

# HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY'S INNOVATIVE SAFETY PROGRAMS

## Senior Zone Program Awards and Articles MOST INNOVATIVE PROGRAM AWARD

Florida Association on Aging  
2007 Conference on Aging (Miami)



## FEATURE ARTICLE

NACHSA- National Association of  
County Human Services Administrators Fall 2007  
NACo – National Association of Counties,  
May 21, 2007

## HOW TO APPLY FOR THESE COMMUNITY SAFETY PROGRAMS:

### Senior Safety Zone Program

Applications for **Senior Safety Zones**, and the  
County Ordinance and Resolution are available  
on-line at [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging) or  
by calling Aging Services at (813) 272-6630.

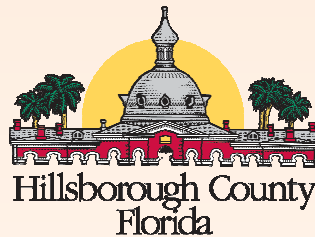
### Residential Street Lighting Program

For detailed information, call the Public Works  
Department Customer Satisfaction Center, at  
(813) 635-5400.

**We'll work together with your community to  
bring more brightness into your life!**

PRSR1 STD  
U.S. POSTAGE  
PAID  
TAMPA, FL  
PERMIT No. 295

Department of Aging Services  
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 25th Floor  
Tampa, FL 33602  
Phone: 813-272-6630  
Fax: 813-276-6862  
[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/)



### Board of County Commissioners

Department of Aging Services  
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 25th Floor, Tampa, FL  
(813) 272-6630

[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging)

Department of Public Works  
601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 22nd Floor, Tampa, FL  
(813) 272-5912

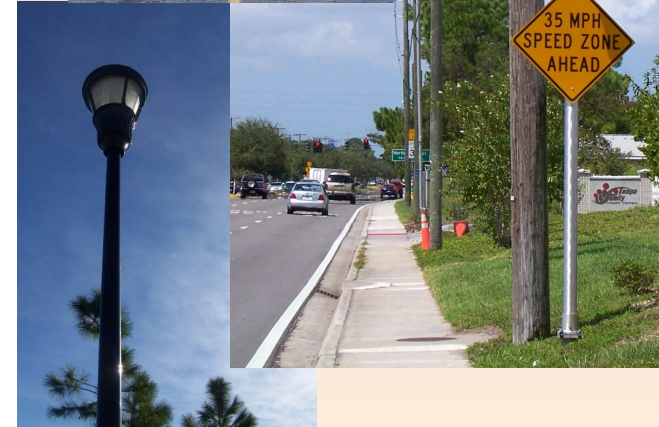
[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/publicworks](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/publicworks)

Pub. 08/08



Department of  
Aging Services

## Senior Community Safety Programs



## SENIOR SAFETY ZONE

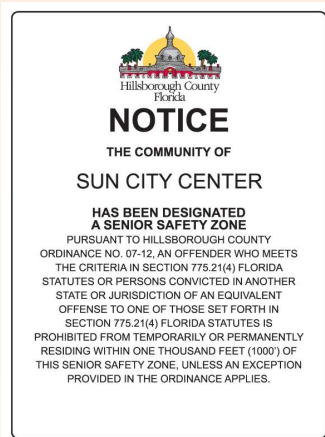
Sexual predator **Senior Safety Zones** are being established throughout Hillsborough County to add an extra layer of protection for senior communities.

The Hillsborough County Board of Commissioners passed Ordinance Number 07-12 on April 14, 2007, which **bans sexual predators from living within 1,000 feet of designated senior communities**. The ordinance requires sexual predators in nursing homes and long-term care facilities to disclose their status to the management of those facilities.

*\*Note: Failing to do so could result in a fine of up to \$500, 60 days in jail, or a combination of the two.*

Predators already living in or near a **Senior Safety Zone** would be allowed to stay, but it is the management's responsibility to take precautions to alert the other residents of this potential danger.

The Hillsborough County Department of Aging Services is currently accepting applications from senior communities that wish to be designated as a **Senior Safety Zone**. Senior communities with occupancy or ownership restricted to residents 55 or older can apply.



**Applications for the Senior Safety Zone are available online at [www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/aging) or by calling Aging Services at (813) 272-6630.**

## RESIDENTIAL STREET LIGHTING

Hillsborough County's Traffic Services Division's of the Public Works Department, offers a Residential Street Lighting Program that helps neighborhoods get streetlights to improve safety in neighborhoods, reduce crime, and make nighttime activities possible.



### Steps for Getting Street Lighting Service

To establish a new lighting district, or to upgrade an existing lighting district, the following is required:

- Hillsborough County must receive a written request from a petitioner. (The request must include the general area of the proposed lighting district.
- Hillsborough County will request a lighting plan for the area from Tampa Electric Company (TECO). It takes approximately 2-3 weeks to receive the lighting plan.
- Hillsborough County will send the petitioner a map showing the boundaries of the proposed lighting area, a letter explaining the type of lighting, an approximate cost, a copy of the proposed street lighting plan, and the petition forms.
- The petitioner should circulate the petition among either registered voters who are residents or the property owners of the land within the boundaries of the proposed area.

*\* Note: The signatures obtained must constitute a majority (more than 50 percent) of the registered voters, or a majority (more than 50 percent) of the property owners with the proposed area.*

- When Hillsborough County confirms majority of the signatures and all requirements have been met, the petitioned area will be placed on the annual February public hearing schedule.
- If the area is approved, Hillsborough County will authorize TECO to install your street light. The installation process can take up to a year to complete.

The uniform non-ad valorem assessment method, set forth in Chapter 197.3632, Florida Statutes, is used for collection of the Street Lighting Services. The assessments are part of the annual (ad valorem) property tax bill.

*\* Street light assessments are based on the front footage of each lot (parcel)*

For more information on the Residential Street Lighting Program, contact the Public Works Customer Satisfaction Center at (813) 635-5400.

## SENIOR ZONE TRAFFIC CALMING

The Hillsborough County **Senior Zone Traffic Calming** program was created in 2006 with the intent to **slow traffic and increase safety for elderly drivers and pedestrians** around retirement and assisted living communities.

The first **Senior Zone Traffic Calming Project** implemented is located at John Knox Village on Fletcher Ave. and the second at Rocky Creek Village on Waters Ave. Hillsborough County has identified 46 licensed assisted living facilities in unincorporated Hillsborough County as candidates for **Senior Zones Traffic Calming** projects.



**Due to budget constraints, the Senior Zone Traffic Calming Program has been postponed until further notice, alternative funding sources are being researched.**