



***Commissioner Sandy Murman was on hand to help HCC SouthShore celebrate its 10-year Anniversary, which coincides with HCC's 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. SouthShore campus President Dr. Jennifer China and student leaders presented Commissioner Murman with HCC's People's Choice Award at the ceremony which honored community leaders for their dedication and support of HCC SouthShore.***

#### **[Hillsborough County invites public input at affordable housing forum](#)**

With the area's ever-growing population, Hillsborough County has budgeted \$5.1 million this year to address the affordable housing crisis currently plaguing the area, and it will hold a public forum seeking residents' input on how best to spend the money. The forum starts at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, Feb. 5 at the Robert W. Saunders, Sr. Public Library, 1505 Nebraska Ave. in Tampa.

#### **[Hillsborough garbage collector could get canned after residents complain](#)**

Missed routes, mechanical failures, spills and leaks left unattended and constituent complaints left unanswered led County Administrator Mike Merrill to issue a legal notice to Republic Services earlier this month, giving them 30 days — until Feb. 15 — to clean up their act or else the county would hold them in breach of contract and could “certainly terminate them and take additional steps, if necessary, to debar them from future work in Hillsborough County,” Merrill said.

#### **[Hurricane Irma outages prompt solar powered light signals in Hillsborough](#)**

When Hurricane Irma hit Florida in September of 2017, the resulting power outages were felt all across the bay area. Of the more than 300 traffic signals maintained by Hillsborough County, 125 lost power, making it difficult for motorists to navigate. In an effort to head off potential accidents after a major power outage, Hillsborough County Public Works is installing solar-powered signal systems at all of its intersections.

#### **[Midtown Tampa's Whole Foods, apartments move toward vertical construction](#)**

One of the first buildings in Midtown Tampa is moving toward vertical construction. Novel Midtown, an apartment building with ground-floor retail that will be home to Whole Foods Market Inc., has filed building plans with the city of Tampa and the Southwest Florida Water Management District. It will be six stories and include 390 units.

## **UPCOMING EVENTS IN THE COUNTY**

**Wednesday, February 6, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

**Tuesday, February 12, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Land Use Meeting at County Center

**Wednesday, February 20, 9:00 a.m.** – BOCC Regular Meeting at County Center

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