



February 2018

2018 Awards

The deadline to submit nominations for the FCCMA Awards is Monday, March 5. Submit award nominations to Carol Russell at crussell@flcities.com.

President's Message



In these times of political controversy at all levels of government, the great work of so many hard working, dedicated and professional public servants often goes unnoticed. However, you have two opportunities coming up that you can use to refocus some of the public's attention to the good things that are being done. These include the annual **FCCMA awards** to individuals who have made major contributions in several areas and **Public Service Recognition Week**.

Nominations for FCCMA awards in four categories are being accepted until March 5 (next week). These include:

- The **Career Excellence Award** recognizes an outstanding local government administrator who has fostered representative democracy by enhancing the effectiveness of local elected officials and by consistently initiating creative and successful programs.

[Click here](#) to read more.

2018 WINTER INSTITUTE RECAP



Members News and Updates

Congratulations Ana Garcia

Ana Garcia, city manager of North Miami Beach, was recently honored with the John F. Cosgrove Founders Award at the 30th Anniversary of Miami-Dade County Days in Tallahassee. Ana, with 30 years of distinguished public service, continues to break barriers.

In Memoriam of Thomas Moffses

Mr. Thomas Moffses passed away on February 5, in Madison, FL. He was a former city manager in Madison and a past FCCMA member. He served as the District II Director from 2000 - 2004. To read more, [click here](#).

New Members

The following membership applications have been received.

- **Sarah M. Anderson**, District II, City Manager, City of Madison, Full Member;
- **Jeff Bremer**, District IV, Deputy County Administrator, St. Lucie County, Full Member;
- **Kelly Callihan**, District VIII, City Manager, City of Davenport, Full Member;
- **Jazmin Gonzalez**, District V, Administrative Services Director, Town of Cutler Bay, Affiliate Member;
- **Kirk Blouin**, District IV, Town Manager, Town of Palm Beach, Full Member;
- **Mark Lauzier**, District IV, City Manager, City of Delray Beach, Full Member;
- **William E. Sturgeon**, District III, City Manager, City of St. Cloud, Full Member; and
- **Wilson R. Swanson**, District VII, Bachelors of Public Administration, Florida International University, Student Member.

If no current member comes forth with a reason why these applicants should not be approved as members, they will be invoiced for dues.

FCCMA Onsite Training in Fort Pierce

FCCMA held a training in Fort Pierce on Thursday, February 22, on Servant Leadership. Mike Mowery from Strategic Government Resources was the speaker. The participants participated in a professional development session focusing on local government leadership.



FEATURED MEMBER

Robbie Chartier, County Administrator, Okeechobee County

How long have you been a FCCMA member? 20 years.

Are you an ICMA member and if so, how long? Yes, 15 years.

Please describe your areas of formal/advanced education. BA Accounting from USF and Master in Public Administration from FGCU.

What got you interested in public service? I began working in the Public Works Finance Department for Charlotte County as a cost accountant preparing budget for the many street and a drainage MSBUs and then advanced to Budget Office and began to work with administration to gain a better understanding of the big picture of county government. My mentor, Pam Brangaccio recommended I obtain my MPA and consider being an administrator. One day she placed a job ad on my chair with a highlighted job for assistant county administrator for Okeechobee County and just simply said "apply and get done interview experience."

What is your current occupation? County Administrator. To read more, [click here](#).

Member Articles

City of Port Orange Announces Its Official Mobile App for Apple and Android Devices



The City of Port Orange is pleased to announce its official mobile app, "My Port Orange," for smart phones and tablets. The app is available for download from the Apple and Google app stores. It provides the latest news and events from the City in an easy and convenient way.

The mobile app also includes the new Citizen Request Tracker, which will allow for concerns to be reported to the City directly in a straightforward and easy-to-use application. There are two ways to download the app on an Apple or Android device. To read more, [click here](#).

Professional Management Matters

Fernandina Beach 95th Anniversary



On February 6, 2018, FCCMA President Jim Hanson presented a certificate to the Fernandina Beach Commission recognizing the city for its 95th anniversary of operation under the commission-manager form of government. Pictured with FCCMA President Jim Hanson is Mayor John Miller.

North Miami Beach 60th Anniversary



On February 20, 2018, FCCMA member Sharon Ragoonan presented a certificate to the North Miami Beach Commission recognizing the city for its 60th anniversary of operation under the council-manager form of government. Pictured left to right: Susan Grant, city manager, Aventura; Commissioner Barbara Kramer; Ajibola Balogun, city manager, West Park; Commissioner Marlen Martel; Ana Garcia, city manager, North Miami Beach; Mayor George Vallejo; Commissioner Anthony DeFillipo; Sharon Ragoonan, assistant city manager, Lauderdale-By-The-Sea; and Commissioner Phyllis Smith.

