



*Sandy Murman*

August 28, 2019

HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



**Commissioner Sandy Murman presented the 2019 Community Water-Wise Award to Mr. and Mrs. Velez. Also at the podium were Lynn Barber, Hillsborough County Extension’s Florida-Friendly Landscaping Agent and Stephen Gran, Hillsborough County Extension Director. For over 20 years, the Community Water-Wise Awards program has recognized attractive, water-conserving landscapes at homes, businesses, industries or governments that represent the beauty and resiliency of our natural environment.**



**Tropical Storm Dorian Status Report**

NOW is the time for you and your family to have a hurricane plan! The most important thing that you can do is be informed and prepared. Tropical Storm Dorian is gathering strength and could make landfall as a Category 2 hurricane on Florida’s east coast Sunday or Monday, according to the National Hurricane Center.



**Ferry connecting downtown Tampa and St. Petersburg poised to come back**

Residents and tourists should once again be able to ride a ferry between the downtowns of Tampa and St. Petersburg now that three participating governments have signed off on the two-year project. Hillsborough County Commissioners unanimously voted Wednesday to contribute nearly \$300,000 over the next two years to help operate the Cross-Bay Ferry through 2021. St. Petersburg and Pinellas politicians have already approved their shares.

**Crossing Guards needed**

**Job Overview**

Be responsible for the safety of children crossing busy streets and intersections to and from school while maintaining a pleasant, courteous, and helpful attitude toward the school children and the general public at all times.

**Job Duties and Responsibilities**

- Provide for the safety of school children at designated school crossings near designated elementary schools.
- Escort children across the street going to and from school.
- Help prevent children from crossing the street during heavy traffic flow until it is safe to cross.

**HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE**  
**CHAD CHRONISTER, SHERIFF**  
**Join our team!**  
 \$11.86 per hour  
 Monday through Friday - No holidays or weekends  
 Various shifts available  
 2 or 4 hour shifts per day  
 Times vary depending on the school you are assigned

**Crossing Guard**

Contact us for more information:  
 Hillsborough County Sheriff's Office  
 Alternative Crossing Guard Program  
 P.O. Box 3371  
 Tampa, FL 33663  
 Phone: (813) 247-8141 or (813) 247-8195  
 communityrecruitment@hillsborough.fl.us

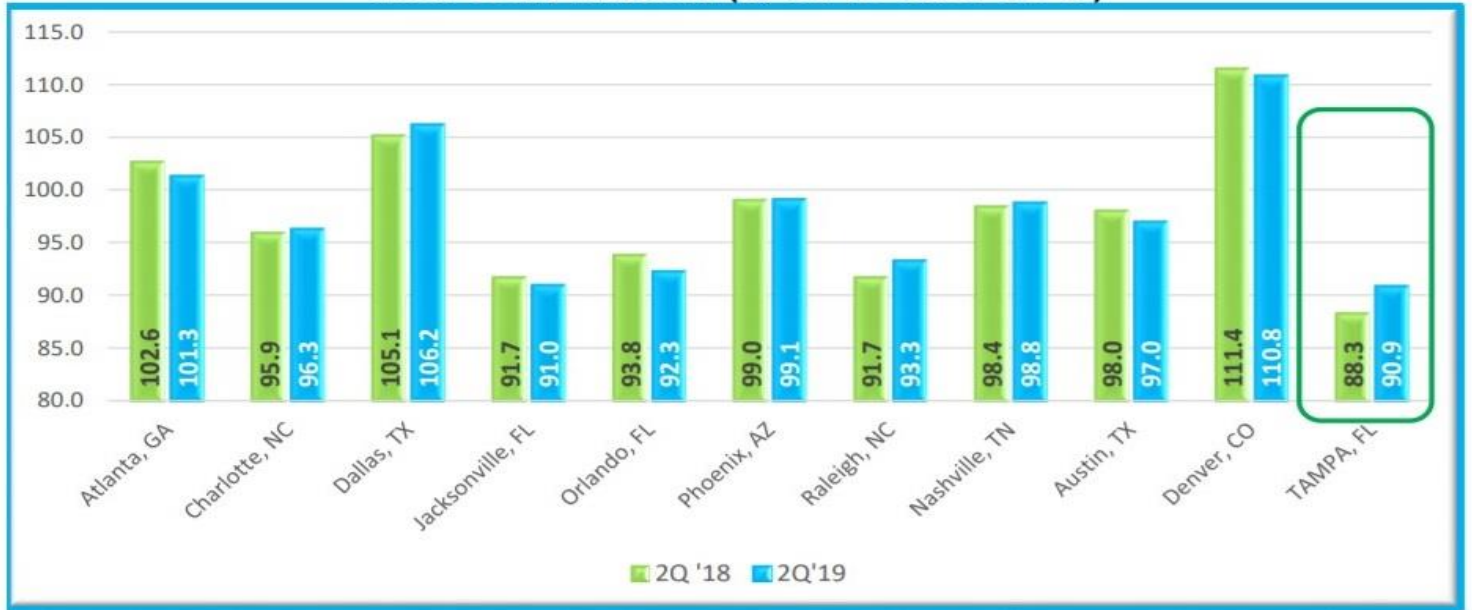
Applications available online at [www.hcso.tampa.fl.us](http://www.hcso.tampa.fl.us)  
 Click on "Careers"

