

## Go, Books! *Library Kicks Off Reading Program*



**Captain Fear the Buccaneer and three of the Tampa Bay Buccaneer cheerleaders helped kickoff the library system's biannual bookmark program. Pictured are: Tomoko Kojima, left, Dawnyale Foster, and Jen Summers.**

Special guests scored a touchdown with youth at the Progress Village Recreation Center in June as Captain Fear the Buccaneer and Tampa Bay Buccaneer cheerleaders visited to help kick off the library's bi-annual bookmark program.

The "Make Reading Your Goal" program is designed to encourage kids to check out books and attend programs at their public library this summer by giving them bookmarks featuring Buccaneer left back Derrick Brooks.

The Glazer Family Foundation is providing 100,000 of the bookmarks to libraries throughout Hillsborough, Pinellas, and five other counties.

Progress Village is the site of one of five e-libraries located in Parks & Recreations Centers throughout the county. E-libraries help bridge the gap for residents who don't have easy access to either a library or to a computer. As an added service, the bookmobile also visits the sites.

## Flood Remapping Effort Is Under Way

Thousands of Hillsborough County property owners will soon be deluged with information about flood hazard areas.

Using new technology to update flood insurance rate maps last created in 1980, the county's Hazard Mitigation staff will be notifying an estimated 22,000 property owners that their land now is located in a special flood hazard area. The maps cover 17 areas of the county, with each area being updated as a section of the study is completed.

Although the target for having "official" maps ready to use is late in 2004, the public needs to understand the process and how it affects them. Each affected property owner will receive a letter giving them general information about the remapping effort and how and where they may obtain more information.

More than a dozen public meetings will be held across the county, a hotline will be set up for property owners to call for information, special sessions will be held in libraries, and a special website will be created.

A coalition of stakeholders has been meeting for a couple of months to work out an information campaign

for individual property owners and businesses that will be directly impacted by the new maps. The coalition includes representatives from the county's Citizen Advisory Committee, the insurance industry, real estate brokers, builders, lenders, engineers, surveyors, and various county departments.

Everyone can expect to hear more about this project by August.

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# Solution To Animal Overpopulation Problem Lies With Pet Owners

More than 25,500 dogs and cats were euthanized at Animal Services last year, and the numbers grow steadily each year.

But those are just numbers on a page until you visit the shelter and realize that those statistics are made up of living, breathing animals whose only crime is that no one wants them.



In an effort to encourage people to spay or neuter their pets to cut down on the number of unwanted animals, as well as reducing the number of dog bites, Hillsborough County Commissioners have approved changing the fee structure for rabies tags.

While tags for animals that have been spayed or neutered remains at \$10 annually, the fee

for tags for intact animals becomes \$30 on Oct. 1.

However, realizing that some people on assistance may need help with the expense of sterilizing their pets, County Commissioners have approved extending Animal Services' Low Cost Spay & Neuter Program to very-low-income people and people receiving help through: Medicaid, Section 8 Housing, the Hillsborough HealthCare Plan, Women Infants Children, Supplemental Security Income, Temporary Assistance for Needy Families, Food Stamps or Benefit Security Card.



Talk to your veterinarian about the advantages of spaying or neutering your dog or cat.

**For more information, visit:**

**[www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animsvcs/home.html](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org/animsvcs/home.html) or call 744-5660.**

## Save Lives. Sterilize!

- Prevents unwanted litters.
- Reduces tendency to fight.
- Prevents prostate and testicular cancer in male dogs.
- Prevents Pyometra, a serious and potentially fatal infection of the uterus, most commonly seen in unspayed female dogs.
- Reduces urinary marking by male dogs and cats.
- Reduces the urge for male dogs & cats to roam.
- Prevents the problem of attracting male dogs (or cats) when a female dog (or cat) is in heat.

## Watering Restriction Changes Don't Change Watering Days

Hillsborough County Commissioners recently lessened the restrictions on outdoor water use, but residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County are still required to follow one-day-a-week restrictions.

Changes made to the law include an allowance for fundraising car washes (with provisions), and a loosening of

the rules in regard to outdoor recreation, fountains, and pressure washing.

Continuing a strong message of conservation, residents are urged to do their part to save every drop.

Restrictions apply to all water sources including private wells, surface water and utility provided water, with the exception of reclaimed water.

All irrigation must be accomplished prior to 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m. Any one zone of a property may only be watered once during the allowable day, NOT both in the morning and again in the evening.

Residents living in the water service areas of the cities of Tampa, Temple Terrace or Plant City should consult their local government's watering restrictions.

For more information on restrictions and the recent changes, call 275-7094 to hear a recorded message, or go online to [www.hillsboroughcounty.org](http://www.hillsboroughcounty.org), click on departments and head to "water."



## Day-Of-The-Week Watering Restrictions

Day Of Week:	Addresses Ending In:
<b>Mondays</b>	<b>0 or 1</b>
<b>Tuesdays</b>	<b>2 or 3</b>
<b>Wednesdays</b>	<b>4 or 5</b>
<b>Thursdays</b>	<b>6 or 7</b>
<b>Fridays</b>	<b>8 or 9</b>
<b>Saturday &amp; Sunday, No Watering</b>	

**GOT QUESTIONS?**

**GET ANSWERS!**

**272-5900**

**HILLSBOROUGH INFORMATION LINE**

## We Get Letters

The Water Department's section manager Arnold Becken received the following letter from customer Flo Harkabus:

"On May 29, I called regarding having my water tested. Because it was a government office, I expected a runaround. To my pleasant surprise, the service was great.

I talked to Sam Marfat, supervisor, who was professional, informative, pleasant and knew his job.

The next day, Richard Garner arrived to test my water. Another great employee! He also was informative, friendly and professional.

Both gentlemen deserve high marks for the manner in which they handled my request, and I really appreciate it."