



***Commissioner Sandy Murman attended the 2019 South Tampa Chamber Annual Meeting and Awards Dinner. Sandy commended David Scher for his service to the area's business community, which earned him the chamber's Citizen of the Year Award. Also on hand for the presentations were outgoing chamber board Chairman Ed Siler and the chamber's CEO Kelly Flannery.***

#### **[County commissioners vote to study middle school crossing guards](#)**

Hillsborough County commissioners voted in favor of a new crossing guard study. County staff will work with the sheriff's office on a middle school crossing guard feasibility study that would explore the cost and manpower needed to staff all 42 Hillsborough middle schools with crossing guards.

#### **[Hillsborough County approves amendments to health care plan](#)**

Hillsborough County Commissioners received a presentation from the county's director of Health Care Services, and approved the elimination of the "3 Strikes Policy" from the eligibility process for the Hillsborough County Health Care Plan. The BOCC also approved the expansion of eligibility from below 125% of the Federal Poverty Level to 138% of the Federal Poverty Guidelines, along with the addition of vision services as a covered benefit for the Health Care Plan.

#### **[Experts say Tampa Bay area has tailwinds behind it](#)**

Tampa Bay has cracked the Top 10 in a list of emerging U.S. cities with good overall real estate prospects for the first time in the 40 years since the annual ranking has been conducted, a recognition that the two cities' leadership, developments, planning and Tampa's enlivened waterfront are paying dividends in both population and job growth.

### **FROM THE BOARD ROOM:**

**County Commissioners approved an agreement** with Miracles Outreach Community Development Center, Inc. providing \$50,000 to the T.H.R.I.V.E. program, which focuses on securing stable housing and support to survivors of human trafficking.

**The BOCC approved the purchase** of eight new vehicles for Sunshine Line that will continue to help provide door-to-door transportation for the elderly, people with disabilities, and low-income residents who do not have or can't afford their own transportation throughout Hillsborough County.

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

**Wednesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

**Thursday, February 21, 9:00 a.m.** – Environmental Protection Commission Meeting at County Center

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### **WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?**

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