



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Pro Bono Week in Hillsborough County, recognizing the extraordinary service that pro bono attorneys contribute every year. On hand to receive the proclamation were Chief Judge Ronald Ficarotta, Circuit Court Judge Christopher Nash, Dick Woltmann, Joan Boles and Jena Hudson of Bay Area Legal Services, and Amy Bandow of WMU Cooley Law School.

[Hillsborough County eyes millions in state funding for hurricane safety](#)

Hillsborough County Commissioners approved legislative priorities this week that emphasize funding for hurricane preparedness in the wake of Hurricane Irma. The county is set to ask lawmakers to allocate \$3 million to harden plans for the proposed 20,000-square-foot New Tampa Cultural Arts Center to be used as a special needs shelter.

[Storm debris collection nears completion in Hillsborough County](#)

As of Nov. 1, Hillsborough County has substantially completed storm debris collection in most of the unincorporated areas of the county. However, County contractors continue to work seven days a week to finalize pick up of debris from Hurricane Irma.

[Water Street to include residential building with grocery, apartments, condos](#)

The first residences in Water Street Tampa will be part of a massive, mixed-use development that includes twin towers and a ground-floor grocery store. Strategic Property Partners, the developer behind Water Street, revealed renderings for its first residential project, which will include a 26-story condo tower and 21-story rental tower.

FROM THE BOARD ROOM:

Commissioners approved up to \$250,000 in annual Economic Development Innovation Initiative (EDI2) funding for The Tampa Bay WaVE business accelerator and venture center that will support new, startup, or budding technology and innovation-based firms in Hillsborough County, increase high-paying employment opportunities, and enhance overall economic development efforts.

The BOCC approved an agreement with Hillsborough Community College to provide educational services, including career training, post-secondary classes, and industry certifications, to low-income residents in Hillsborough County to help open more opportunities for them to attain higher-paying jobs.

County Commissioners approved a \$5.1 million construction agreement to replace the C. Blythe Andrews, Jr. Library in East Tampa with a 24,000-square-foot facility that will feature larger meeting spaces, a recording studio, computer lab, a separate children's area, an African-American Media Archive, and a Friends of the Library Bookstore.

UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, Nov. 7, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

Tuesday, Nov. 14, 5:30 p.m. – Howard Frankland Bridge project meeting at Tampa Marriott Westshore

Wednesday, Nov. 15, 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

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