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**Beckner celebrates 4<sup>th</sup> of July in Brandon**

Commissioner Beckner joined thousands of spectators at the annual Brandon 4<sup>th</sup> of July Parade sponsored by the Brandon Community Roundtable.

The parade this year returned to its 2009 route, beginning at Lumsden Road and Parsons Avenue and turning west onto Robertson Street ending at Buckingham Place.

The theme for the celebration this year was "Community Pride." Thousands lined the streets in Brandon to celebrate the birth of our great country.



The Commissioner was joined by a large group of volunteers and waved the stars and stripes as he made his way down the parade route.



"We are so blessed to live in a country where freedom and democracy rule. We must never forget the sacrifice of so many. God Bless America!" said Beckner.



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

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

Friday, July 29, 2011: Ruskin Branch Library, One Dickman Dr, S.E.  
Ruskin, FL 33570 813-671-7639

Friday, August 26, 2011: Temple Terrace Public Library, 202 Bullard Parkway  
Temple Terrace, FL 33617 813-506-6775



## Beckner Hosts Neighborhood Meeting

Commissioner Beckner hosted the second of four neighborhood meetings last month at the Jan K. Platt Library in South Tampa.

The town hall style meeting acts as a way for the Commissioner to remain connected with the citizens of Hillsborough County. Residents who attended voiced their concerns, asked questions and shared their ideas about how to improve their community.

The **next meeting** will be held in District 3 at the **Lee Davis Service Center** located at 3402 North 22<sup>nd</sup> Street

Tampa, FL 33605 on **Tuesday, September 20, 2011 from 6-8pm.**

"I invite citizens to join me in a conversation about the current state of County government and share their vision for a better Hillsborough County," commented Beckner.

The final Neighborhood Meeting will take place from 6-8pm on Tuesday, December 6, 2011 at the Plant City City Hall 302 W. Reynolds Street.

## Bloomingtondale H.S. Cheerleaders Recognized

Last month, The Bloomingtondale H.S. cheerleading team was recognized by the BOCC for winning their third state championship at the FHSAA Competitive Cheerleading Championship. The team previously won state titles in 2008 and 2009.

This year the Bloomingtondale cheerleaders finished with a score of 88.28 after easing through some difficult stunts to beat Winter Park out of the title.

Coach Candice Teague was joined by several players at a BOCC meeting last month to receive a special commendation on behalf of the Board to recognize their inspiring victory.



"We are so proud to have elite high school athletes in our community like the Bloomingtondale H.S. cheerleading team. Congratulations to Coach Teague and all the young women on their accomplishment, " said Beckner.

**Current Boards**

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

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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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](http://www.CommissionerBeckner.com).

