Welcome to the second edition of the APWA Southwest Florida Branch newsletter. We have received nothing but positive comments about the first edition, and I would like to express my appreciation to Tracy Quintana and all other contributors that have made this effort a success.

It’s an exciting time for the Branch and our committees have done an excellent job of planning events to promote the “APWA Brand” throughout the community. Upcoming events will include the Adopt-A-Road program in Lee County and the Coastal Clean-Up program in Charlotte County. Stay tuned for additional information once the details are finalized.

The committees have also been busy scheduling upcoming fundraising and social events. Our Annual Scholarship Golf Tournament is scheduled for October 1 and the Branch’s 25th Anniversary Celebration is scheduled for November 16. Details about these and other events are included later in the newsletter. Mark your calendars and join the fun!

Finally, the Branch is again hosting a food drive for the Harry Chapin Food Bank. Remember to bring canned goods to all monthly meetings and to any of our events. The food will be collected, stored, and delivered in time for the Holidays.

And remember...YOU are THE APWA!

As a past Branch chair and Florida Chapter President, Jeff Wilson has been an active member of APWA for fifteen years. As a member of the Chapter’s Executive Committee, Jeff is the Chairman of the Strategic Planning Committee, working with members toward developing goals for the future. In addition to his Chapter involvement, Jeff has worked on advisory committees at the National level, including the Government Affairs Committee. He has recently joined the staff of Weston & Sampson as the SW FL Regional Office Manager, where his experience in management and development & design of public sector projects will be utilized to the fullest capacity.

When talking to Jeff about APWA, you can’t help but notice his knowledge and excitement about the organization. He is a valuable asset to organization and a friend to all.
American Public Works Association Florida Chapter
Southwest Florida Branch

Will Proudly Hold Its Annual APWA Ben C. Pratt Scholarship Golf Tournament Fundraiser

October 1, 2010

Dust Off Your Sticks And Let's Hack A-round!

12:30 - Shotgun Scramble
(registration begins at 11:30)

$75 Per Person
(includes green fees, cart, beverage tickets, goodie bags, and post-golf BBQ)

Contact Nicole Monahan
239.985.1211 or Fax 239.985.1258
nicolemonahan@hmeng.com

Sponsors Needed
(raffle items, goodie bag items, drinks)
Hole Sponsor: $150 (includes (2) 18" x 24" color signs)
Tee/Green Sponsor: $75 (includes (1) 18" x 24" color sign)

Raffles, Tournament Games, Putting & Chipping Contest and the Famous Yellow Ball Requirement
details to be provided at event

Encouraged Deadline to RSVP is Close of Business September 24

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Please make checks payable to: APWA Southwest Florida Branch
Nicole Monahan, Hole Montes, 6200 Whiskey Creek Dr., Fort Myers 33919 (or bring the day of event)
Working to Keep Our Roads Clean, SW FL Branch Adopts a Road

SW Florida Branch APWA will be participating in the Lee County "Adopt A Road" program. The road selected is Daniels Parkway from Cross Creek to Freshman Lane. The Adopt A Road signs will be installed on Daniels Parkway in approximately 4 weeks, at which time clean up efforts will commence. Scheduling information will be provided by Kathy Awiszus as soon as the signs are installed. Safety vests and bags will be provided.

Bring your co-workers, family & friends to join in the effort to keep Lee County beautiful!

Upcoming Meeting Events

Get out your calendars and mark these “can’t miss” dates.

- **October 7, 10 @ 7:30 a.m.**—SW FL Branch Mtg (Burnt Store Café in Punta Gorda).
  - Speakers Brian Barnes & Mark Gering (Topic—CIP in the area)

- **November 5-6, 10 @ 7:30 a.m.**—FL Ch. Exec. Committee Mtg in St. Pete.

