



Commissioner Sandy Murman and Hillsborough County officials participated in “Drive Electric Week” at Joe Chillura Park and County Center. On hand to show how the county utilizes and promotes the use of electric vehicles in its fleet to save taxpayer dollars were Commissioner Pat Kemp, County Administrator Mike Merrill and Environmental Protection Commission Executive Director Janet Dougherty.

[Machinery manufacturer relocating to Hillsborough, hiring 45](#)

Automated Industrial Machinery, Inc. announced that it will relocate its headquarters from Addison, Illinois, to Hillsborough County and hire more than 45 local employees. The company, a premier CNC wire-bending machine supplier, will invest more than \$4 million in the building purchase, renovations, equipment and machinery at its new 52,900-square-foot headquarters at 14101 McCormick Drive off Race Track Road in Keystone.

[County grants help homes, businesses and neighborhoods](#)

Hillsborough County offers financial assistance for a variety of community-based programs and endeavors. These grants range from helping students from low-income families continue their studies, to enabling homeowners to make repairs, to supporting neighborhoods that want to plant trees in common areas. The allocations are intended to improve the lives of individuals and groups, and to enhance communities. They are part of Hillsborough County’s commitment to ensuring the area is a great place for all its residents.

[Peak hurricane season is here – Are you ready?](#)

With peak hurricane season upon us, Hillsborough County is reminding residents to make sure they have a plan in place, and to prepare their families, homes, and businesses for potential storms. Residents and visitors can use the 2018 Disaster Planning Guide to make a disaster plan, pull together supplies, check evacuation zones, keep pets safe, and protect homes and businesses. Download a Disaster Planning Guide online, or pick up one at Hillsborough County post offices, fire stations, or public libraries. For more information on how to “Get Ready!” <http://www.sandymurman.com/get-ready/>

[How Tampa Bay views Brightline’s proposed Orlando-Tampa route](#)

As Brightline chugs its way toward a future Tampa route and station, the ripple effect it would have on business travelers and commuters would be just as enormous of an impact. In a non-scientific Tampa Bay Business Journal survey that asked, “Would you ride high-speed rail between Tampa and Orlando?” more than 84 percent of the non-scientific survey takers said yes out of 1,157 total responses, with less than 10 percent saying no and maybe.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Thursday, September 20, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Thursday, September 27, 9:00 a.m. – Environmental Protection Commission Meeting at County Center

Wednesday, October 3, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

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