



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed American Heart Month and National Wear Red Day in Hillsborough County. On hand to accept the proclamation were Aubrey Oyler, Go Red for Women Specialist, Kristen Lewis, Community Health Director for the American Heart Association, and Susan Hopkins, heart attack survivor.

[Tampa-Hillsborough County receives \\$6.3 million for homeless assistance](#)

The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development released funding notification for the Continuum of Care grant. Tampa-Hillsborough County received \$6.31 million. All current programs were renewed with a slight increase of \$75,000 from last year, primarily for increasing FMR rates for currently funded programs.

[Hillsborough County joins Tampa movement to crackdown on illicit massage spas](#)

Hillsborough County joined a growing movement to eradicate human trafficking from illicit massage parlors. Commissioner Sandy Murman asked the County Attorney to draft an ordinance similar to the bathhouse ordinance just passed in Tampa. "We have to be on the same page, otherwise we're going to be the recipient of terrible activity that really promotes human trafficking," Murman said.

[Column: Why Tampa needs legislation to push its reclaimed water plan](#)

The commitment that Tampa makes to its residents -- the commitment to build the infrastructure that will sustain our growth and maintain our security -- serves as a blueprint for our future.

[For visiting NHL fans, the weekend was about hockey not pirates or traffic](#)

Tampa faced two big questions heading into the weekend: Would traffic be an issue Saturday when the Gasparilla Parade of Pirates shared downtown with two major events leading up to Sunday's NHL All-Star Game? And what would visiting hockey fans think of the parade, with its swashbuckler theme and alcohol-fueled revelry?

FROM THE BOARD ROOM:

The BOCC approved a \$200,000 agreement with the University of South Florida Research Foundation that will support high-technology and bioscience business development through the Tampa Bay Technology Incubator.

County Commissioners approved acquiring 10 acres of land within the Lower Green Swamp Preserve as part of the Jan K. Platt Environmental Lands Acquisition and Protection Program that protects environmentally sensitive habitat.

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners approved a three-year commercial services contract that will expand the availability for recycling collection to approximately 300 County-owned facilities.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

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

Wednesday, Feb. 21, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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