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County Discards Add Up To Savings

Three dental chairs, a security scanner, an 8 mm reel-to-reel movie projector and a freezer used to store body parts at the morgue. The surplus property warehouse on 78th Street is the repository for all things that County departments either don't want anymore or don't have room to keep.

Between recycling, donations to nonprofit organizations, scrap metal sales and auction sales, the warehouse staff saves the County more than \$500,000 each year.

From a small, cramped space with everything sitting on the concrete floor, the 16,000-square-foot warehouse has been reorganized with aisles lined with three-tiered steel racks and items stored on pallets, increasing the storage space by 150 percent. It also has a number

of different areas, with one room used exclusively for cleaning computer hard drives before they're ready to be redistributed. Another room is climate controlled and used to store supplies such as canned food for Aging Services before it is taken to senior centers. That room also serves occasionally as a sort of "gift shop" for non-profit organiza-

tions.

From March 8 through April 2, 58 nonprofit charitable organizations responded to a public notice and received donations of 1,682 items to use for their programs and services to Hillsborough County residents. It would have cost them approximately \$739,915 to buy the items new. The property was obsolete and not needed by the County anymore.

In addition to providing donations to nonprofit agencies, the warehouse staff recycles and handles more than 10,000 surplus property items annually with two permanent staff members and some temporary employees who are hired as needed. County departments can choose from items at the warehouse instead of having to spend money on buy new.

Items that aren't good enough to be recycled are **See WAREHOUSE, Page 4**



William Felts, left, and Tony Walker take County inventory tags off used computers before storing them.



Learning About Their Parents' Jobs

Lu Banks, director of the Purchasing Department, seats her granddaughter, Taylor-Marie Williams, Erin Fillmon, Lynne Fillmon's daughter, and Eric Scott, Tim Scott's son, in the County Commission Boardroom during Bring Your Child To Work Day, April 22. County Commissioners were holding a workshop on water concerns in south county.

It's All Inside

Hurricane season begins June 1. Find valuable information at: www.hillsboroughcounty.org. Click on H in the A-Z index, then on Hurricane. If you'd like to help out during a hurricane, check out "Call Takers Needed" on Page 2.

Find out who raced around the room at the Staff Support Luncheon. See Page 5.

What's happening with Right Of Way Management and where did they go? See Page 4.



Buenos Dias Amigos

County Administrator Pat Bean, far right, greets visitors from Mexico. The seven-member Group Study Exchange participants visited Tampa for a week. GSE is a Rotary program that allows for professionals to visit areas throughout the world to share their knowledge and learn about a new country. During their visit on April 20, they toured various County departments. Next to Bean is Harry Heuman, president of the Hyde Park Rotary Club and a County employee with the Planning & Growth Management Department, and Bernardo Garcia, Assistant County Administrator.

BRIEFS

Parlez vous Francais?

If you read French, German, Italian, Greek, Russian, Dutch, simplified Chinese, traditional Chinese, Korean or Japanese and have some time to review a translation of the budget message, the Management & Budget Department would like to hear from you.

The budget message, an 11-page document highlighting the key priorities of the county's budget, already has been posted in a format that can be translated by Wordlingo, the program used to translate pages on the County's web site into 13 different languages.

Because Wordlingo is fast, but not all words and phrases translate, staff would like help reviewing the 11-page budget message to help identify technical terms that may not translate into other languages. Volunteers would read the versions translated by Wordlingo and compare it to the English version.

If you can help, please call Mary Mahoney at 272-6586, or e-mail at: mahoneym@hillsboroughcounty.org.

Call Takers Needed

With the start of the hurricane season on June 1, the Citizens Response Center is once again looking for call-takers. Spanish speakers are especially needed.

Call-takers answer residents' calls and relay essential information and requests to emergency management personnel.

Call-takers are needed when the CRC is either partially or fully activated during emergency situations. Before volunteering, please make sure your manager or supervisor will excuse you from your duties.

There will be orientation/training sessions held at the Hillsborough County Emergency Operations Center, 2711 E. Hanna Ave. Volunteers need to attend only one session, and will be contacted about training dates and times.

To volunteer or for additional information, please call Dennis LeMonde, 744-5911 or send an e-mail to: lemonded@Hillsborough County.org.

Hillsborough County Government

Touching Your Life Every Day

Hillsborough County Child Care Licensing

The more than 700 family child care homes and 550 child care centers in Hillsborough County have to be licensed through the County's Child Care Licensing of-



fice, which also inspects them periodically and offers on-going training for care givers.

