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Residents of District 2 Discuss Issues at first Neighborhood Meeting Hosted by Beckner

Last month, countywide Commissioner Kevin Beckner hosted the first of four quarterly Neighborhood Meetings in each of the four single-member Commission districts. The town hall-style meeting is designed to address specific County issues and answer questions that are directly affecting your community.



During the meeting, the Commissioner updated residents on District 2 topics ranging from the proposed NW skateboard park to traffic calming in Carrollwood Village and Original Carrollwood.

Commissioner Beckner champions these Neighborhood Meetings as an important and personal way for him to remain connected to the citizens of Hillsborough County. All district residents are invited to attend to voice concerns, ask questions, and share ideas about how to improve their community.

The Commissioner also gave a brief overview of the state of Hillsborough County. He noted that unemployment fell from 12.1% to 11.6% year over year. He also discussed the rise of existing home sales by 3.9% from December 2009.

The remaining three Neighborhood Meetings will be announced in the next few weeks. The remaining meetings will take place in District 1, 3 and 4.

Residents spoke on a number of topics and County staff was present to address their questions and concerns.

For more information, please contact Commissioner Beckner's office at 813-272-5730.

Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)

Please click [HERE](#) for a complete list of 2011 dates

Friday, April 29, 2011: New Tampa Regional Library, 1001 Cross Creek Boulevard Tampa, FL 33647 813-903-2284

Friday, May 27, 2011: Seminole Heights Branch Library, 4711 Central Avenue Tampa, FL 33603 813-273-3787

Teacher of the Year Honored



Commissioner Beckner presented Cynthia Folsom-Crim with a commendation at the BOCC meeting on April 6, 2011, in recognition of her selection as Hillsborough County's Teacher of the Year.

Cynthia is a math resource teacher at Palm River Elementary School where she organizes Saturday learning sessions and math nights for parents.

Cynthia has been a teacher for seven years, serving Palm River Elementary for the last two years.

Cynthia is a graduate of the Hillsborough County School system and even attended Palm River Elementary School during her childhood.



She is a firm believer that all children can and will learn.

"Next to a parent, our teachers have the greatest opportunity to influence the path and foundation of a child. Congratulations to Ms. Crim and thank you to all of our teachers in Hillsborough County for their commitment to our children," commented Beckner.

April is Sexual Assault Awareness Month

Commissioner Beckner was joined by representatives from the Rape Crisis Center of Tampa Bay and survivors of sexual assault at a recent BOCC meeting, where the BOCC proclaimed April as Sexual Assault Awareness Month.

This year's campaign explores common, everyday behaviors and offers individuals viable, responsible ways to intervene. The approach helps to create environments where people are safe in their relationships, families, neighborhoods, schools, work places and communities.

Later this month, the Crisis Center of Tampa Bay, in collaboration with the Sexual Violence Task Force of Tampa Bay, is hosting Take Back the Night: Our Voice is Our Strength, an interactive event that creates awareness, empowers survivors, and educates the community about sexual violence.

For more information about the Take Back the Night event, please click [HERE](#).



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Keeping You Informed

There are seven members of the Board of County Commissioners for Hillsborough County. Four are elected from single-member districts, and three are elected county wide. The Board approves the County's operating and capital budgets and the County's capital improvement program. It may take action on any programs for the improvement of the county and the welfare of its residents.

Under a Charter Ordinance that went into effect in May 1985, County Commissioners are to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the overall management of Hillsborough County. The County administrative staff are entrusted with the implementation of these policies.



Getting Involved in Your County Government

Regular meetings of the Board of County Commissioners are open to the public and are held on the first and third Wednesdays of each month, beginning at 9 a.m. Speakers generally are limited to 3 minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2nd floor of the County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Boulevard in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also aired live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area. Or you can watch the live streaming broadcast at www.CommissionerBeckner.com.

