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Increase in Fees for Pet Registration & Day Care Licenses

County Commissioner's may have reached their goal of preserving animal services and quality



day care programs in the county. Fees for pet reg-

istrations and day care licenses which take effect Oct. 1, increase pet registration fees to \$20, from \$10, for animals that are sterilized and to \$40, from \$30, for unsterilized pets.

The fees for senior citizens with sterilized animals will remain at \$5. The fee increases will preserve 10 jobs in the animal services department and add nearly \$1 million dollars to the county's annual budget.

The cost of day care licenses are now \$75. It is now \$25 to make changes to Day care company licenses and \$25 for technical assistance from county staffers.

New increased pet and day care fees go into effect Oct. 1, 2009.

Professor Ed Maley Day, September 12, 2009

Hillsborough County Commissioners dedicated September 12, 2009 to Professor Ed Maley. Professor Maley has studied and taught martial arts in Hillsborough County for over 50 years. He has been recognized several times for his success and mas-

tery in Judo. Professor Maley established the



Florida School of Judo in Hillsborough County and has taught an estimated 80,000 students. Mr. Maley's school of martial arts has been selected by Black belt Magazine as the top Judo school in the country.



Pictured above is an abandoned home with an overgrown lawn.

Abandoned Properties Registration Ordinance Enacted

Hillsborough County Code Enforcement will now be requiring owners of abandoned property due to foreclosures in unincorporated Hillsborough County to register the foreclosed property with the county. The ordinance provides that the abandoned properties are maintained in coopera-

tion with code enforcement and the county's rules and regulations. Hillsborough County has an estimated 20,000 foreclosures and the county has identified at least 1200 abandoned properties not in compliance with codes and regulations. The ordinance does not authorize the increase of staff.

Code Enforcement is researching an internet based registration and payment system in order to make the process as easy and convenient as possible for residents.

County Concerned about Chinese Drywall in Residences

Commissioners have directed the county administrator to investigate, accumulate, and distribute information pertaining to pending state and federal litigation concerning hazardous Chinese drywall that has been installed in buildings around the

country, including Hillsborough County. Senator Bill Nelson and local officials are looking into assessing solutions available to residents across the state. Residents are encouraged to tune into HTV or visit the county website for more informa-

tion.



Pictured above are the Achievement of Excellence in Procurement award & Outstanding Agency Accreditation Achievement award.

Procurement Services Dept. Receives Pareto Award

The Hillsborough County Procurement Services Department has been awarded the 2009 Pareto Award for excellence in public procurement. The award is the highest form of peer recogni-

tion in its field.. Hillsborough County is the 6th public agency to win this top award since the awards inception. Lula F. Banks, Procurement Services Director, accepted the award on behalf of the

department and county. County Commissioners applauded the professionalism and progress that the department has achieved. This award puts Hillsborough on the map in terms of good government.

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"Reconnecting Hillsborough County"

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 May 1985, County Commissioners are directed to perform legislative functions of government by developing policy for the management of Hillsborough County. The County Administrator, a professional appointed by the Board, and the administrative staff are responsible for the implementation of these policies.

The Board also serves as the Environmental Protection Commission. Individual Board members serve on various other boards, authorities, and commissions such as the Hillsborough Area Regional Transit Authority, Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council, Tampa Bay Water, Aviation Authority, Expressway Authority, Sports Authority, Port Authority, Arts Council of Hillsborough County, Children's Board, Metropolitan Planning Organization, Economic Stimulus Task Force and the Council of Governments.

Meetings

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 three minutes. The Commissioners' offices and boardroom are located on the 2nd floor of County Center, 601 E. Kennedy Blvd. in downtown Tampa.

The meetings also are aired live on Hillsborough Television. Check your cable listings for the appropriate channel in your area.

