



***Commissioner Sandy Murman was honored by the Port of Tampa Propeller Club with its Mainstay Award for eight years of dedicated service to the Port community. Bill Kuzmick and Lynne Miller Vadelund presented the award to Sandy, along with the Member of the Year Award to Barbie Borden and the Maritime Person of the Year Award to Capt. Holly Najarian.***

#### **County to form human trafficking task force ahead of Super Bowl**

In anticipation of the Super Bowl coming to Tampa in 2021, the Hillsborough County Commission is forming a human trafficking task force to develop a strategy to curb human trafficking activities that the event historically attracts. Commissioner Sandy Murman added that the effort shouldn't only be directed toward the Super Bowl. "It should be every major event in this county to keep our people safe," she said.

#### **Bay to Bay to be repaved now; road diet may come later**

Although commissioners said they support the city's plan to redesign the road, they voted unanimously to go ahead with the repaving. The project will be completed within a month. Once the road is repaved, Commissioner Murman suggested that the county look at adding safety measures. "Pavement markings, reduced speed limits, crosswalk upgrades that may enhance the safety -- any of these can be done after the resurfacing," she said. She also suggested that the county encourage the city to hire crossing guards to help school children across the road safely.

#### **Park will host the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Gasparilla Festival of Arts in 2020**

Julian B. Lane Riverfront park is Tampa's newest park. The city began construction of the \$35 million park in July 2016, finishing about two years later in May 2018. The goal: to revitalize the west side of the Hillsborough River. The 25-acre park, sitting across the river from The Straz, incorporates both the downtown and riverfront areas of Tampa. And it's already full of art — the city commissioned five different public art projects within the riverfront park, most notably Marc Fornes' "The Form of Wander."

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

**Hillsborough County Commissioners approved** two agreements totaling \$695,165 with the Agency for Community Treatment Services that will expand jail diversion and reentry services for residents who exhibit signs and symptoms of mental health and substance abuse disorders.

**Commissioners approved an agreement modification** with Feeding America Tampa Bay to utilize its Mobile Food Pantry for Health Care Service's Healthy Living Program to provide nutritional food and well-balanced meals to residents facing food insecurity.

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

**Wednesday, March 6, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

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

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