



Sandy Murman

January 20, 2020

HEADLINES FROM HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY



Commissioner Sandy Murman was in Tallahassee for Hillsborough County Day at the Capital. While there, Sandy met with Senate President Bill Galvano, Florida CFO Jimmy Patronis, Representative Jamie Grant and DCF Secretary Chad Poppell to advocate for Hillsborough County’s legislative program.



Tampa ranks among 100 best cities in world

Tampa residents are in the right place, according to a new ranking from an international consulting firm. Resonance built its annual “World’s Best City” list by examined crime rates and diversity. They also used data from Google, Facebook, Instagram and TripAdvisor to measure the experiential quality and performance of a city. Tampa landed at No. 97 overall on the list of best 100 cities in the world. The city garnered its highest score in the rankings “people” category. In that specific category, Resonance evaluated the diversity of Tampa’s 385,430 residents.



Florida Tops 2020’s Best States to Retire

A recent report from WalletHub named Florida as the best state to retire for 2020. The state ranked second in affordability, fifth in quality of life and 26th in health care. To determine the best states to retire, WalletHub compared the 50 states across 47 key indicators of retirement-friendliness. Our analysis examines affordability, health-related factors and overall quality of life. Read on for our findings, insight from a panel of experts and a full description of our methodology.

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.

Attention Students: Apply Now for \$5,000 Scholarships



2020 Community Action Board Scholarship program helps lessen financial burdens of college

[Hillsborough County Social Services](#), in partnership with the [Community Action Board](#), is now accepting applications for its annual [Community Action Board \(CAB\) Scholarship program](#) that assists with post-secondary education tuition. The scholarships can be used at trade schools, community colleges, or four-year universities.

The scholarships, worth up to \$5,000, are awarded to students to help alleviate some of the financial burden college tuition creates for many students, so they can focus on furthering their education, not bills. Over the past five years, more than 270 students have been awarded more than \$1.1 million in CAB Scholarships.

Application deadline is March 13, 2020.

Eligibility requirements include:

- Applicants must be between 16 and 24 years old, and have a high school diploma or GED equivalent (16-year-olds may apply if they are a graduating senior)
- The candidate must have a minimum GPA of 2.5
- Applicants must reside in Hillsborough County
- The applicant's household income must fall within [125 percent of the Federal Poverty Guidelines](#)

[Apply Now](#)

Learn more and [apply for the 2020 CAB Scholarship Program](#).
For more information, call (813) 272-5074 ext. 55423.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Monday, January 20th
Wednesday, January 22nd – 1:30 PM
Thursday, January 23rd – 9:00 AM

Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day
BOCC Land Use Work Shop
BOCC Regular Meeting

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