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FCCMA Winter Institute, February 4th-5th in Lakeland

FCCMA Onsite Training Session, February 25th in Auburndale

FCCMA Annual Conference, June 1st-4th at the Hilton Orlando Lake Buena Vista.

For the latest training news visit www.fccma.org.

Legislative Update

Interested in what's going on in the Legislature? Go to the FLC website: <http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/LegislativeBulletin.aspx> or to the FAC website: <http://www.fl-counties.com/advocacy/2016-fac-policy-action-center> for the latest updates.

Training Opportunities

See what what the latest training opportunities the Florida League of Cities and the Florida Association of Counties have to offer. FLC: <http://www.floridaleagueofcities.com/Events.aspx?CNID=52> and FAC: <http://www.fl-counties.com/about-fac/affiliates/florida-association-of-county-managers>

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New Year's Musings



By Lynn Tipton, FCCMA Executive Director

Happy New Year, FCCMA Members! I want a do-over. Seriously; a two week do-over. I took my first real time off in 18 months (since I moved this year everything has been wrapped up in that) from December 19th to January 4th and was sick the entire time. Doesn't that qualify for a do-over? I think it should. I'm getting better now, but those days were sure wasted with medicine, Kleenex, and feeling puny.

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Is your calendar already filling up? I remember my old 'day at a glance' paper calendar and all the blank pages would sometimes feel intimidating because so many were unfilled. [\(Read more\)](#)

January 2016 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. **Craig Chown**, District VII, Managing Member, Chown Consulting Services, Affiliate Member; **Daniel E. Davis**, District II, City Manager, City of Bunnell, Full Member; **Ricardo Fernandez**, District I, City Manager, City of Tallahassee, Full Member; **Joseph Helfenberger**, District III, City Manager, City of St. Cloud, Full Member; **Jennifer Howland**, District III, Comptroller, City of Satellite Beach, Affiliate Member; **Stan Kornegay**, District II, City Manager, City of Keystone Heights, Full Member; **Jason Lawrence**, District I, Masters of Public Administration, Florida State University, Student Member; [\(Read more\)](#)

January 2016 Member News & Notes



Scott Miller retired from city management effective December 18, 2015 after 42 years (almost 40 as a City Manager with various cities with the last 8 years as City Manager, City of Leavenworth, Kansas). He served four cities in Florida during his career; the Cities of Wilton Manors, Oakland Park, Boynton Beach and New Port Richey.

FCCMA Website Update



FCCMA is in the process of redesigning our website. We'll be upgrading to a software that is more mobile-friendly while also making it easier on you, the member, to find what you're looking for.

In order to make our website as functional as possible, we need your feedback. Our site is filled with lots of information, but some of it is outdated. Other sections of the website have very little traffic. Do you see ways that we can streamline the website? Please let us know your thoughts.

Please send your comments to Carol Russell (crussell@flicities.com) by January 28th. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA and Strategic Government Resources (SGR) announce new partnership for Florida Manager's in Transition (MIT)



By Doug Thomas, SGR Regional Manager, and former City Manager of Lakeland, Florida

The Florida City/County Management Association (FCCMA) and Strategic Government Resources (SGR) are pleased to announce a new collaborative partnership to assist FCCMA members who are Managers in Transition (MIT) following Board approval on November 6, 2015. Working with the Association's MIT Committee, SGR proposed a Concept Paper which led to the innovative partnership to expand the Association's offerings to MIT's through the provision of a variety of professional development opportunities and employment services at no cost to the Association or its members. [\(Read more\)](#)

"Waters of the US" Rules have Significant Impacts

By Kurt Spitzer, Executive Director, Florida Stormwater Association



On August 28, 2015, the US Environmental Protection Agency and the Army Corps of Engineers published final rules revising the definitions of Waters of the United States or "WOTUS." If implemented as adopted, the new regulations will result in very significant impacts on Florida's city and county governments, and the federal programs regulating the discharge of stormwater, because many more ditches, stormwater conveyances and flood control devices

will be considered to be "waters of the US" and therefore subject to state and federal permit conditions and numeric nutrient criteria. ([Read more](#))

