



Commissioner Sandy Murman commended the Robinson High School Girls Flag Football team for winning the State Championship, and for a second year in a row, the Florida High School Athletic Association's Team Grade Point Average Award.

Hillsborough Pet Resources Chief proves to be a life-saver

When Mike Merrill hired a new Animal Services director in February, he likened his pick to a Super Bowl-caliber quarterback. So far, Scott Trebatoski, the director of the department now called Pet Resources Division, is living up to his boss's hype. The numbers of dogs and cats leaving the county shelter alive compared to the number euthanized has increased dramatically. Records show the shelter's live release rate for dogs this month is 71 percent, compared with 55 percent last July. Even more impressive, 61 percent of the cats brought into the shelter this month left the shelter alive, compared with 27 percent the same month last year. Adoptions of cats traditionally are much harder than dogs.

New Apollo Beach air monitoring system now in place

On August 21st the Environmental Protection Commission (EPC) opened a new air monitoring station for the Apollo Beach Community. As a result of the recent strengthening of the National Ambient Air Quality Standards for sulfur dioxide (SO₂) and fine particulate matter (PM_{2.5}) the EPC established this new monitoring site in an area most likely to be impacted by sources of SO₂ and fine dust particles. Although the emissions from nearby sources are very well controlled, only independent monitoring can verify that the air quality for local citizens remains healthy. The sophisticated air monitors operate continuously (24/7) and provide data to generate the local Air Quality Index (AQI) that is available on-line at the EPC website at: www.epchc.org; click on "How's The Air Quality" to get to the AQI webpage for the greater Tampa Bay area.

Commissioners approve resolution urging no candy-flavored tobacco sales to youth

Hillsborough commissioners approved a resolution urging all tobacco retailers to make every effort to help stop the sale of flavored tobacco products and all other forms of tobacco products that contain any addictive, artificial or natural, ingredient which is designed to be a characterizing flavor or the tobacco product or the by-product it produces, to youth in Hillsborough County.

Hillsborough County works with City of Tampa to improve Scenic Trail

Commissioners also approved the Interlocal Agreement with the City of Tampa whereby the County will reimburse the City a maximum amount of \$1,125,000 for the design and construction of the Courtney Campbell Scenic Highway Trail Amenities. The funds will be used for amenities such as comfort stations, fishing platform, boardwalks, landscaping, security cameras, etc., for enhancement and safety of the 5.5-mile long portion of the recreation trail located within the City of Tampa

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Thursday, Sept. 4, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Friday, Sept. 5, 11:00 a.m. – Eat at Joe's lunchtime concert series at Joe Chillura Courthouse Square

Tuesday, Sept. 16, 6:00 p.m. – Women and Money Class Series begins at Children's Board of Hillsborough

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