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New Year's Musings



by Lynn Tipton, FCCMA Executive Director

As a young professional, some years ago, one of the things I looked forward to each December was getting the calendar ready for the new year. I had the day-at-a-glance style on the two-pronged stand; not glamorous, but functional. Over time I switched to the day planner and carried it with me, but the new year ritual was the same; purchasing a new one and getting it ready. Clean, crisp and bright - always impressive to see those blank pages. [\(Read more\)](#)

January 2014 New Members



The following membership applications have been received. If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, he/she will be invoiced for dues. **Christine J. Brady**, District VI, Director, Human Resources/Public Resources, Lee County, Affiliate Member; **Betsy Clayton**, District VI, Communications Director, Lee County, Affiliate Member; [\(Read more\)](#)

Webinar Tomorrow - So You Want to be a City or County Manager: The Path to Success



Each year, FCCMA holds a full-day "So You Want to Be Session" as part of their annual conference. This webinar is a condensed version of this very beneficial program with a focus on how young professionals and students can prepare themselves to progress in the local government profession. Two relatively young professionals in Florida (both with senior level positions in local government) will serve as panelists for this sure to be insightful webinar session. Jonathan Evans, Haines City City Manager and Brad Johnson, Lakeland Assistant City Manager will share their stories and discuss strategies that have worked for them and describe "lessons learned" in their still relatively early careers. This is a very informal and interactive session so questions from attendees will be encouraged. [\(Read more\)](#)

Webinar - Rising Flood Insurance Rates Sinking Property Owners: What Can Cities do to Minimize the Impact?



The Florida League of Cities (FLC) will hold this webinar on January 23, 2014 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm.

David Miller, who serves as FEMA's Associate Administrator for the Federal Insurance and Mitigation Administration (FIMA), will be presenting information regarding flood insurance rate hikes from a national perspective, as well as hosting a Q&A segment. Previously, Mr. Miller served as the Administrator of the Iowa Homeland Security and Emergency Management Division from 2004-2011. During his tenure he served as the Governor's Authorized Representative for eleven President-declared major disasters, including the 2008 flooding disaster that historically was the largest disaster to occur in the State of Iowa and, at that time, was the fifth largest disaster in the United States. Don't miss out on the opportunity to interact with and learn from a leading expert and the man responsible for administering the Biggert-Waters Act. ([Read more](#))

Osceola County Onsite Training Session - Deadline to Register is Friday



Register today for the Florida City and County Management Association's Osceola County Onsite Training Session which will be held January 24, 2014 from 10:00 am - 2:00 pm Eastern at Osceola Board of County Commission Chambers, 1

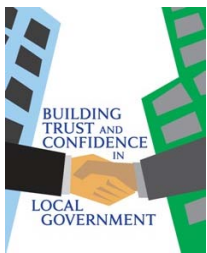
Courthouse Square, Suite 4700 in Kissimmee. The title of the training is: "Service Outsourcing and Consolidation Initiatives: Lessons Learned and a Template for Success." ([Read more](#))

Emerging Leaders Conference Scholarship



Are you a public administration student or an entry-level city or county management professional? Are you interested in attending the FCCMA Annual Conference? Then this scholarship may be for you. ([Read more](#))

Sessions at the FCCMA Annual Conference



Don't miss the FCCMA Annual Conference which will be held May 28-31, 2014 at the Orlando Hilton.

The Conference Planning Committee has been working hard to put together a great lineup of sessions from which to choose. Case studies were submitted in mid-August and the Committee has chosen several that fit the theme. ([Read more](#))

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