



HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY COMMISSIONERS SEEK APPLICANTS FOR CITIZEN BOARDS

Hillsborough County Commissioners are seeking volunteers to serve on a variety of citizen advisory boards and councils. Residents interested in seeking appointment must be registered voters in Hillsborough County. These are voluntary positions, and members serve without compensation. Citizens appointed may be required to file financial disclosure. The deadline for all applications is Thursday, Sept. 15

Applications are available in the Commissioners' reception area on the second floor of County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. in downtown Tampa, by calling the Boards and Councils Coordinator at 272-5632; or visit the Boards and Councils Web site at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/bocc/boardscouncils/home.cfm. This form can be filled out online and printed, but cannot be submitted electronically. Options for submission are listed on the application. Appointments will be scheduled for a meeting of the Board of County Commissioners in October or November 2005.

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BUILDING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS- Confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for building certification in the County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Building Code. One vacancy exists. Position is specified as an alternate. Term is for two years. Nominees must be knowledgeable and experienced in the technical codes of the building industry. Meeting schedule is monthly, every third Tuesday at 9 a.m.

CHILD CARE LICENSING HEARING OFFICER- Provided by Hillsborough County Family Child Care Homes Licensing Ordinance 01-14, and Hillsborough County Child Care Facilities Ordinance 03-25, an applicant for a license or a licensee may request a hearing whenever an application for a license is denied, or whenever a license has been placed on probation, suspended, revoked, or an administrative fine has been imposed by the Office of Child Care Licensing. These hearings are conducted by a hearing officer who makes findings and recommendations with respect to the matters considered at the hearing. Three terms are expiring. Terms are for three years. Hearing officers must be members in good standing of the Florida Bar and may not be employees of the County Attorney's Office.

CONSUMER PROTECTION BOARD- Acts as a quasi-adjudicator body to enforce the provisions of the Consumer Protection Ordinance. Three terms are expiring and one vacancy exists due to resignation. Full terms are for two years and the unexpired term is through Sept. 30, 2006. Positions are specified as a Temple Terrace resident, a City of Plant City resident, and a consumer representative who is a City of Tampa resident. Citizens appointed to this Board will be required to file an annual financial disclosure. Meeting schedule is monthly, every second Tuesday at 6:30 p.m.

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THREE REAPPOINTED TO PLANNING COMMISSION

Three local residents have been reappointed for additional four-year terms on the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission, the citizen board that makes recommendations to the four local governments in Hillsborough County on issues related to long range growth and development.

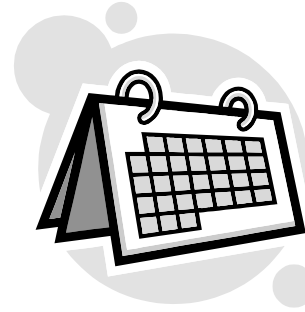
Planning Commission Member at Large Jacqueline R. Wilson was reappointed to the Planning Commission by the Plant City City Commission. She is the current chair of the Plant City Planning Board and has served on the Planning Commission for eight years, including three consecutive years as chair. Wilson was recently appointed to serve on the national Planning Officials Committee of the American Planning Association.

Tampa City Council voted to reappoint Bruce P. Cury and Christine M. Malzone to the Planning Commission. This will be the third term for Malzone and the first full term for Cury both representing Tampa. Malzone has served for eight years, including one as Member at Large. She chairs the Planning Commission's Ad Hoc Public Information Committee. Cury was originally appointed to the Planning Commission in 1999 by the Hillsborough County Commission while living in Carrollwood. He served a four-year term, including one as Member at Large. He moved to the City of Tampa and was appointed to the Planning Commission by Tampa City Council earlier this year to finish the remainder of T. Clay Phillips' term. Both Cury and Malzone's terms were set to expire at the end of September, so Tampa City Council voted to return them to the Planning Commission.

