



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Water Quality Month in Hillsborough County to encourage all residents to celebrate water quality awareness and to take action to protect water resources throughout the county and the state of Florida. On hand to receive the proclamation were members of the Hillsborough County Public Works Department and the Hillsborough County Environmental Protection Commission.

[Hillsborough County to offer employees paid parental leave](#)

Hillsborough County will provide six weeks of paid parental leave to employees starting next year. With the move, the county is following in the footsteps of Tampa, which made the same decision to offer new parents -- both mothers and fathers -- the new benefit.

[Tampa ranks high in most 'livable cities' in United States](#)

Compared to other cities in the United States, living in Tampa isn't too shabby. According to a study by WalletHub, Tampa ranked No. 14 on its list of 2017's Best Big Cities to Live in, earning the highest spot in Florida. Two other Florida cities that made the list: Jacksonville at 26 and Miami at 54.

[Office Depot Foundation donates 4,000 backpacks to Hillsborough children](#)

For most children, the first day of school is an exciting time complete with new clothes and back-to-school gear. But for kids in families where money is tight, the experience can be just the opposite. To make a difference to deserving children like these at the start of the new school year, the Office Depot Foundation donated 4,000 colorful new backpacks containing essential school supplies to nonprofit organizations, schools and agencies in the Tampa area.

FROM THE BOARDROOM:

County Commissioners approved a funding agreement modification to provide an additional \$700,000 to the Housing Finance Authority of Hillsborough County that will expand the down-payment assistance program for Hillsborough County residents.

Hillsborough Commissioners approved updates to accommodate technology advancements and TECO rate changes for the Residential Street Lighting program that helps residents implement street lighting within their neighborhoods.

The BOCC approved renaming the Upper Tampa Bay Regional Public Library in honor of community leader Maureen B. Gauzza, who was instrumental in opening this resource for the northwest Hillsborough County community.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, August 8, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Friday, August 11, 8:30 a.m. – **Sandy Murman's South County Job Fair at HCC SouthShore Campus, Ruskin**

Wednesday, August 16, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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