



Commissioner Sandy Murman and Governor Rick Scott visited with Linda and Ron Cox of Cox Fire Protection, a small business in Hillsborough County. Governor Scott talked about reductions in business taxes that help small businesses like Cox Fire, and continuing to reduce the tax on commercial leases in Florida.

[Governor Rick Scott highlights \\$10 billion in tax cuts at Hillsborough business](#)

Scott highlighted other issues from the session, including the hurricane preparation sales tax holiday, as well as reductions in the tax on agricultural supplies and commercial leases. Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandy Murman said the cuts make Florida more appealing.

[Tampa Bay ranks No. 4 for corporate relocation, expansion](#)

Tampa Bay has been deemed one of the most attractive metro areas in the country when it comes to corporate relocations and expansions. *Site Selection* ranked the area No. 4 for south Atlantic metros with the most corporate projects in 2017. It jumped one spot from last year, when it ranked No. 5.

[Tampa-Hillsborough ranks No. 1 among affordable markets for first-time homebuyers](#)

Despite steadily rising prices, Tampa Bay is the most affordable market for first-time homebuyers. That's according to Zillow, which based its findings on several variables including median home value, forecasted growth in home value and share of listings with a price cut.

[State Legislature passes tax package, sales tax holidays](#)

The state legislature overwhelmingly passed the \$168.6 million tax package. The tax package was originally much higher, but was reduced to help pay for the School Safety initiatives in response to the Parkland shooting. Of the \$168.6 million in tax relief \$97.4 million is a one-year cut and the remaining \$71.2 million is reoccurring.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, March 20, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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

Thursday, March 22, 9:00 a.m. – Environmental Protection Commission Meeting at County Center

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