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Hillsborough Literacy Council 273-3650

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Courts Information Now On Internet

Court records for cases filed in Hillsborough County are now available on the Internet at: www.hillsclerk.com. The Online Records Search Page offers case file information on traffic, circuit criminal, county criminal, circuit civil, county civil and [robate records. Go to the website, then click on Online Records Search, then Court Progress Dockets Search or Traffic search for traffic citation information. In the Court Progress Docket Search screen, you can search by name, case number, bond, identification or case docket. For recorded documents such as deeds, mortgages, liens or judgments, go to Official Records Search Menu.

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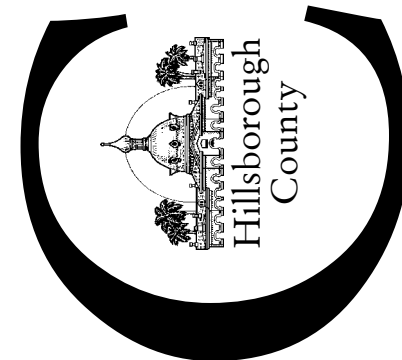


Sharing Her Birthday

Temple Terrace resident Olivia Obregon asked for presents for Animal Services for her 10th birthday. Olivia, pictured above with Bill Armstrong, director of Animal Services, celebrated "her day" by taking six bags of presents and a check for \$75 to the shelter.

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Keeping You Informed About County Government





**South-Central Service
Area Customers
1 Day A Week
Watering Restrictions**

Day Of Week:	Addresses Ending In:
Mondays	0 or 1
Tuesdays	2 or 3
Wednesdays	4 or 5
Thursdays	6 or 7
Fridays	8 or 9
Saturday & Sunday, No Watering	
Water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.	

**Watering Restrictions Vary
In Different Areas of County**

Hillsborough County Commissioners have extended the one-day-a-week watering restrictions until May 31, 2005, but only for the southern part of the County served by the South-Central service area. Those restrictions expired in August for the rest of the county water customers who are now allowed to irrigate twice a week..

Restrictions apply to all water sources including private wells, surface water and utility provided water, with the exception of reclaimed water. First offenses will be issued citations, with a fine of \$100, instead of warnings.

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



**2 Days A Week
Watering Restrictions
(Applies to customers in the
rest of unincorporated
Hillsborough County)**

Day Of Week:	Addresses Ending In:
Tuesday/Saturday	Even numbers or A-M
Wednesday/Sunday	Odd numbers or J-Z
Water before 8 a.m. or after 6 p.m.	

Good Stuff To Know

New Alarm Ordinance Effective Oct. 1

Effective Oct. 1, a new security alarm ordinance, designed to cut down on the number of false alarms, will go into effect in unincorporated Hillsborough County.

If you live, own property or run a business in the unincorporated area and have an alarm system, these changes will affect you.

Under the ordinance, security system users will be fined for false alarms that occur within a one-year period and to which law enforcement has been dispatched:

- 1st and 2nd occurrence – warning notice
- 3rd occurrence - \$75 fine
- 4th occurrence - \$100 fine
- 5th occurrence - \$150 fine
- 6th occurrence - \$300 fine
- 7th occurrence and above - \$500 fine per incident

If you don't pay the fine, you have to appear before the Code Enforcement Board/Special Master, which could assess liens against the owner's properties.

For more information, contact your alarm company, or Marie Lowry, Alarm Administrator, 744-5509, ext. 114. Or e-mail: lowrym@hillsboroughcounty.org. For a copy of the ordinance, visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org, click on the A-Z index, and go to "alarms."

Conflict? Try Mediation!

Conflicts about animal nuisances, landlord/tenant disputes, problems with neighbors, money owed, or contract issues now may be mediated without hiring an attorney and going to court.

The SouthShore Community Justice Center located in the Ruskin Neighborhood Service Center, 201 14th Ave., S.E., in Ruskin may be able to help. Sponsored by the 13th Judicial Circuit Court's Mediation & Diversion Services, free mediation is available for parties in conflict to discuss their issues informally and in their own words. A mediator assists the parties in discussing the issues and exploring solutions. All information shared in mediation is confidential, and when an agreement is reached, a written document will be prepared.

For more information, call 672-7442.

Tips On Avoiding False Alarms

- Carefully enter your code into the keypad.
- Make sure everyone with a key to the building knows how to operate the security system.
- Close and lock all doors and windows tightly.
- Keep pets, balloons, fans and space heaters away from motion sensor areas.
- After activating your system, wait a few moments to ensure your security system is armed properly.
- Enter and exit before delay times expire.
- Check for drafts that can move items in motion sensor areas. Fans, heaters, air conditioners, open windows, etc., can all cause drafts.
- Have the alarm system checked each year. Follow the company's advice on replacing batteries.
- Don't try to beat the system. If you need to re-enter after arming the system, disarm and rearm again.
- Call the alarm company if you are doing any remodeling, installing skylights or ceiling fans, or even spray painting or fumigating.
- Consider updating old systems to new technology.

If you accidentally set off your alarm:

- Don't panic! Enter your disarm code carefully.
- If you subscribe to service with an alarm company, do not leave until you have talked to them.

**Center Planned
For Domestic Violence Victims**

Hillsborough County and The Spring of Tampa Bay have received a \$1.1 million grant from the U.S. Department of Justice to create a new "Family Justice Center" for victims of domestic violence.

The center will bring together 25 agencies into a "one stop shop" to help victims and families. From The Spring's main campus near downtown Tampa and satellite offices in north Tampa and Plant City, clients will have access to a vast array of services offered by law enforcement, health care providers, social service agencies and faith-based organizations.