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Local Works Day - Why We Celebrate

by Lynn Tipton



Four years ago, the Florida Local Government Coalition was 'born' out of a great idea to bring all of the local government professional associations together. Carl Harness, then-president, knew that there were many pluses to joining these associations, and their members, into something that could bring focus and energy to the respective common

concerns of the professionals. One of the Coalition's new traditions is celebrating the local public service that is provided 24/7 across this great state - on the first Friday of the new fiscal year. Local Works Day is a terrific opportunity to showcase how public servants give back, and how the quality of life received by over 19 million Floridians (and many visitors) is no accident. From the seemingly invisible services like water, waste water and water re-use, storm water management, road building and road maintenance to the more visible services like courthouses, jails, elections, parks, sidewalks and police, fire and EMS - all of these services and many more can be celebrated on October 3rd. [\(Read more\)](#)

From Fishing Pond to World-Class Rowing Venue



The Story of Nathan Benderson Park

By Tracy Miller, Strategic Management Adviser, Sarasota County

The ladder of success is best climbed by stepping on the rungs of opportunity. The development of Nathan Benderson Park as a world-class rowing venue is a story of opportunity that inspired Sarasota County's vision to tie a large-scale, mixed-use development project with county-owned parklands, leading to the creation of one of the premier rowing venues in the world. [\(Read more\)](#)

2014 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit

Save the Date to attend the 2014 Florida Ethics Conference and Attorney General's Sunshine Summit on September 24-26, 2014 at the Rosen Shingle Creek in Orlando. Hotel accommodations are available now. The room rate is \$119 per



night. Call 1-(866) 996-6338. [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA Webinar: Back to the Basics of Performance Measures



Thursday, October 2, 2014, 2:00 pm - 3:00 pm

ICMA Practice Area 5: Performance Measurement/Management and Quality

Assurance

There are numerous methods that local governments use to measure service level performance; some methods are more formal than others based on their human resources and community expectations. This FCCMA training session will feature experienced managers who work in smaller city and county governments. In addition, the Executive Director of the Florida Benchmarking Consortium, whose members often represent larger local governments, will also be a panelist. This diverse panel will provide a "practical approach" to measuring local government performance and identify both barriers and opportunities for Florida local governments of all sizes.

Panelists:

- Hendry County Administrator Charles Chapman
- Gretna City Manager Antonio Jefferson
- Florida Benchmarking Consortium Executive Director Susan Boyer [\(Read more\)](#)

FCCMA October 2014 Onsite Training Sessions



FCCMA will hold two onsite training sessions in October.

The first training session will be held at the Florida State Hospital Arsenal in Chattahoochee on October 10 from 10:00 am - 1:30 pm. Danette Scudder, Members Services Manager from the Tennessee Valley Public Power Association will speak about "Connecting with Employees from Different Generations."

The second training session will be held at the Flagler County Emergency Services in Bunnell on October 31 from 9:00 am - 1:00 pm. Candy Whirley, International Speaker, Author and former NFL Cheerleader known for leading and cheering audiences to live and work better together will speak about "It Takes 4 to Tango and Bridging the Gap." [\(Read more\)](#)

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