Household Chemical Disposal & Electronics Collection

Household chemicals are accepted at three facilities: Northwest (9805 Sheldon Road), South County (Powell Road, east off U.S. 41, quarter mile north of Big Bend Road), and Thonotosassa (County Road 579, quarter mile north of Interstate 4-Exit 10). Collections are held monthly on the first, second and third Saturday, alternating between the sites. Materials accepted include paint, solvents, pool chemicals, hobby and craft supplies, lawn and garden chemicals. Many of these materials are recycled or used in maintaining County property. Specially scheduled electronics collections also are held at these facilities. Collections are for residents only -- no chemicals are accepted from commercial interests. Call 272-5680 for more information.

BOCC MEETING AGENDAS ONLINE



Want to know what the Hillsborough County Commission is going to discuss at their next Board meeting, or what they said at a past one? Or when they are going to take up an item of interest in the future? All of this information and more is available on the county's website at: www.hillsboroughcounty.org.

From the homepage, click on the "County Commission" link on the left side of the page. On that page, click on the "Meeting Agendas/Recaps" link on the left side of the page. When you get to the Agenda Repository page, you will see a list of documents available. On this page, meeting agendas, recaps and captioning files from past meetings are available. All County Commission meetings are included on this page, including the regular twice-monthly meetings, BOCC Land Use meetings, and workshops. To open the documents, click on the "sheaf of papers" icon beside the document you want to see. All of the documents are in .pdf format, and can be opened with the free Adobe Acrobat viewer.

To access the back-up information available on each item in the meeting agendas, click on the blue agenda item numbers throughout the document. You also will find a list of all future items to be discussed before the Board, when they will be heard, and what staff members are currently working on them. Also available is a master calendar for the County Commission for the month that lists all meetings and events, and where they will be located.

Meeting agendas, captioning files and recaps are archived to May 2000 in this document repository. To access an archived document, click on the "Search" link in the top left-hand corner of the page. On that page, in the "Identifier" field, you can enter in the month or year of a document you want, or you can search by type of document, such as an agenda or captioning file, in the "Type" field, or by keyword in the "Text" field.

As a reminder, you always can watch County Commission meetings live on HTV22, the county government channel, or during one of their replay times. Replay times for meetings and other HTV22 shows are available on www.htv22.org. If you don't have access to a television during the day, you also can watch HTV22 on your computer through live streaming video. To access this feature, click on the "Webcast" button the county website homepage.

Hillsborough County Continues Rapid Population Growth

The population of Hillsborough County increased by 31,180 people, roughly the equivalent of the current population of the City of Plant City, to 1,147,140 between April 2004 and April 2005. This represents a 2.8% increase, according to estimates by the Hillsborough County City-County Planning Commission.

The majority of the growth was in the unincorporated areas of Hillsborough County which grew by 24,630 or 3.4%. The City of Tampa continues to show growth in population with an increase of 5,840 people, reaching a population of 333,060 residents in 2005. The City of Plant City's and Temple Terrace's populations grew modestly, reaching 33,000 and 22,020 residents respectively.

Planning Commission Executive Director Robert B. Hunter, FAICP, noted, "The last two years have been extremely strong in terms of housing and population growth for Hillsborough County." The county's growth rate between 2004 and 2005 was down slightly from that between 2003 and 2004 when the population increased by 32,440 or 2.9%.

"The fastest-growing areas of Hillsborough County between 2004 and 2005 include south Hillsborough County, New Tampa, and west/northwest Hillsborough County." said Jim Hosler, Team Leader for Research and Economic Development. "The New Tampa and west/northwest Hillsborough areas may be approaching their growth potential due to the simple limitation of space. Consequently, the center of activity has begun to shift to south Hillsborough County."

Hillsborough County's large population growth has been accompanied by housing increases. Between 2004 and 2005, Hillsborough County added 11,850 housing units to reach 487,990 residences. Detailed data shows that the single family sector was very strong, while permits for apartments (multi-family) actually fell. Unincorporated Hillsborough County added a net of 9,390 new residences while 2,140 housing units were added to the City of Tampa between 2004 and 2005.

"Coupled with the phenomenal increase in taxable property last year of \$8.9 billion or 18.1%, the data indicates that Hillsborough County is in the midst of a period of growth that we haven't seen in at least 25 years," added Hunter. "Our interest in planning for this unprecedented growth is to continue to recommend to local governments that, as we grow, we ensure that the quality of life for residents improves in terms of better roads, parks, storm drainage and especially schools."

