



Commissioner Sandy Murman proclaimed Disability Awareness FAIR and Community Inclusion Day in Hillsborough County. On hand to accept the proclamation was Becki Forsell and members of her YES! Organization. This year's YES! FAIR will be at the All Peoples Life Center on October 7th.

Editorial: Gov. Scott should keep demanding better for seniors in nursing homes

The welfare of seniors in nursing homes, assisted living facilities and other homes after power is lost following a storm is not an isolated concern. Officials throughout Tampa Bay rechecked facilities following the news of the deaths in Broward County. Hillsborough County commissioners discussed the issue Wednesday, with Sandra Murman urging Scott to remain firm in ensuring those homes have power after a storm.

Hillsborough County suffered \$9 million in property damage due to Irma

Even though Hurricane Irma was "downgraded" to a Category 1 storm by the time it ripped through the region, it has definitely made a financial impact in Hillsborough County. Preston Cook, Hillsborough County's director of emergency management, said that while the storm wasn't nearly as fierce as initially feared, Irma damaged 287 single family homes, 140 mobile homes and 14 businesses. That adds up to a total of \$8.9 million in property damages to date.

Hillsborough okays \$1.25 million in Hurricane Irma-related spending

The county will spend \$750,000 on overtime for employees who worked throughout the storm and another \$500,000 for disaster-related emergency equipment. The money was pulled from a \$3 million fund set aside for emergencies. It doesn't cover other expenses from the aftermath of the storm like debris pickup, flooding and damage.

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UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY

Tuesday, September 26, 8:30 a.m. – Sandy's Opioid Summit at TPepin Hospitality Centre

Wednesday, Oct. 4 , 9:00 a.m. – BOCC Meeting at County Center

Thursday, Oct. 5, 6:30 p.m. – Westshore/West Tampa/South Tampa Community Working Group at Barrymore Hotel

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