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Nominate County Youth for the YEA! Awards

The Hillsborough County Board of County Commissioners wants to recognize the many positive contributions made by young people in our community through the Youth Excellence and Achievement Awards (YEA! Awards). Nominations are being accepted through February 17.

YEA! Awards nominations can be submitted for both middle and high school students in each of the following categories:

Leadership – demonstrating a positive impact on others in an ongoing endeavor, such as sports, academics, the arts, etc.

Success Despite Difficult Odds – overcoming tremendous personal difficulty to attain success and a positive impact on others.

Volunteer or Community Service– allocating their discretionary time to helping others or completing a project that has added to the betterment of our community.



Last year, students from Stewart, Randall and Mann middle schools and Freedom and King high schools were honored with YEA! Awards. This special youth recognition was introduced to the BOCC by Commissioner Beckner in 2010.

Nominations are being accepted through Feb. 17, and can be completed and submitted online (click [HERE](#)). They can also be printed and submitted to the Hillsborough County Communications Dept, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd., 1st Floor, Tampa, FL 33602, or by fax to 813-276-8695.

Upcoming Community Office Hours (11:00am – 1:00pm)
Click [HERE](#) for a complete list.

Friday, February 24: SouthShore Regional Library,
15816 Beth Shields Way Tampa, FL 33573 813.672.1152

Tuesday, March 20: Northwest Hillsborough Family YMCA
8950 W. Waters Avenue Tampa, FL 33615 813.249.8510

20th Annual Black Heritage Celebration

February is Black History Month. Black History Month began as Negro History Week by historian Carter G. Woodson in 1926. His goal was to educate the American people about African-American history, focusing on African Americans' cultural backgrounds and reputable achievements.

In honor of Black History Month, Hillsborough County will host the 20th Annual Black Heritage Celebration on Friday, February 10, 2011 at noon. The event will take place at Joe Chillura Courthouse Square in downtown Tampa.

Please click [HERE](#) for additional information.

"We celebrate our diverse community and honor the many African-American leaders who have made substantial contributions to our community and country, said Beckner."

For a complete list of events click [HERE](#).



62nd Anniversary of India's Republic Day

Last month, Commissioner Beckner joined nearly 1,000 Tampa Bay residents to mark the anniversary of India's Republic Day.

The Federation of Indian Associations of Tampa Bay hosted a day long celebration at the India Cultural Center in Tampa. Activities included a Rangoli competition, cooking competition, and Flag hoisting. Also, other cultural events took place throughout the day.

The Commissioner presented a proclamation on behalf of the Board of County Commissioner proclaiming India Republic Day in Hillsborough County.

"The mission of FIA Tampa Bay to promote unity in diversity and service to the community is one that I share. Thank you for all that you do and have done to make our county a great place to live, work, and play," commented Beckner.



Current Boards

- Arts Council
- Children's Board
- EPC (*Chair*)
- HART
- Juvenile Justice Task Force (*Chair*)
- MPO
- Public Safety Coordinating Council
- Straz Center Board of Trustees

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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.