The Planning Commission produces annual population and housing estimates by local government and census tract for use by the local governments and the public.

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ENTERPRISE ZONE DEVELOPMENT AGENCY BOARD- Responsible for the implementation of the strategic plan for the University Community Area Enterprise Zone. State EZ's encourage economic growth and investment in distressed areas by offering state tax advantages and incentives to businesses located or relocating in the zone boundaries. Reviews progress on the plan and makes recommendations on assisting local businesses in the zone. EZ boundaries are north of Fowler Avenue (with a setback running approximately 200 feet north of Fowler Avenue), south of Bearss Avenue and Skipper Road, east of Interstate 275, and west of Bruce B. Downs Boulevard. Two terms are expiring and one vacancy exists due to a resignation. Full terms are for four years and the unexpired term is through Sept. 30, 2007. Positions are specified as a local financial or insurance entity representative; a local resident, preferably residing within the EZ; and a local business representative, preferably operating within the EZ. Meeting schedule is every two months.

FAMILY CHILD CARE HOME ADVISORY BOARD- Reviews and advises County Commissioners on recommended amendments to the Family Child Care Homes Licensing Ordinance or the Rules and Regulations Handbook, including recommending and assisting the local licensing agency in the development and implementation of training materials for child care personnel, and on matters of licensing policy, procedure, and priorities. Also, it proposes additional rules and regulations regarding the intent and purpose of the ordinance. One vacancy exists. Position is specified as a parent who has a child enrolled in a licensed family day care home. Appointment will be for the duration of the term, which expires Dec. 31, 2006. Meeting schedule is quarterly, every third Thursday at 7 p.m.

GAS BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS- Governs the certification of gas contractors doing work in Hillsborough County and enforces adherence to the standards set by the Gas Code. One term has expired and two positions are vacant. Positions are specified as a liquid petroleum installer and two alternates. Term for the regular member is four years, and alternates' terms are for two. Nominees for alternate positions must be knowledgeable and experienced in the technical codes of the gas industry. Meeting schedule is quarterly, every third Thursday at 11 a.m.

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HEALTH CARE ADVISORY BOARD- Improves accessibility and efficiency of care for medically poor residents of Hillsborough County through annual recommendations to County Commissioners for fund allocation, coordination, planning, and monitoring of health care delivery systems. One term is expiring. Position is specified as a mental health care provider, and the applicant must elaborate on their experience in this area. Terms are for four years. Meeting schedule is monthly, every third Thursday at 3 p.m.

HEALTH COUNCIL OF WEST CENTRAL FLORIDA, INC. (DISTRICT VI HEALTH COUNCIL)- Develops plans for coordinating the delivery and improvement of health care services throughout its district. Consumer publications are prepared to help constituents make informed choices for their health. Four, two-year terms are expiring. Positions are specified as a health care consumer less than 60 years of age, a health care consumer 60 or more years of age, a health care provider and a health care purchaser. Meeting schedule is the second Wednesday of every other month at 3 p.m.

HISTORIC RESOURCES REVIEW BOARD- Serves as an architectural review board for the protection of historic resources in unincorporated Hillsborough County. It recommends archaeological and historical sites to County Commissioners for landmark designation and reviews alterations and new construction on landmark sites or districts. Two terms are expiring. Terms are for three years. Nominees for this board are required to be residents of the unincorporated area of the county. Positions are specified as an architect licensed to practice in the State of Florida; a professional or lay person who is eligible to be considered for any of the specified positions; and an anthropologist or archaeologist, historian, planner, landscape architect, real estate developer, broker licensed to practice in the State of Florida, or an owner of historic property listed on the Florida Master Site File. Meeting schedule is monthly, every third Tuesday at 4 p.m.

MECHANICAL BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS- Confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for mechanical certification in Hillsborough County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors that fail to comply with the Mechanical Code. Two, two-year vacancies exist. Positions are specified as alternates. Nominees must be knowledgeable and experienced in the technical codes of the mechanical industry. Meeting schedule is quarterly, third Thursday at 10 a.m.



