



Commissioner Sandy Murman, along with many leaders in the community, recently attended a ceremony to rename a section of county roadway for Art and Polly Pepin and the Pepin family. On hand to receive a special commendation from Hillsborough County was Tom Pepin, President/CEO of Pepin Distributing Co., along with family and co-workers. “Tom and the Pepin family have given so much to our community and to this county over the years,” Murman said.

[Year in Review: From “Heights” to waterfront, Tampa businesses enjoy 2018](#)

With the year rapidly coming to an end, South and Central Tampa’s businesses can look back on a successful year of growth. In 2018, South and Central Tampa residents saw new small businesses rise in Seminole Heights, larger chain restaurants spring up along S Dale Mabry Highway and Hyde Park Village continue its revival as a retail shopping destination.

[Construction cranes on the horizon in 2019 at Water Street](#)

More construction cranes are on the horizon in Tampa for 2019, many (but probably not all) of them at Water Street Tampa. “We’re going to keep the accelerator down and keep moving ahead,” developer and Tampa Bay Lightning owner Jeff Vinik said at a recent groundbreaking for 815 Water Street, a twin pair of apartment towers that is the first residential project to be built in the 53-acre development.

[Food & Wine magazine puts Tampa in its Places to Go \(and Eat\)](#)

Take it from a bunch of people who travel this country for a living—there is never enough time in a year to see all of the things that you need to see, here in America, in order to truly grasp just what is happening. (And that’s just the food.)

[Tampa one of America’s Top 20 healthiest cities](#)

The American Fitness Index conducts an annual report showing the best large cities for fit and active lifestyles: No. 19: Tampa: A large number of public parks, swimming pools and dog parks combined with beautiful weather and an emphasis on healthy eating make Tampa a city that places a premium on healthy living. A climate where you have to perpetually be bathing suit ready probably doesn’t hurt.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

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

Thursday, January 10, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Quarterly Awards Ceremony at County Center

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