



Commissioner Sandy Murman, a longtime Guardian Ad Litem, and County Administrator Mike Merrill accept accolades from the Florida Guardian Ad Litem Foundation, 13th Judicial Circuit, as it honors Hillsborough County as the foundation's County of the Year. On hand for the recognition and presenting the award for the GAL program were Tabitha Lambert, GAL Circuit Director; Liza Ricci, Supervising Attorney; Marymarie King, Senior Child Advocate Manager; Sheila DelCastillo, Assistant Circuit Director; and Yvonne Marrone, Lead Recruiter.

[Hillsborough County approves dog trainer ordinance requiring training plan](#)

Dog trainers in Hillsborough County must obtain a license and agree to training plans with pet owners before beginning instruction, county commissioners decided on Wednesday. The new ordinance, called Truth in Training, is the first of its kinds in the country, county officials have said.

[Tampa/Hillsborough ranks high among areas with fast-growing incomes](#)

The median household income in Tampa rose more than 13 percent, ranking it No. 3 among U.S. cities between 2015 and 2016. A study by the personal finance site SmartAsset shows that the median income for Tampa households increased in 2016 to \$50,405, up from \$44,432 in 2015.

[Commissioner Murman elected as Chairman of BOCC](#)

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners today selected Commissioner Sandra L. Murman as chairman, and Commissioner Victor D. Crist as vice chairman, during their annual organizational meeting. Commissioner Stacy White will serve as chaplain.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM:

Commissioners approved up to \$100,000 in annual funding for Hillsborough Community College's Operation Startup center for entrepreneurship and innovation that provides military veterans, active duty service members, their spouses, and business partners with educational, mentoring, co-curricular, business development, and transition services.

The BOCC approved up to \$100,000 in funding for the University Area Community Development Corporation, Inc. that will provide workforce training, scholarships, and technical assistance to increase career pathways for residents.

Hillsborough County Commissioners approved an agreement with AMikids YES Inc. to provide funding for the Helping Youth Discover Their Potential Program that will help empower young men to discover their potential and transform their lives through counseling and education.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, Dec. 6, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Tuesday, Dec. 12, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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