NATIONAL FOOTBALL LEAGUE-YOUTH EDUCATION TOWN CENTER OF TAMPA BAY, INC. BOARD OF DIRECTORS- Manages the business and affairs of the NFL/YET Program, a public-private partnership with the City of Tampa and Hillsborough County. It is the official charity of the NFL Players Association, Tampa Bay Chapter. Two local centers exist: Jackson Heights Center in the City of Tampa, and Mort Park in north/central Hillsborough County. The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners appoints two members for two-year terms. Meeting schedule is four times per year.

PLANNING COMMISSION CITY/COUNTY- An independent consolidated planning agency-led by appointed citizens-serves all of Hillsborough County residents by providing a vision for improving the quality of life. The Planning Commission and its staff serve as agents within the community to promote and coordinate the involvement of all people in comprehensive long-range planning, growth management, transportation and environmental protection. The Planning Commission makes recommendations to the Board of County Commissioners, Tampa City Council, Plant City Commission, and Temple Terrace City Council regarding land use, community planning, capital improvements, urban design, and other comprehensive issues. One, four-year term is expiring. Nominees for this board are required to be residents of unincorporated Hillsborough County. Meeting schedule is monthly, every second Monday a 2 p.m.

PLUMBING BOARD OF ADJUSTMENT, APPEALS AND EXAMINERS- Confirms the competency and integrity of applicants applying for plumbing certification in the County, and takes disciplinary action against those contractors who fail to comply with the Plumbing Code. Two vacancies exist. Positions are specified as a Florida Registered Professional Engineer qualified to work in the area of sanitary or mechanical engineering, and the other is an alternate who must be knowledgeable and experienced in the technical codes of the plumbing industry. The term for regular member is four years and two for the alternate. Meeting schedule is quarterly, every third Tuesday at 1 p.m.

TRANSIT AUTHORITY (HILLSBOROUGH AREA REGIONAL)- Provides public transportation services, which are safe, dependable, and cost effective thereby enhancing the quality of life in our community. Three, three-year terms are expiring. Nominees for this board are required to be residents of the unincorporated area of Hillsborough County. Citizens appointed will be required to file an annual financial disclosure. Meeting schedule is monthly, every first Monday at 8:30 a.m.

Salvation Army

12th ANNUAL HOME FOR THE HOLIDAYS

Craft Bazaar

Saturday, October 29, 2005

Time: 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

1100 W. Sligh Avenue, Tampa, FL 33604

Free admission for the public !!!

For more information: 813-226-0055, ext.402

E-mail: priscilla_cruz@uss.salvationarmy.org



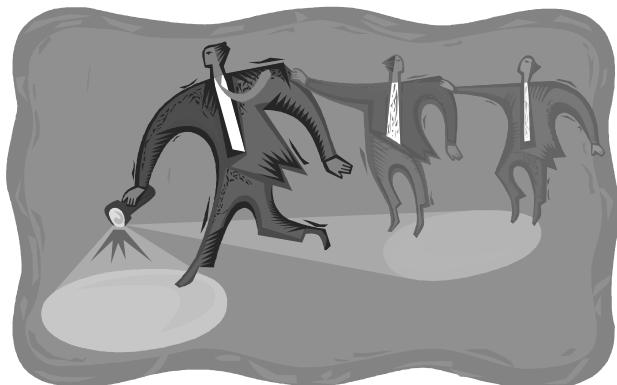
2005 Florida Neighborhoods Conference Draws Near!

Lakeland, Florida October 20-22

The City of Lakeland will host the Florida Neighborhoods Conference on October 20 – 22, 2005. The theme this year is “Neighborhoods . . . Where We Live, Work and Play”. We anticipate more than 1,200 neighborhood leaders from across the state will attend this 3 day conference committed to educating and training residents. This conference provides an opportunity for participants to share and learn ways to improve the quality of life in neighborhoods through workshops, neighborhood tours, speakers, and networking. Registration has already begun. Please check the website <http://www.lakelandgov.net/> for information and registration materials. For additional information contact Lynn.Simpkins@lakelandgov.net or contact the Hillsborough County Office of Neighborhood Relations at 272-5860.

