



***Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Child Abuse Prevention Month in Hillsborough County. On hand to accept the proclamation were Kelley Parris, Executive Director of the Children’s Board of Hillsborough County, and Jennifer Kuhn, Interim Regional Managing Director of the Florida Department of Children and Families.***

#### **[Joe Henderson: Changing Hillsborough Commission makeup worth a look](#)**

Hillsborough’s charter, approved by voters 35 years ago, provides for seven county commissioners. Four of them represent a single district; three are chosen countywide. In 1983, when the referendum passed creating the current setup, the population was a little over 700,000. Today, it is 1.4 million and expanding rapidly. Sandy Murman argues that changing the commission makeup to single-member districts — and maybe expanding the board by two members — makes sense because the county is too large for anyone to effectively represent everyone. That point is worthy of discussion.

#### **[Tampa-Hillsborough makes list of top 40 for entrepreneurs](#)**

It’s no Silicon Valley yet, but when it comes to attracting entrepreneurs, Tampa Bay is beginning to look more attractive. Tampa ranked No. 34 on Business.org’s recently released list of top 40 US cities for entrepreneurs. The cities were graded based on the number of residents aged 25 to 34, the proportion of people in that age group with college and advanced degrees, local unemployment rate and housing affordability.

#### **[Major upgrades planned at Hillsborough County boat ramps](#)**

With more than 40,000 registered boats and easy access to Tampa Bay, major rivers, and the Gulf of Mexico, Hillsborough County is rightfully viewed as a boater’s paradise. All those boats, though, can be tough on public boat ramps and docks. Hillsborough will launch major improvements to numerous boat ramps this year, including several of the most popular.

### **FROM THE BOARD ROOM:**

**The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners approved** the purchase of additional hybrid cars that will reduce fuel costs and support sustainability efforts.

**County Commissioners approved** the installation of a rooftop antenna and supporting equipment at the Public Safety Operations Complex that will enhance local radio broadcast capabilities to provide residents public safety information during an emergency.

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

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

Wednesday, April 18, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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