For people who would like to become child care providers, visit Hillsborough County Child Care Licensing Office, 8900 N. Armenia Ave., Suite 210, or call: (813) 272-6487.

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HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY
Board of County Commissioners



GOOD NEWS

SPECIAL RECOGNITION

The **Board of County Commissioners, Planning & Growth Management Department, and Office of Neighborhood Relations** were among the recipients of a Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission award for Public Participation for the SouthShore Areawide System. **Commission Chairman Thomas Scott**, along with Public Works' **David Glicksberg** and **Ed Tapia**, won an Environmental Project award for the Balm Road Wetland Creation and Stormwater Treatment Project. The Community Design Awards were presented at a ceremony on April 8.

LETTERS

Bonita Springs resident Dottie Whitehead wrote to thank **Dick Bailey** of the Medical Examiner's Office. "The brochure was easy to read and understand. Your letter was also a comfort. Your office staff must have been well chosen. From the first contact with Rebecca Bryant on Jan. 24, and later with Mr. (**Prudy**) **Vallejo**, your staff has been most kind and courteous.

Nundy Road resident Iris Patrick wrote to Public Works' West Service Unit, "Dear **Jim (McCullough)**, Thank you for being a man of your word. My property is back to its normal state. I appreciate your getting everything complete."

We're A Team

County Administrator Pat Bean received the following e-mail from Gary Kuhl, director of operations for the Southwest Florida Water Management District:

"I have sent you guys 'thank you' notes on this topic before, but I hope the fact that you have received several doesn't diminish the appearance of our appreciation or the great work your staff has provided.

Your Stormwater and Public Works folks (**Dr. Ho, Mike Hubbard** and **Tom Rawls**) have provided a lot of assistance on work at the Medard Reser-

"Once again, I must let you know about a difference a county employee made in the lives of others," wrote Lt. Col. Jason Mims, U.S. Army retired, referring to a woman who needed a scooter. "I spoke to **Steve Keckler** in Aging Services. Steve made it possible for her to have it the next day. Often, it is easy to overlook the little moments that mean big magic for a senior citizen. Steve was not expecting anything in return...this is just another example of how county employees reinforce my confidence in the exceptional service we receive for our tax dollars."

Lori Radice of the Westshore Senior Center, received a "thank you" for helping Frances Plummer. Her son Rick wrote, "You and your staff truly were a bright spot in her life as you gave her something to look forward to and be excited about in her life...and, despite my mother's dementia, she has not forgotten how special you made her feel on her last day at the center when she was queen for the day." Cora Conte also wrote to **Lori** to thank her and social worker **Amy Williams** for taking care of her mother. "You have been so helpful and compassionate to both me and my mother. All the staff members have been wonderful. This program will hopefully enable me to keep my dear Mom home with us for many more years before long-term care will be needed."

voir and at the Lake Armistead water control structure.

Clearly, Hillsborough County will benefit from these activities, but, once again, I know of no other county in our District that has been so forthcoming with positive input and assistance regarding emergency planning and the installation/maintenance of our water control structures.

Larry Gispert and **Mike Trimpert** of your Emergency Operations Center have been great to work with, and their expertise in the area of emergency management is just excellent. They have

Seffner resident Tom Stoltenberg wrote to thank **Commissioner Ronda Storms** for her help in getting some brush cleared and a ditch maintained on Susan Drive. "I am extremely grateful to your for your help. Without you, the work never would have been done. I can't give you the names of the people (from Public Works)...but without exception they were extremely desirous of doing things right and were courteous and considerate in every way possible."

Brandon resident Sandy Coggins wrote to **Commissioner Ronda Storms**: "Thank you so much for the help you gave us on the folio number. Your aide **Audi Canney** was very helpful and such a pleasant lady. Thank you again! We had been working on it since October. **Kevin Howe** (911) got things going and was also a very pleasant person."

"For the past year, I have been looking at land to build a house on...I was told to contact **Jan Tumbelson** in your office," Brandon resident Thomas Sherrill wrote to **Craig Mahlman**. "She was very nice, polite, calm and very honest in advising me whether each parcel met the legal requirements. She is an asset to your office, and I want to express my personal appreciation for her professionalism and pleasing manners."

helped us develop Emergency Action Plans for the Medard Reservoir and we are planning a joint "table top" exercise in the near future to practice how we would handle an emergency event at the Reservoir.

Phil Evans in Parks, Recreation & Conservation, has assisted us in developing a joint inspection plan for the Medard Reservoir. I know this was not his idea of a 'wonderful thing' since his staff has accepted a little additional work each week; nonetheless, he and his staff have been very helpful and positive regarding this project. Thanks!"