- **November 16, 10 @ 5:00 p.m.** to 7:00 p.m.—25th Anniversary Celebration (The Edison at the Ft. Myers Country Club).
  - There’s more... ➔

- **December 2, 10 @ 7:30 a.m.**—SW FL Branch Mtg (Sun Guide Center in Ft. Myers).
  - Speaker

- **January 6, 2011 @ 7:30 a.m.**—SW FL Branch Mtg (French Connection Restaurant in Ft. Myers).
  - Speaker

- **February 3, 10 @ 11:30 a.m.**—SW FL Branch Mtg (FGCU Campus).
  - And still more... ➔

- **February 25-26, 10 @ 7:30 a.m.**—FL Ch. Exec. Committee Mtg in Daytona Beach.

- **March 3, 10 @ 7:30 a.m.**—SW FL Branch Mtg (French Connection Restaurant in Ft. Myers).
  - Speaker

Watch for updates on events ... more to come!
The Southwest Florida Branch of the American Public Works Association is planning a 25th anniversary celebration.

Sponsors and participants are invited to join us in planning this exciting event.

The event will be held at The Edison (Ft. Myers Country Club) located on McGregor Blvd. on November 16, 2010 from 5:00 to 7:00 pm.

Please contact Amy Davies at 936-9400 or e-mail adavies@wilbursmith.com if you are interested in assisting with this event.

Happy Anniversary SW FL Branch!

Lee County High Tech Center located at 3800 Michigan Ave. Fort Myers is offering a complete night program this year. Classes are offered in Business Technology, Early Childhood Education, Personal Enrichment, and Related Trades. The classes are designed to help an individual to gain a better understanding of many career areas. You will not gain a certification in these classes.

High Tech Central can also help industry with their training needs. We can work with a company or industry to design & offer the training that their employees need to be successful in today's work world. Cost for these classes are reasonable for individuals and companies. Please contact High Tech Central at 239-334-4544 or check out our web site for more details: http://voc.leeschools.net/index.asp
Terms of Office from 1987 through 1997 were approximately one year, with transitions occurring typically in December. Beginning with the 1997—98 term, officer elections moved to coincide with the Annual State Meeting, typically held in April or May.

Thank you to these individuals for their time and efforts in moving the SW FL Branch forward over the past 25 years.

The Piper Road Widening Project will provide a four-lane, divided arterial, connecting Henry St. with Jones Loop Road at I-75.

As required by permit conditions, the contractor began filling an areas between the racetrack and Viking Road to a predetermined elevation. Simultaneously, the contractor began constructing the stormwater conveyance system adjacent to the project to ensure that runoff from rain events is not hindered throughout the project.

The project is well into the 547 calendar day Piper Road widening project. Despite recent summer showers that seem to drop copious amounts of rainfall—specifically in the Punta Gorda Piper Road area—this project continues to see significant progress.

The project’s linear nature and location make it difficult for the traveling public to observe the amount and type of work being completed. A critical facet of the project is having the stormwater system in place. The final box culvert has been installed, completing the major stormwater conveyance system. Drainage work associated with the southern end of the project will still need to be completed, but the quantity of water being moved in that area is much less.

This photograph illustrates a portion of the project for which the curb and gutter has been poured and the general profile characteristics can be seen.

As the northern end of the project is prepped for road base, the profile or cross (continued to page 6)
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section of the project really begins to take shape. Grad-
ing has progressed to the point that Florida Power & Light
has begun the relocation of its facilities between Henry
Street and Airport Road. The side picture shows Piper
Road, close to Henry Street, facing southward. The relo-
cated FPL poles can be seen in the distance.

There will be daytime, one-lane closures at Airport Road
(with flaggers present) as the contractor continues to con-
ect drainage and utility work in the middle of the project.
The contractor will do his best to keep the roads open to
traffic and minimize the impact to motorists traveling in
the area. As the project continues to move forward; however, there will be times when existing roadways—
such as Airport Road close to SuperTrak and Piper Road close to peace River Distributing—will have minor
delays as the roadways are realigned to the new design.

