



Commissioner Sandy Murman helped open the Spurlino Family YMCA at Big Bend Road in South Hillsborough County recently. The environmentally-friendly facility is on 33 acres of land and serves Riverview, Gibsonton and the Apollo Beach community. On hand to assist the Commissioner with some of the ribbon-cutting duties were Jennifer Murphy and Cindy Sofarelli, among many others.

[MLK Day 2019: Some reflections on the dream of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.](#)

On this special holiday to celebrate the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. I wanted to share a personal reflection from a friend of mine, Jack Levine, founder of the 4Generations Institute in Florida. He shared a story about his father and himself listening to Dr. King’s “I Have a Dream” speech delivered in Washington, D.C. in August, 1963.

[Tampa transit system invests in smart tech for connected vehicles](#)

Tampa is updating its traffic management system for the 21st Century. Funded through a \$40-million grant from the Florida Department of Transportation, the transit system upgrade will include new equipment, such as cameras, sensors, and fiber-optic cables, as well as software, to pave the road for a rollout of connected vehicles by 2020.

[Hillsborough entrepreneur provides free job services for federal workers](#)

When the government shutdown began on December 21, 800,000 federal employees across the country found themselves furloughed, working without a paycheck, and wondering how they’d make ends meet. One Tampa Bay entrepreneur is hoping to ease that burden through free career workshops and job placement assistance.

[Water Street Tampa will make monumental progress in 2019](#)

If 2018 felt like a whirlwind for Water Street Tampa, 2019 will be even bigger. A new hotel and residential and office towers will break ground in the mixed-use urban district under construction in downtown Tampa, and the developer expects a flurry of leasing activity for retail and office space, said James Nozar, CEO of Strategic Property Partners.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Thursday, January 24, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

Friday, February 1, 8:30 a.m. – Coffee with the Commissioner at McDonald’s restaurant in Ruskin

Wednesday, February 6, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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