



Burgert Brothers 2003 Calendar

The Friends of the Library Hillsborough, Inc. and the Tampa Bay History Center have joined together again to produce the sixth edition of the Burgert Brothers Calendar, featuring unique photographic links to the past. The calendar is available for sale at all Hillsborough County libraries and at the Tampa Bay History Center for \$5. The Calendar also is available at Barnes & Nobles in Hillsborough County, Inkwood Books, WestShore Plaza information desk, H.B. Plant Museum and Golden Triangle Photography for \$6. Proceeds from the sale of the calendar benefit the Friends of the Library in support of the Burgert Brothers Photographic Collection and the Tampa Bay History Center. The front of the calendar, pictured above, is the Sulphur Springs tower reflected in the Hillsborough River.

GOT QUESTIONS?

GET ANSWERS!

272-5900

HILLSBOROUGH INFORMATION LINE

When the County's Parks & Recreation Department asked children in their summer program to fill out a survey on their satisfaction with the program, the survey included a "things I would like to do at the park" section.

Kids Rate Summer Parks Program

One 8-year-old boy wrote, "Have less girls than boys." A 10-year-old girl obviously took a different view when she said she would like to "hang out with Albert." An 8-year-old girl was thinking of her stomach when she said she would like to "have two lunches everyday and thirds on Fridays. In that same vein, a boy, 8, wrote, "I would like pizza after lunch." And a 12-year-old girl "would like better tasting lunches."

Water played a big role in the wish lists, with children wishing: "to have a water fight with the coaches vs kids," "We want a POOL for the hot sun!" "A pool and a pet."

Other wishes included activities such as rock climbing, boxing matches, faraway field trips, dances, and "catch animals and put them in cups."

Approximately 8,200 children filled out the surveys, which included 10 categories of activities and three ratings from a star worth three points for "really fun," to a smiley face worth two points for "fun," and a frowning face one point for "no fun."

Field trips received the highest rating, followed by free time, games and sports. "Rules" received the lowest rating, and no one rated an activity "no fun."

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County Commission Comes To Computers

Hillsborough County government provides another cutting-edge service to its citizens through webcasting of its television cable channel, HTV22. Programming is available live 24 hours a day on your computer.

HTV22 televises a broad spectrum of county public meetings, such as County Commission meetings; public affairs programming; community events; and a variety of informational and feature programs about county services and projects.

"We're pretty excited about the potential of webcasting," said Greg Vawter, HTV22 station manager.

"Now interested citizens can view meetings and programming, even if they don't have access to cable televi-



sion. This will be especially helpful when there is an issue before Commissioners that a citizen wants to keep tabs on."

Webcasting also increases the potential audience for HTV22, as citizens from around the world will be able to watch the station online.

To access webcasting, click on the HTV22 Webcast graphic on the county's website home page at: www.hillsboroughcounty.org. Directions will explain how to download the free Real Media player software and how to access the webcast.

For more information about HTV22, check out the website at: www.htv22.org.

The website includes captioning files for all public meetings televised by the station, information on their programs and a viewing schedule.

GOOD STUFF TO KNOW

Speakers on Public Works Available

After more than 25 years of small changes, Public Works' Roadway Maintenance Division is making two big changes -- new name and new operating boundaries.

Now called Transportation Maintenance Division to better reflect the scope of work, the division will expand three service areas and place the responsibility for requests for service with the Central Service Unit, which also will handle minor right-of-way construction tasks.

If your group would like to schedule a speaker to explain the new, more efficient way of operating, call **Craig West at the Transportation Maintenance Division, 307-1779.**

Speakers On Water Issues Available

If your organization would just like to learn more about the operations of the Water Department, restrictions, or water conservation, the Hillsborough County Water Department offers speakers on a variety of topics that relate to water, reclaimed water and wastewater.

If your community group or organization would like to learn about water or wastewater operations or reclaimed water, please call **John Fischer at 272-5977.**

Clearing Up a Water Bill Issue

An item in the October *Communicator* about water savings during the irrigation ban in the southern part of the County was unclear.

The article described the cost savings of several different customers who had reduced their water usage when the County imposed stringent curbs on outdoor irrigation.

While all of the examples listed were from genuine bills, what the article didn't point out was that these customers received only water service.

It cited a Brandon customer who cut his water consumption 77 percent to 5,200 gallons and had a water bill of slightly more than \$25.

If this customer also had sewer service, the bill would have been slightly more than \$59.

Several customers called the Water Department inquiring about their bills and whether they were being erroneously billed.

We are sorry for any confusion the original article may have caused.

If you have questions about your bill, you may call our Customer Service representative at 272-6680.



A Commission Favorite

County Commissioners presented this year's Favorite Sons & Daughters Award to Lt. Col. Jason Mims. Mims has served on a variety of advisory boards and a national drop-out prevention program. His work in local schools has been recognized with the Hillsborough Education Foundation's prestigious Champion of Public Education Award. He also tutors children and senior citizens in computer skills and teaches local African-American high school-age boys about leadership skills and positive life choices. He recently returned from Kuwait, where he was serving after being returned to active duty military.



Stamp Out Pet Overpopulation!
Talk to your veterinarian about the health advantages of having your pet spayed or neutered.