LEADERSHIP DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM GEARS UP

The Tampa Bay Community Leadership Development Program is gearing up for the fall sessions. The University of South Florida Jim Walter Partnership Center offers to grassroots community leaders on both sides of Tampa Bay, a learning experience that transforms lives and neighborhoods. The program offers you the unique opportunity to network with other community leaders on both sides of the bay, city and county government officials, and the University of South Florida. The program is free and requires only your commitment to attend all five Saturday sessions. We have already graduated two highly successful classes and formed an “Awesome Alumni” group, many of whom will participate as trainers in your training class.



Using a specialized curriculum developed by the University of South Florida Organization Development & Training Division, we offer Hillsborough and Pinellas County neighborhood leaders a leadership development workshop series that includes:

- **Leadership, Community Assets, and Goals, Sept. 17, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **Strategic Partnerships, Oct. 1, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **Project Management and Resource Development , Oct. 15, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **Communication Skills for Leaders, Oct. 29, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**
- **Interacting with Your Local Government Leaders, Nov. 12, 9:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.**

During the program you will put what you are learning into practice by working with a group of leaders who share the same goals for their communities. Your project team will further their own community's goals while sharing resources, ideas, and expertise with one another. The project topics include, but are not limited to:

- **Neighborhood Enhancement** (parks, sidewalks, cleanup, etc.)
- **Resident involvement** (strategies to involve neighbors in community efforts)
- **Development and Zoning** (strategies to become involved in the processes that govern development and zoning issues in your community)
- **Information and Communication** (developing effective ways to communicate with your community, ie. Website, newsletters, or city/county access directory)
- **Board Development** (how to grow your board both in quality and quantity)

Classes will be held at the USF Downtown Center and the Clearwater Main Library. Both locations are beautiful facilities situated on bayfronts. If you are interested in learning more about the program, please attend the orientation on Sept. 6, at 6:30 p.m. at the Union Station, located at 601 N. Nebraska Avenue or call Jennifer Krahl at 974-5709. Please RSVP your orientation attendance. You may also visit our website at www.jwpcetraining.org.

Don't Forget About the other ONR Mini-Grant Programs

Applications from associations in the *unincorporated areas of the county* are being accepted on a continuous basis for the following mini-grant programs until funding is exhausted:

- Neighborhood Cleanup Grants**
- Tree Planting Grants**
- Low Volume Irrigation Grants**

Each of the grants above offers a maximum award of \$2,500 per year per association. For more information, call 272-5860 or visit www.hillsboroughcounty.org/onr.

NEIGHBORHOOD EVENTS CHECKLIST

Developed by Suzanne Prieur of Old Seminole Heights Neighborhood Association

GETTING STARTED

<i>Task</i>	<i>Date to be Done</i>	<i>Person/Group Responsible</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Decide on the program	At least 3 mo. ahead			
Decide on the venue	"			
Decide on a date	"			
Schedule the speaker	"			
Secure the venue	"			
Create a detailed budget & submit to board, etc.	"			

PRESS

<i>Task</i>	<i>Date to be Done</i>	<i>Person/Group Responsible</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Write the press release(s)				
Contact press outlets				

NEIGHBORHOODS

<i>Task</i>	<i>Date to be Done</i>	<i>Person/Group Responsible</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Contact all groups to get them to put event in their newsletters & speak at their general meetings.				

POSTERS

<i>Task</i>	<i>Date to be Done</i>	<i>Person/Group Responsible</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Create posters & fliers	6 weeks ahead			
Copy posters & fliers	"			
Stick 'em up	"	EVERYBODY!		

EVENT SET-UP

<i>Task</i>	<i>Date to be Done</i>	<i>Person/Group Responsible</i>	<i>Date Completed</i>	<i>Notes</i>
Set up equipment.				
Set up displays.				
Set up food tables.				
Set up sign-in sheets.				

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UPDATE YOUR ASSOCIATION INFORMATION!

- **Did this newsletter come to the wrong address for your association?**
- **Has there been a change in board leadership in the past year?**
- **Have you created an association website or now have new association email address?**
- **Has your management company changed?**

If you answered yes to any of these questions or have had any other changes it's time to update your information with our office. Easily change your information by calling us at 272-5860 or go directly to our website at www.hillsboroughcounty.org/onr/assnform/

Serving Neighborhoods Throughout Hillsborough County!