Dotti Groover-Skipper of the Salvation Army were on hand to accept the proclamation.

Commissioner Murman named in Business Journal's 'Power 100'

Sandra Murman has emerged as a leading voice on transportation in the region. Since Murman has been a commissioner, two tax initiatives failed. As a Republican, Murman's reluctance to support tax hikes wasn't surprising, but her immediate commitment to finding alternative funding sources, boosting trust in government and then revisiting a referendum later was a step away from her party's transit stigma. Murman proposed using property tax revenue to fund more than \$700 million in improvements over the next decade.

Yellow Dot program could help Hillsborough residents pass along life-saving information

Hillsborough County may soon provide a new way for residents to relay important information to first responders during an emergency. County commissioners voted Thursday to explore joining the "Yellow Dot" program, an initiative that allows drivers to alert first responders that their glove compartment holds a card with their emergency contacts or pertinent medical information by placing a yellow sticker on their rear windshield.

Tampa/Hillsborough, once dangerous for bicycling, now one of '50 best' in U.S.

Just two years ago, Tampa was receiving brickbats for being one of the most dangerous cities to navigate on two wheels. The Tampa Bay region had just been named one of the worst metropolitan areas for bicyclists and pedestrians. The same report by the National Complete Streets Coalition dubbed Florida the most dangerous state for riding a bike.

Hillsborough School Board should keep courtesy busing

Finding solutions to traffic gridlock in Hillsborough County is a team effort among numerous government entities. Unfortunately, the Hillsborough County School Board has failed our residents with its unwillingness to be a partner through its recent decision — in a 6-1 vote — to end what it terms "courtesy busing" for middle and high school students, that is, transportation for those who live within 2 miles of their schools.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Friday, January 13, 11:30 a.m. – New year, new you at Town 'n Country Senior Center

Thursday, January 19, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC meeting at County Center

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