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Progress Village 50th Anniversary Celebration



In 1958 the Progress Village non-profit corporation was formed to provide affordable homes to low income citizens. Beginning in 1960 citizens began to relocate to the Village realizing a dream of many Americans to purchase a home of their own. On June 11-13, 2010 the Progress Village community came together with a family reunion to celebrate their 50th Anniversary.

Commissioner Beckner joined residents, friends and family members at the park to recognize the anniversary "I honor your courage and commitment to Progress Village and I look forward to working to keep the Village strong," Beckner said.



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

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Friday July 30, 2010: Ruskin Branch Library, 1 Dickman Drive, S.E. Ruskin, FL 33570 813-671-7639

Friday August 27, 2010: Bruton Memorial Library, 302 McLendon St Plant City, FL 33563 813-757-9215



Tampa Terrapins Honored at BOCC Meeting

On June 3, 2010 Commissioner Beckner presented the Tampa Preparatory boys soccer team with a commendation to honor their Class 2A state championship on February 19, 2010.

Coach Doug Smith accepted the commendation and recognized the outstanding commitment of his players.



The Terrapins clinched their third state title in four seasons and their fourth since 2005 with a 2-1 victory against Delray Beach American Heritage.



Protecting and Preserving our Waterways

The County has been notified that 91 sub basins have been declared as impaired, which means that they do not meet state water quality standards.

Richard Boler, staff scientist for the environmental protection commission, addressed the BOCC and expressed the county's need to meet the goals set forth by the clean water act, making waterways "fishable-swimmable".

During the July 14th BOCC meeting the Board is expected to consider whether to make a \$150,000 investment in this program.

"This is a small investment by the county today that could save tax payers millions of dollars in future cleanup costs while protecting and preserving our waterways," Beckner said.

In order to bring impaired waterways back into compliance it will cost the county between \$40,000 to \$200,000 per ton to remove harmful nitrogen. Currently it is estimated that Hillsborough County has a nitrogen load of over 600 tons annually.

The BOCC asked the Planning Commission to work with staff from the county staff and the Environmental Protection Commission to establish an advisory group to develop a manual to explore potential environmental buffers along natural areas.



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.



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Nominations for YEA! Award (Youth Excellence and Achievement Award)

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