**Tampa Bay has the lowest cost of living of Florida metros**

Tampa Bay boasts the lowest cost of living of both Florida metros and major national metro areas, according to the Tampa Hillsborough Economic Development Corp.'s recently-released [cost of living index](#). Tampa Bay, the index said, scored 90.9 points for the year's second quarter, lower than the national average of 100. That's up slightly from the same quarter in 2018, when Tampa had 88.3 points.

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**MSA COMPARISON (Q2 2018 vs. Q2 2019)**



2019 Q2 Index	100% COMPOSITE INDEX	13.40% GROCERY ITEMS	29.34% HOUSING	8.94% UTILITIES	9.22% TRANS-PORTATION	4.26% HEALTH CARE	34.84% MISC. GOODS AND SERVICES
<b>Tampa FL</b>	<b>90.9</b>	<b>104.2</b>	<b>80.4</b>	<b>82.2</b>	<b>106.1</b>	<b>96.9</b>	<b>92.0</b>
Jacksonville FL	91.0	95.7	86.9	97.3	82.6	79.8	94.7
Orlando FL	92.3	97.9	85.1	94.3	91.4	90.6	96.0
Raleigh NC	93.3	92.3	87.0	99.1	86.7	103.5	98.1
Charlotte NC	96.3	102.0	83.6	95.6	87.4	104.5	106.2
Austin TX	97.0	90.7	101.7	95.2	86.8	105.1	97.7
Nashville-Murfreesboro TN	98.8	99.0	98.2	99.8	98.1	93.5	99.8
Phoenix AZ	99.1	100.7	101.6	111.0	107.3	89.1	92.4
Atlanta GA	101.3	103.3	99.8	84.4	104.1	105.3	104.8
Dallas TX	106.2	97.4	114.9	103.7	99.4	103.2	105.1
Denver CO	110.8	97.7	137.5	78.1	99.3	103.8	105.7

**FROM THE BOARD ROOM**

**New Software Aids Safety of Domestic Violence Victims**

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners approved an agreement with the Clerk of the Court & Comptroller providing \$265,256 to acquire new software that will aid in domestic violence case maintenance and provide remote notarization for victims filing injunctions for protection, improving victim safety.

**County Soliciting Proposals for New ECC Home**

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners authorized seeking creative and competitive proposals for a public-private partnership development in Ybor City to include a new permanent location for the Entrepreneur Collaborative Center and a History & Genealogy Library that will provide financial value to the County and enhance the community.

**UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

**Monday, September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Labor Day, County offices and libraries are closed

**Thursday, September 5<sup>th</sup>** 9:00 AM – Board , County Center

**STAY CONNECTED**



**WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?**

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