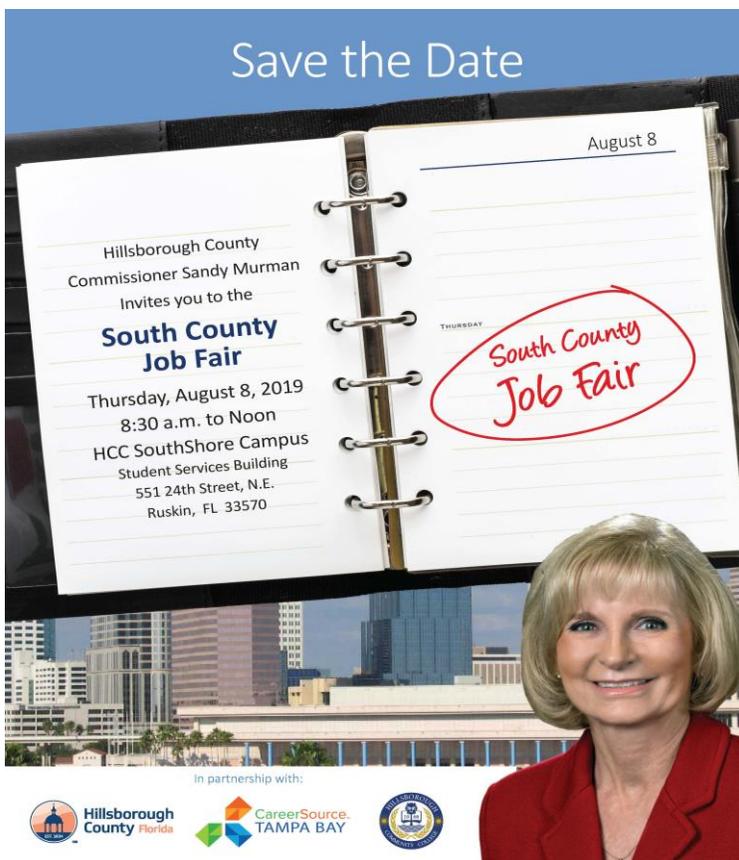




Sandy Murman

July 16, 2019

HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



Hillsborough County Commissioner Sandy Murman, in association with CareerSource Tampa Bay and Hillsborough Community College, will be hosting a South County Job Fair on Thursday, August 8th, from 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m. at the HCC SouthShore Campus, 551 24th Street N.E., Ruskin, FL 33570.



Nonprofit seeks to provide free internet access across Wimauma

With life being increasingly lived online, the digital divide between people who can access the internet and those who can't is getting wider every day. Liz Gutierrez, Founder and CEO of the nonprofit Enterprising Latinas, is hoping to bridge that gap. Together with her team and thanks to funding from Allegany Franciscan Ministries, they've recently launched a network of connected WiFi hotspots to create a "canopy" of internet service over a four-block radius in Wimauma. By providing internet access to those who haven't had it, Gutierrez hopes to open doors and create new opportunities for success.



State funding promises to turn up volume on regional transit solutions

After more than a decade in operation, the Tampa Bay Area Regional Transit Authority is now emerging as a key player in the region's efforts to fight congestion with public transportation. The agency, known as TBARTA, is currently overseeing the planning processes for two significant initiatives: The proposed bus rapid transit system along Interstate 275 from Wesley Chapel to St. Petersburg and Envision 2030, a 10-year plan of priority transit improvements across Hernando, Hillsborough, Manatee, Pasco, and Pinellas counties. TBARTA is also the region's big winner for transportation funding in this year's state budget, with an earmark of \$2.5 million.



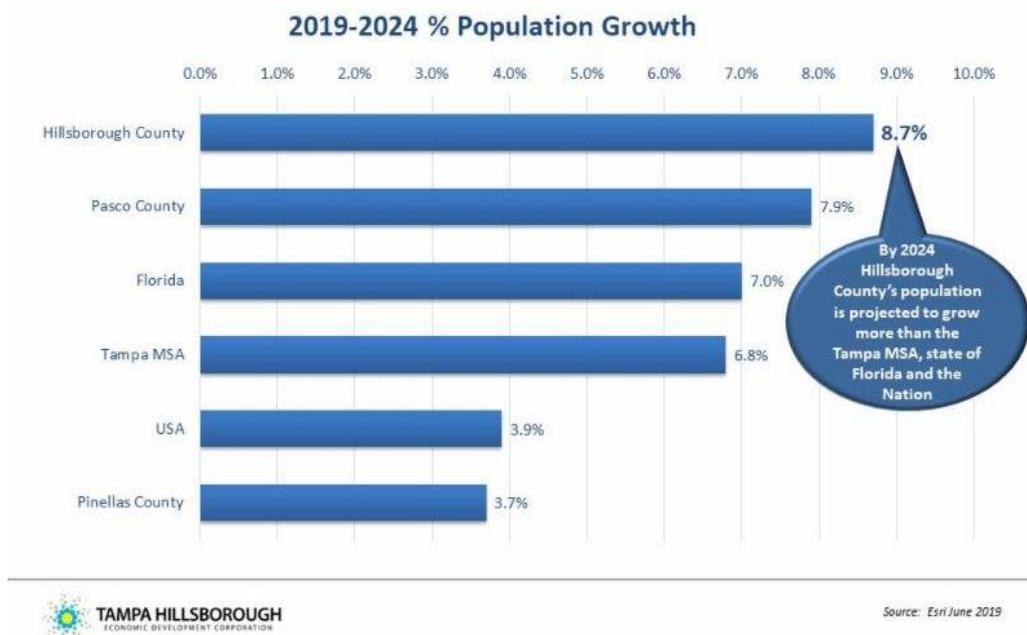
Parents fight back to prevent teen suicide

This is how Lisa and Chris Acierno handle emotional pain: They grab it with all their strength and fight back. They aggressively raise money and awareness to help prevent others from feeling the pain they've dealt with for more than two years -- and they know will never go away. "We do it because of Hailey," Lisa says. Hailey, took her own life on March 28, 2017. The Wharton High School student, who battled mental illness for years, was only 17. Her parents could have responded by shutting down emotionally, mentally, and physically. But the New Tampa couple has chosen to do just the opposite.



Hillsborough County's population projected to grow 8.7% over the next five years

By 2024, Hillsborough County's population is expected to grow by 8.7%, more than the state of Florida's projected growth of 7%, the Tampa MSA's 6.8%, and the nation's 3.9%, according to Esri.



Currently, Hillsborough County has a population of more than 1.4 million. Over the next 5 years, the county is projected to add 126,300 more residents, bringing the total to more than 1.5 million. Tampa zip code 33602, which includes downtown Tampa, is projected to grow the most at 3.3%, followed by the south county zip codes of Riverview, Lithia, Apollo Beach and Ruskin.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, July 17 9:00 AM – Regular BOCC Meeting – County Center

Thursday, July 18 6:00 PM – BOCC Public Hearing, Budget – County Center

Tuesday, July 23 9:00 AM – BOCC Land Use Meeting – County Center

Wednesday, July 24 6:00 PM – Sun City Center Hurricane Preparedness Community Meeting – 1651 Sun City Center Plaza, Sun City Center, FL

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