January 2016 Innovation Edge



By Sallie Ann Burnett, East Regional Director, Alliance for Innovation

What do an onion, fire pumpers and public records have in common for the city of Phoenix? These are just a few of the topics that have been deeply discussed and examined for the past year as part of Phoenix's "CORE" - Comprehensive Organizational Review Evaluation. ([Read more](#))

RFP for Citywide Strategic Management Plan



Please go to the link to see a RFP for a Citywide Strategic Management Plan for the City of Winter Haven.

http://www.egovlink.com/winterhaven/postings_info.asp?posting_id=3193&dlistid=717&listtype=BID&sc_category_id=&sc_status_id=138&sc_show_expired=N

FCCMA 2016 Awards



Each year at the FCCMA Annual Conference, FCCMA recognizes outstanding individuals who have fostered representative democracy, who have made a significant contribution to the development of new talent or an assistant who has made significant contributions toward excellence in leadership while serving as an assistant or department head. These awards are: Award for Career Excellence, the Michael J. Roberto Award for Career Development and Assistant for Excellence in Leadership. ([Read more](#))

FCCMA 2016 Board of Directors Elections



Self-nominations for two At-Large Directors and the Secretary-Treasurer positions on the FCCMA Board of Directors are due Wednesday, February 3rd. To nominate oneself, a letter expressing interest should be sent to the Nominating Committee, c/o the FCCMA office, PO Box 1757, Tallahassee, FL 32302. In addition to the letter of interest (or included within it) should be a short resume paying particular attention to FCCMA participation and work experience. ([Read more](#))

FCCMA 2016 Scholarships



FCCMA offers two academic scholarships: the B. Harold Farmer Scholarship and the Raymond C. Sittig Scholarship.

The scholarship recipients will be recognized at the FCCMA Annual Conference June 1-4, 2016. The recipients will each receive a \$2,500 scholarship and an all-expense paid trip to the Conference. The major non-monetary benefit of the scholarships is the networking opportunity available at the Conference. More than 200 city and county managers and many of their management staff attend. ([Read more](#))

February 2016 Onsite Training Session

FCCMA will hold an onsite training session in Auburndale on February 25th, 2016 from 12:00 pm - 3:00 pm, Eastern Time, at the Auburndale Community Center, 405 Bennett Street.



Recently, FCCMA held a webinar on fire assessment fees that was considered by many as one of the more substantive training sessions provided in FCCMA's webinar series. The speaker for that session, Camille Tharpe, Senior Vice President of Government Services Group, has agreed to cover this topic again in an informal half-day on-site training session in Auburndale. Joining Camille, will be representatives from two Polk County Cities: Brad Johnson, Interim Deputy City Manager in Lakeland and Jonathan Evans, City Manager in Haines City; both have gone through the fire assessment process with different outcomes and can offer their perspectives on the plethora of details regarding the process and lessons learned. ([Read more](#))

March 2016 Webinar - "Millennials: Notable Practitioners Offer a 'Different Perspective'"



FCCMA will hold its next webinar March 3rd, 2016 from 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm on "Millennials: Notable Practitioners Offer a 'Different Perspective'."

Our new millennium has already experienced more technology changes than the world has seen in the 20 centuries preceding it, and the number of different generations in the workplace has never been greater. These two realities have notably influenced today's public communication networks, political perspectives, workplace misunderstandings, and social mores. ([Read more](#))

Harvard University Innovations in American Government Awards Program Information



Applications are now being accepted for the \$100,000 Innovations in American Government Awards. Offered by Harvard Kennedy School's Ash Center for Democratic Governance and Innovation, the Innovations Award is the nation's premier award for the public sector. It recognizes programs that demonstrate creative and effective government at its best. This year, the Ash Center is once again offering the Roy and Lila Ash Innovations Award for Public Engagement in Government, a special Innovations Award that will recognize government-led programs that demonstrate novel and effective approaches to increasing public engagement and participation in the governance of towns, cities, states, and the nation. ([Read more](#))

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