

*Sandy Murman*

November 4, 2016

HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



***Commissioner Sandy Murman recognized TECO's Manatee Viewing Center on its 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, and encouraged citizens to visit this natural resource in south Hillsborough County. On hand to receive the commendation were TECO's Alan Denham, Stan Kroh, and volunteers Howard and Jean Fulwood.***

#### **Cross-Bay Ferry launches its six-month trial**

Ever since Tony Jannus flew the first scheduled airline flight from St. Petersburg to Tampa in 1914, people have looked for ways to "bridge" the bay. Now, for \$10 and 50 minutes of your time, the Cross-Bay Ferry can transport you between St. Petersburg and Tampa. Public service starts today.

#### **Hillsborough commissioners offer help to families living with Chinese drywall**

Hillsborough County commissioners said Wednesday that affordable housing funds could be used to rehab the homes of four families who have lived for almost nine years with the hazardous building material that emits sulphurous fumes. But that financial rescue package depends on a similar commitment from the Tampa Housing Authority and the City of Tampa, the two public agencies that helped the families buy the homes in Belmont Heights.

#### **County Commission approves tourist tax dollars for NCAA championship**

With little discussion, the Hillsborough County Commission on Wednesday unanimously approved spending \$1 million in tourist development tax dollars towards marketing and hosting the 2017 national college football championship game, slated for January 9. "I think this is very good use of funds from the reserves," said Commissioner Sandy Murman.

#### **USF is among the top public universities in the nation for new inventions**

USF ranked ninth nationally among U.S. universities for license and option agreements with companies that have contracted to further develop research into commercial products. The 133 agreements in the fiscal year that ended June 30 represent a record for the school, a 12 percent increase over the previous fiscal year at an institution dedicated to commercializing research.

#### **Millennials in Hillsborough are starting to buy houses, revolutionizing real estate**

For decades, baby boomers — those born in the prosperous years after World War II — have made up not only the nation's biggest population group but also the bulk of its home buyers. But they are being supplanted, both in sheer numbers and in the hunger for home ownership, by millennials between 18 and 34.

### **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

Friday, November 4, 8:30 a.m. – Sandy's County Job Fair: <http://www.sandymurman.com/job-fair-registration/>

Friday, November 11, 9:00 a.m. – Operation Reveille: Housing for homeless veterans at Port Terminal 6

Wednesday, November 16, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC meeting at County Center

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