FCCMA Website

Pictures on the FCCMA Homepage

FCCMA wants to showcase your city or county. Please send us photos that we can feature on the FCCMA homepage. The resolution needs to be at least 1300 (width) x 500 (length) and the dpi should be between 72 dpi - 300 dpi (dots per inch). Send them to Carol Russell at crussell@flcities.com.

From Our Partners

2017 Local Government Financial Information Handbook

The Florida Legislature's Office of Economic and Demographic Research (EDR) has published the

December 2017 edition of the Local Government Financial Information Handbook. This year marks the third time that the publication will only be available online.

Note The slightly later release date has allowed EDR to incorporate more up-to-date information than usual. To read more, [click here](#).

For Your Information

Looking to Hiring Someone?

The Student Council Sub-Committee has recently attended job fairs at the University of North Florida and Florida Gulf Coast University. This gave FCCMA the chance to share not only opportunities in local government through internships, part-time and/or full-time employment, but also the importance of local government management, FCCMA as an organization, and how to access the FCCMA job board.

The Student Council also collected a number of resumes from students with interest in local government. If you would like a copy of these resumes, please contact Carol Russell at crussell@flcities.com and she will assist getting copies for you to review.

ICMA Student Chapter Summit

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Thursday, May 31st, 2018

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FCCMA Annual Conference

REGISTRATION OPEN IN MARCH 2018

MEET CURRENT, FORMER AND FUTURE GOVERNMENT LEADERS.

AGENDA

9:00 a.m. – 10:30 a.m.
Opening General Session
Dr. Natalie Stavas

11:00 a.m. – 12:15 p.m.
Workshop

12:15 p.m. – 1:45 p.m.
Lunch

2:00 p.m. – 3:15 p.m.
Workshop

3:15 p.m. – 3:45 p.m.
Refreshment Break
in the Exhibit Hall

3:45 p.m. – 5:00 p.m.
Workshop

Events and Training Opportunities

FCCMA Webinar: Fundamentals of Ad Valorem Taxes and Alternative Revenue Sources

2:00 - 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, Thursday, March 1

With over three decades of experience as a Finance Director, Kim Adams has experienced numerous financial cycles, legislative mandates, and other challenges that have impacted Ad Valorem tax revenues. He has routinely worked with his team of employees to analyze and

consider alternative revenue sources used to sustain needed city services. This month's webinar will focus on some of the fundamentals of the Ad Valorem tax (purpose, use, requirements, etc.) and will provide details on how, when, why, and what alternative revenues are considered to offset this important local government revenue source. This is a particularly important webinar for students of government, early career professionals, and all local government personnel who do not have a strong finance background. Mr. Adams will share his insights on these revenues in a manner that will enable all listeners to gain a better understanding of these revenue resources, just in time for the beginning of the 2018-2019 budget preparation cycle. For more information, [click here](#).

FCCMA Onsite Training Sessions

The FCCMA, MDCCMA and ICMA Local Government Hispanic Network will hold a training session focused on management-level Municipal Cybersecurity Challenges on Friday, March 2, from 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m. at the The Ritz Carlton Bal Harbour, 10295 Collins Avenue. To register, [click here](#).

Another session will be held on March 8, in Leesburg focusing on the "Ad Valorem Property Tax: Impact of Potential Legislative Changes and Economic Forecast for Florida Local Governments."

A training session will be held on March 23, in Viera focusing on "Media Training for Local Government Leaders." For more information on any of these trainings, [click here](#).

Building Communities of Inclusion

Join FAU, FIU and NSU for an engaging and intellectual networking session to learn more about initiatives, projects and programs focused on building communities of inclusion. This event will be held March 1, from 5:30 - 8:00 p.m. at the FAU Davie Campus, 3200 College Avenue, Liberal Arts Building in Davie. This is a free event. If you are interested in attending, [click here](#).

Growth Management Workshops

Growth Management Workshops will be held in March in Broward County. On Thursday, March 22, there will be a planning administration best practices series. On Friday, March 23, there will be a growth management planning officials symposium. Gene Boyles, Senior Fellow of the Program for Resource Efficient Communities, University of Florida, will be the presenter. To register, [click here](#).

Leadership FGFOA Class III

The Florida Government Finance Officers Association will hold its Leadership FGFOA Class III on April 8-13, in Orlando. The Leadership FGFOA is a five-day rigorous program covering a variety of leadership topics, including workplace & compliance training, communication skills and media relations, management and supervisory skills, leadership development and more. The registration fee is \$2,700 and covers all costs (training, materials, personality profile, lodging, food, etc.), other than parking and transportation to and from the host hotel at the beginning and end of the program. Contact [Karen Pastula](#) for more information.

Investigations, Accusations, Confrontations: How Cities Should Respond

The FLC University has announced its 2018 Spring Summit Series. These summits will be held May 4 in Panama City, May 11 in North Port, May 18 in Gainesville and May 24 in Plantation. These free summits will be held 9:30 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. and are designed for elected officials, senior staff and communications staff. Lunch will be provided. [Click here](#) to register and for additional information.

Affiliate Training Opportunities

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