Public Works Reorganizes, Creates Right-Of-Way Management Office

Need to connect a driveway to the county's right of way? Put in a cable line? Hold a parade? Close down a lane to work on a curb? Move a house down the road?

On May 3, the place to go for permission to do those things became the Right-of-Way Management Office, located at NetPark, 5701 E. Hillsborough Ave. The new telephone number is 274-6500, and the fax number is 274-6565.

More than 2,000 permits involving right of way and temporary traffic control come through Hillsborough County each year. Now there will be an office with the sole aim of man-

aging, protecting and helping to coordinate the use of Hillsborough County's roads, rights of way and associated infrastructure to increase public safety and maintain the quality of rights of way.

Part of the restructuring of the Public Works' Transportation Maintenance Division, the Right of Way Management

Office has been created using existing funding and positions.

The Right of Way Management Office issues permits for right-of-way uses, ensuring that the right of way is restored after construction, protecting County infrastructure (such as utility lines) within the right of way, and acting as a liaison with other utility companies.

By focusing the responsibilities in one location, the office is expected to save and avoid costs totaling \$500,000 annually, as well as providing a central point of contact and more up-to-date information for both Hillsborough County departments and outside companies and agencies.



Doug Dennis, custodial services manager, is surrounded by office chairs.



Cindy Bailey, front row, warehouse manager, Sherell Strong, left, and Audrey Bell, second row, along with William Felts and Tony Walker, back row, handle more than 10,000 surplus items annually.



The warehouse has a new room where hard drives are cleaned.

WAREHOUSE

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sold as scrap. So far this year, that revenue is \$846. Some items go to auction, which brought in \$5,571 last year. The freezer used to store body parts was disposed of as hazardous waste, as are any other items that may have been contaminated.

Doug Dennis, custodial services manager, said that the warehouse inventory has changed drastically over the past 10 years, from mostly furniture to mostly electronic equipment.

The warehouse also stores new items temporarily until the Clerk's Fixed Assets Section affixes County decals to them.



Chevelle Allen and Jeff Greenspon, Jan Kelly and Connie Martinez, along with Mayra Herrera and Esther Rivera ran a three-legged race around the room.



The Water Department's Teresa Otero receives the Sandy Perrone Award from Human Resources Director George Williams. Established in memory of a Hillsborough County employee, the award is given yearly to a support staff member who exhibits the qualities and traits embodied by Sandy Perrone.

2004 Staff Support Luncheon



Above: Taking a dive early in the sack race is Shawn Perrine. Still standing are: Maggie Stokes, left, Hooshang Boostani, Veronica Jones and Esther Rivera. Left: Nancy Pierson, far right, won the pie-eating contest. Seated next to her is Chevelle Allen.



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Merchandise

EQUIPMENT, complete for carpet cleaning. All attachments. \$750 OBO. Call 964-0922.

PLATES, collectibles. Call for information, 672-4151, lv msg.

FUTON, black metal w/black mattress. \$50. Call 246-9099 evenings, leave msg.

HOUSEHOLD goods. VCR, \$20; stereo CD/cassette, \$65; computer desk, \$25; sofa & love seat, \$100; gas dryer, \$75; washer, \$300. More. Call 886-7481.

ITALIAN made white dresser w/mirror, chest of drawers. \$180 OBO. Call Alex, 949-8949, 6 p.m. - 11 p.m.

TABLE, dbl pedestal dining w/8 chairs, \$900 OBO; computer for child, \$90 OBO; large china cabinet, \$850; 20-gal. fish tank w/fish, accessories, \$20. Call 657-5124.

CAMERA, Olympus D490 Zoom, w/5 memory cards, reader. 2.1 megapixel. Reads from USB port. \$275. Call Paul, 391-0668 (day) or 994-5412 (eve).

'04 TORO walk behind, 52-inch mower. 15 hp Kohler w/tread track. \$3,000. Call 973-1003.

FURNITURE, sofa, love seat, \$200. Bdrm set, \$150. Call Carla, 833-7121.

SCANNER, Plustek Windows 95 compatible. \$95. Call 754-9414.

OFFICE desk/table, cherrywood. \$150. Call 657-9057 after 5 p.m.

COMPUTER, Mac G4, 500 mhz, 640 mb, CDR 52X, fire wire, printer, 15-inch monitor 10-2 Osm. \$699 OBO. Call 684-6038.

