



*To celebrate and recognize Older Americans Month in Hillsborough County, Commissioner Sandy Murman attended the Elderly Affairs Day event at the Oaks of Riverview, sponsored by the Tampa Housing Authority and Hillsborough County.*

#### [Regional ferry service moves forward despite concerns about land acquisition](#)

Hillsborough County will extend its agreement with HMS Ferries and South Swell Development to move forward with plans for ferry service connecting South Hillsborough County to MacDill Air Force Base and downtown Tampa and create year-round service between downtown St. Petersburg and Tampa. The new agreement will run through August 15.

#### [Florida's growth challenges state's energy future](#)

Florida's population and economy are surging and so is the Sunshine State's thirst for energy. Currently, ranked as the third most populous state in the nation at 21 million residents, Florida is projected to add another 6 million residents by 2030. Nearly 1.7 million people are predicted to move to Hillsborough County. A parade of new residents is marching to Tampa and St. Petersburg, where millennials and down-sizing baby boomers are moving into re-invented, revitalized cities. New businesses and new jobs are keeping pace with the residential spurt.

#### [Tampa ranks among the best places to start a business](#)

In the latest WalletHub study of best large cities to start a business, Tampa ranks No. 5. The study considered 19 factors – from five-year business survival rate to office space affordability. It compared the 100 largest U.S. cities and folded those metrics into three key dimensions: business environment, access to resources and business costs. Orlando ranked No. 1.

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

**Hillsborough County Commissioners approved** up to \$150,000 to expand resident access to the CareerSource Tampa Bay Summer Job Connections program, which will introduce more than 650 Hillsborough County youths to the skills and traits that improve their employability through paid summer work experience.

**County Commissioners** approved the purchase of an open bay x-ray imaging device that will reduce the time needed for Medical Examiner staff to conduct full body examinations by up to 98 percent, providing peace of mind to loved ones sooner and critical information to law enforcement faster.

**Commissioners** approved a contract that gives Hillsborough County authority to administer child care licensing services that will provide services for more than 1,000 child care centers and family child care homes, as well conduct training, inspections, and enforcement of facilities to ensure the safety of Hillsborough County children.

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

**Wednesday, June 5, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

**Tuesday, June 11, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

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