



***Commissioner Sandy Murman was on hand to honor former Hillsborough County Commissioner Al Higginbotham with a special park naming ceremony. Also at the dedication of the county park were County Administrator Mike Merrill, Devon Higginbotham and many other friends and family.***

#### **[Hillsborough County schools hope to add crossing guards for middle schools](#)**

Every day, thousands of Hillsborough County middle school students walk to school without adequate crosswalks and no crossing guards. Parents say that needs to change. Wednesday, county commissioners took a step in that direction. "I think I'm hearing this is moving forward, I think we're going to get there," said Commissioner Stacy White, after hearing the county's preliminary report. While commissioners seem on board with the idea, a few hurdles remain. One is the price tag. Commissioners will find out how much it will cost come April. The other is a lack of crosswalks.

#### **[Hillsborough commissioners appoint four members to oversight committee](#)**

Hillsborough County Commissioners appointed four new members to the Independent Oversight Committee during a meeting on Wednesday. Commissioners had to choose two county residents who are experts in either transportation, planning, sustainability, engineering or construction. The experts were to have seven years of experience and credentials. The two selected were Audrey Moore and Robert Hunter. The board also had to select two non-expert Hillsborough County residents. The two were Charles "Chip" Fletcher and Vanetta Kilpatrick.

#### **[Free manufacturing training programs for Hillsborough County residents](#)**

Prepare for high-paying jobs in advanced manufacturing with these FREE training opportunities supported by the Manufacturing Alliance and provided by Hillsborough Community College. In just a few weeks, you can earn industry-recognized certifications that qualify you for entry-level manufacturing positions while earning 15 college credits towards an Engineering Technology degree for free. Click on headline link for more information.

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

**Hillsborough County Commissioners approved** additional funding for the Swim Safety Initiative that will provide all children in the Hillsborough County Head Start program with access to swim lessons by 2020.

**Commissioners approved an agreement modification** to add an industry training certification program to the Corporation to Develop Communities of Tampa Inc.'s employment services that will assist county residents on the path to self-sufficiency through employment assistance.

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

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

**Wednesday, April 3, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

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