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#### **[HART and TIA hold ribbon-cutting for Route 275LX](#)**

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#### **[New bus, rail proposals receive wide support at Transit Forum](#)**

The overriding message at the Tampa Bay Transit Forum on Friday was that it's finally time for action on mass transportation. Sandy Murman, the Republican chair of the Hillsborough County Commission, said she wants taxpayers to see tangible improvements to transportation within the next decade.

#### **[Tampa one of best places for first-time home buyers](#)**

Buying a home for the first time is an exciting and important milestone for many Americans. Their purchases make up a sizable chunk of the market, too. In 2017, 38% of all U.S. single-family home purchases were made by first-time buyers. WalletHub compared 300 cities of varying sizes across 27 key indicators of market attractiveness, affordability and quality of life. Tampa ranked number two in Best Places for first-time home buyers.

#### **[Tampa leads the state in high-wage STEM job openings](#)**

More than 30,000 private sector jobs were added in the Tampa Bay area over the last year, according to jobs numbers from Gov. Rick Scott's office. The area had the second-highest job growth among all of Florida's metro areas. Tampa's unemployment rate is down 0.3 points from one year ago to 3.8 percent.

#### **[Online map tracks mosquito spraying in Hillsborough County](#)**

A special online map shows where Hillsborough County is spraying by ground and air to manage adult mosquito populations. Information provided is for both planned and recently completed (during past 28 days) treatments. Residents can search for specific addresses by selecting the magnifying glass icon in the top left section of the map.

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

Wednesday, August 1, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Tuesday, August 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Thursday, August 9, 8:30 a.m. – Commissioner Murman's South County Job Fair at HCC SouthShore Campus

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