



Sandy Murman

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HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



Commissioner Sandy Murman and CareerSource Tampa Bay kicks-off Summer Job Connection 2020. The program will provide part-time paid work-experience for more than 1,500 Hillsborough County youth that meet eligibility requirements. “This program is an excellent opportunity to assist with career exploration, exposure to the world of work and provide essential skills training,” said Commissioner Murman.



[Gasparilla Festival of the Arts in Tampa moves to Riverfront Park](#)

Expect a slight change of scenery and recognition of local talent at the 50th Annual Raymond James Gasparilla Festival of the Arts on February 29 through March 1. The popular annual art fair, which typically lures more than 100,000 visitors, is relocating across the river to Julian B. Lane Riverfront Park. What hasn't changed? The volunteer-run nonprofit organization Gasparilla Festival of the Arts Inc. still puts on the juried competition, which has 235 artists vying for \$80,000 in cash prizes. Food vendors, kids' activities and live entertainment will be included, and the event still free.



[Special Events Grant Program Accepting Funding Applications through Jan. 31](#)

Nonprofit organizers of fine arts, historic, natural/recreational, culinary, lifestyle, or creative industries events have until Jan. 31 to apply for up to \$100,000 in matching Special Events Partnership Grants (SEPG) from Hillsborough County. The [Cultural Assets Commission](#) is accepting applications to [grow and support special events](#) that are aligned with the County's community prosperity goals. Events supported by this program should communicate the authentic County story, activate public spaces, and enrich the lives of residents.

Top 6 Florida Counties

County	Average Annual Wage	Hourly Wage
HILLSBOROUGH	\$54,278	\$26.10
PALM BEACH	\$54,044	\$25.98
MIAMI-DADE	\$53,669	\$25.80
DUVAL	\$53,069	\$25.51
BROWARD	\$52,193	\$25.09
ORANGE	\$49,412	\$23.76

[Hillsborough County Leads the State in Highest Average Wages](#)

Based on data released by Enterprise Florida, Hillsborough County has the highest average annual wages of any county in the state (\$54,278). This news follows a decade where Hillsborough County saw the greatest gains in annual average wages of any major metro county in the state and has consistently been within the top three in job creation year after year. Clearly, we believe that Hillsborough County's economic development strategies are working, as evidence by this continued transformation.

Hillsborough Commissioners Seek Applicants for Citizen Boards and Councils



Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking residents to serve on several County citizen advisory boards and councils. Residents interested in seeking appointment must reside in and be registered voters in Hillsborough County. The boards and councils that have openings are:

ANTI-BULLYING ADVISORY COMMITTEE

This Committee was created to provide advice and recommendations to curb and eliminate all forms of bullying throughout Hillsborough County, Florida.

BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS & EXAMINERS

This Board confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for building certification in the County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Building Code.

CHILD CARE LICENSING HEARING OFFICER

Pursuant to the Hillsborough County Child Care Homes Licensing Ordinance 14-40, and the Hillsborough County Child Care Facilities Ordinance 14-39, an applicant for a license or a current licensee, under these ordinances, may request a hearing whenever an application for a license is denied, or whenever a license has been placed on probation, suspended, revoked, or an administrative fine has been imposed by the Office of Child Care Licensing. These hearings are conducted by a hearing officer who makes findings and recommendations with respect to the matters considered at the hearing.

CODE ENFORCEMENT BOARD

This Board has jurisdiction to hear violations of all codes and ordinances of Hillsborough County with most cases arising out of violations of the County's housing, building, zoning and sign codes and

COMMISSION ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The purpose of this newly created Commission is to promote public awareness of the existence of human trafficking within Hillsborough County; Establish, through relationship building within the community, educational programming opportunities for the public and key industries to recognize the indicators of human trafficking and learn to report suspected human trafficking; and Advocate strategies, financially and otherwise, to aid rescued victims of human trafficking; and Support local and statewide efforts to identify opportunities for positive impact and improved outcomes for victims and service providers through data collection, sharing, and analysis.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, January 14th
Wednesday, January 15th

Florida Legislative Session Begins, Tallahassee
Hillsborough Day, Tallahassee

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