



Commissioner Sandy Murman was honored by the Hillsborough County Anti-Drug Alliance recently with the Mark Studstill Award of Excellence. On hand to present the Commissioner with this award were Cindy Grant, Ellen Snelling and Asha Terminello.

Hillsborough tourism passes \$650 million in 2018

In 2018, Visit Tampa Bay's \$673.5 million in tourism development tax revenue was 4.5 percent over the previous record set in 2017. Since 2014, tourist development tax funds have grown nearly 36 percent, or \$204.4 million, most of which was earned with a small increase in hotel rooms. Last year, Hillsborough County became Florida's ninth designated High Impact Tourism county after posting \$644.2 million in tourism development revenues for calendar year 2017.

Hillsborough County named as United Way Suncoast 'Most Generous Workplaces'

Some of the Tampa Bay area's biggest companies have been dubbed the most generous by the United Way Suncoast in the nonprofit's annual Most Generous Workplaces List. The List's top 10 organizations represent nearly \$11 million in contributions, including corporate gifts, as well as employee giving through United Way Suncoast in 2018.

Midtown Tampa is poised to begin a flurry of construction

The history of the Bromley Companies goes back decades, but its distant past looks a lot different from its near future. Thirty years ago, Bromley had a company here that recycled wooden pallets. Contrast that to a couple of months from now, when Bromley will start construction on an apartment complex, the bay area's largest Whole Foods Market and the city's first spec office building — that is, one built without necessarily hitting a pre-set level of leasing first — in 20 years.

Port Tampa's current dredging project has deep connection to past

Dredges are once again scooping up enormous swaths of the Tampa Bay seafloor, as part of a \$63-million project to deepen and widen Tampa's Big Bend channel. This operation is the most expensive dredging project in Tampa history. But it is far from the first.

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 (EPC) at County Center

Thursday, February 21, 6:30 p.m. – Selmon Extension Virtual Town Hall Meeting [Click here to sign up](#)

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