COMPUTER, HP Pavilion, 1.1 ghz, 60 gig HD, 17-inch flat screen monitor. Windows XP. \$345. Call (352) 588-5489.

KILM, Skutt model #1027. Auto shut off w/timer option. 240V breaker switch, temp cones. More. \$350 OBO. Call Sharon, 973-3130.

FUTON, black metal w/mattress. \$75 OBO. Call Amanda, 246-9099 or 841-8617.

BED, twin w/frame, 4 sets of sheets, \$125. Triple dresser, mirror, night stand, \$200. Call 748-7005.

Automotive

'98 FORD F-150 4x4 XL. 4wd. 1 owner. 101K miles. \$8,000 OBO. Call Tina, 477-8283.

'94 FORD Bronco, 351 Windsor. 5.8 lit. 82K miles. \$7,900. Call 960-5216.

'94 FORD E-150 conversion van. 1 owner. All electric. 100K miles. \$4,500. Call 961-5497.

'99 LINCOLN Navigator. 8 cyl, all wheel drive, CD. 39K miles. \$25,000 OBO. Call 949-4454.

'00 JEEP Cherokee Laredo. 4 wd, straight 6. \$17,000 OBO. Call 949-4454.

'93 CADILLAC Sedan DeVille. V-8. 91K miles. \$3,600 OBO. Call (727) 822-4999.

'97 CHEVY Geo-Metro. 4 dr, auto. 53K miles. \$3,750 OBO. Call Kim or Mike, 495-3603.

'67 CHEVY C10, 3/4 ton pickup. 327, 3 spd., manual. \$1,200 OBO. Call Joe, 263-2032.

'88 FORD Econoline, straight 6, auto, w/ladder racks, shelves inside. \$850. Call Joe, 263-2032.

'90 MUSTANG LX hatchback. Needs AC. 148K miles. \$1,200 OBO. Call Adam, 716-2093.

'00 TOYOTA Corolla LE. Auto, PW, PL. 78K miles. \$6,000. Call Kim, 986-2951.

RIMS, alloy for Navigator, size 17. 4 rims, covers. \$200 OBO. Call George, 728-7003.

'96 GMC SLE w/Reading truck bed. 1 owner. 54K miles. \$7,500 OBO. Call Maria, 873-8145.

'99 FORD Windstar. 93K miles. Many extras. \$5,500 OBO. Call Mike, 240-8724.

'95 NISSAN Altima GXE. 95K miles. \$3,400 OBO. Call 629-6233.

Real Estate For Sale

5 bdrm house. Totally remodeled. 1,370 sf. Big lot. \$115,000. Call 960-5216.

NC mountainside lot, half acre. 10 miles from Smoky Mtn Natl Park. \$15,000 OBO. Call Anna, 340-5995.

NC mountain view. 7.64 acres in Mill Springs. Off paved road. \$43,500. Call Anne, 763-5790.

SEMINOLE HEIGHTS bungalow, 1,108 sf. 2 bdrm, 2 bath, fireplace. 1 car garage. 5817 N. 18th St. \$119,900. Call 238-1959

Wanted

CAMCORDER, VCR style. Call 964-1691, lv msg.

CARPOOLER from Lithia Pinecrest/Bloomingdale area. 7 a.m. to 4 p.m., M-F. Free parking in County Center. Call Diane Cole, 272-5810.

CHILD Care for a 5 1/2 mo. old for few hours occasionally. Call 964-1691.

TRUCK topper, hunter green or black for 2000 Toyota Tacoma Prerunner shortbed. Call 727-2269.

Animals

LABRADOR yellow retriever, 18 mo. Owner in military, being transferred. Cage included. Loveable dog free to loving home. Call 902-0162 after 6 p.m.

BUNNIES, 2, free to good home. Includes outdoors cage that separates them. Call Rick, 643-5716.

PARROT, male Quaker wants girlfriend/roommate. Longterm relationship possible if compatible. If looking for good home/nest, call Mr. Beaker, 763-6164.

Miscellaneous

'89 WINNEBAGO Chiefton, 29 ft RV. 55K miles. 6.0 Onan generator. \$18,500 OBO. Call 293-2318.

'02 COACHMAN pull-behind, 26 ft camper. Sleeps 6. Used 3 times. \$10,500. Call (863) 255-2894.

'02 JOHN DEERE tractor, diesel, w/front-end loader/bush hog. 4 wd. \$11,500. Call Anne, 763-5790.

HONDA CB900C, 36k miles. \$1,800. Call Dan, 690-2860.

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