



*Sandy Murman*

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HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



*Commissioner Sandy Murman presents a Proclamation declaring 2019 as **The Year of the 6<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing** in Hillsborough County. Hillsborough County is proud to be home to the Air Refueling Wing and MacDill Air Force Base, which generates a total economic benefit to the Tampa Bay region of more than \$3 billion annually, and whose members greatly contribute to the prosperity of the community. The 6<sup>th</sup> Air Refueling Wing provides world-class air refueling, responsive airlift, and airbase support to Headquarters U.S. Central Command and Headquarters U.S.D. Special Operations Command, both located at MacDill Air Force Base, and to more than 33 other mission partners of MacDill.*



**[Shop Gandy! For Black Friday and the Holidays](#)**

We are not too far away from the most magical time of the year! Plan ahead to skip the malls this year and instead support your Gandy businesses on Black Friday. Many Gandy retailers will be offering discounts and will be open early. You can get something for everyone on your list when you **#ShopGandy!**



**[The True Cost of Commuting](#)**

People don't like to commute. It's time consuming and can be frustrating. More importantly, commuting can be costly — both in terms of finances and well-being — so we set out to calculate the true cost of commuting. According to an analysis of Census data by [Eno Transportation](#), the distribution of people using different modes of transportation (e.g., driving alone, carpooling, or walking) to work has remained steady since 2010. **Key Insights:** [CLICK HERE](#)



**[Top 5 Driving Tips For A Less Stressful Drive During the Holiday Season](#)**

Many of us drive several miles back and forth to work. Adding the hustle and bustle of the holidays can make this commute even more stressful. This elevated stress during your daily commute can be detrimental to your health over time. If you spend at least twenty minutes each day in your car and feel triggered with stress, you need to find some coping techniques. Here are several ways you can help yourself find a more relaxing and enjoyable commute: [CLICK HERE](#)

## Need to Entertain Out-of-Towners?



### We've got some great go-to's for holiday guests

The holidays are upon us and loved one's are coming together to celebrate the season. Looking for ways to entertain out of towners? We've got ideas.

#### Too many Savory Snacks and Sweets? Walk it off!

The weather is warm year round in Hillsborough County, so head outdoors and soak in that sunshine with friends and family. From springs to forests to playgrounds, Hillsborough County has conservation parks, preserves, and neighborhood parks that offer opportunities to exercise, relax, and observe nature. [Find a park.](#)

#### No Snow in Sight, So Hit the Sand

The Tampa Bay area is known for its beautiful blue water and pristine beaches that can be enjoyed from sunrise to sunset. At [Apollo Beach Nature Preserve](#), you can bask on a 2 acre stretch of sand. The park is great for hiking, bird watching, and picnics. Bring your four-legged friends along for the ultimate family experience. Manatees, which frequent Florida waters, are prevalent this time of the year at the Manatee Viewing Center in Apollo Beach. The animals, sometimes called sea cows, forage on aquatic plants and grow to an average length of 10 feet and weight of up to 1,200 pounds.

#### Wading in a Winter Water-land

Be the ultimate tour guide: Take your guests on a boat ride and explore the county's coasts.

With [more than a dozen boat launch ramps](#), Hillsborough County has you covered. The launches at Edward Medard Conservation Park, Riverview Civic Center, Harney Park, and Baker Creek are favorites among freshwater enthusiasts, while the boat ramps at Cockroach Bay, E.G. Simmons Conservation Park, Williams Park, Salty Sol Fleishman, and Courtney Campbell are perfect for anyone looking to get off-shore.

Find a [Boat Ramp](#). No boat? No problem! [Canoes and kayaks](#) are available for rent at several County parks. Try a leisurely paddle or go on a bit of an adventure on the small rapids of Hillsborough County rivers, creeks, and waterways.

#### Still Looking to Lounge?

If cabin fever hasn't gotten to you just yet, curl up on the couch with a good book or check out a good flick from [Hillsborough County Public Library Cooperative](#). A library card is your pass to a variety of experiences and activities. They're free for Hillsborough County residents.

No matter how far away you've roamed, there's no place like Hillsborough for the Holidays.

### UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Wednesday, December 4<sup>th</sup> - 9:00 AM

Regular BOCC Meeting, County Center

Tuesday, December 12<sup>th</sup> – 9:00 AM

BOCC Land Use Meeting, County Center

### STAY CONNECTED

### WHAT'S ON THE BOCC AGENDA?

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