For more project information or up-to-the-minute
updates, contact John Elias,
Project Manager with Charlotte
County Public Works at (941)
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John.Elias@charlottefl.com.
The APWA Florida Chapter is asking for your input. The Technical Program for the 2011 Annual Meeting and Tradeshow is being formulated and we want to hear from you! Tell us what your interest and needs are by responding to the questionnaire. It will only take a few minutes and your input is valuable to the formation of the program. This is your chance to sound off and have an impact on the technical sessions we want to target in response to the needs of the membership. This document is also available on the Florida Chapter website at http://florida.apwa.net under RESOURCES/Documents.

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**FLORIDA CHAPTER APWA**

**2011 MEETING & TRADE SHOW**

**TECHNICAL SESSION QUESTIONNAIRE**

Please take the time to answer the questions below so that your Florida Chapter of APWA can better serve you. Please include any comments that will help us serve you better. Please return by September 30, 2010.

**Email to:** jon.yarbrough@talgov.com  
**Fax to:** 850-891-5368

1. Past years technical sessions have been beneficial to me and my job?  
   - Yes  
   - No

   If yes, what technical session would you participate in again?
   - T21 Sustainable Public Works; Innovative Options for Meeting Florida’s New Recycling Goal of 75% by 2020
   - T6 Florida Department of Transportation; Seeking Sustainable Solutions in Challenging Times (Part II) (Two Hour Panel Super Session)
   - M8 APWA Center of Sustainability; A New Vision for Public Works
   - T1 Florida Department of Transportation; Seeking Sustainable Solutions in Challenging Times (Part I) (Two Hour Panel Super Session)
   - TH3 Enhancing Public Works Through the use of Social Media
   - T14 Successful Pavement Management Implementation for Public Agencies
   - T11 On the Road Again; 100% Recycled Asphalt "Going Green"
   - T3 Sustainable Systems Integration Model; an Alternatives Planning Tool for a Sustainable Community
   - TH6 The Future of Transportation in America; A Discussion of the Federal Surface Transportation Bill with a Florida Context (Part II) (Two Hour Panel Super Session)
   - T13 Executing a Complete Multi-Divisional Efficiency Study
   - TH5 Evaluating the Short-Circuiting Potential of Stormwater Ponds
   - M4 Innovation 101; Tips, Tricks and Traps
   - M3 Buried Treasure; A Map to Finding Untapped Financial Resources for Your Community
   - T20 The Changing Role of Reclaimed Water; the Evolution of a Problem to an Asset
   - T15 Using GIS for Managing TMDL Programs

   If not, how can we help make you more valuable to your agency?

2. What area within the following technical session topics would bring you to the 2011 APWA Meeting and Trade show in Daytona? Mark all that apply.
   - Construction Equipment Operations
   - Confined Space Training
   - Concrete Design and Maintenance
   - Emergency Management
   - Fleet Maintenance and Management
   - Water Distribution and Treatment
   - Urban Planning and Design
   - DEP Stormwater Permitting
   - Maintenance of Traffic Certification
   - Customer Service Representative
   - Construction Management
   - Hazardous Material Handling
   - Parks and Grounds
   - Solid Waste Management
   - Roadway Design and Maintenance
   - Stormwater Design and Maintenance
   - Transportation Planning and Design
   - Public Works Institute

3. What technical sessions would you like to see at the 2011 APWA Meeting and Trade show in Daytona?

4. What certification(s) will your employees be required to have over the next two years that APWA may be able to provide at the 2011 APWA Meeting and Trade show in Daytona?

5. Florida APWA would like to become your technical session provider, with motivation and recognition mixed in. What do we need to do to get your support?

6. Would you be willing to pay an additional fee for a technical session that will result in achieving a certification?  
   - Yes
   - No

7. Are you currently a member of the Florida Chapter APWA?  
   - Yes
   - No

   If you are not currently a member, what would encourage you to join?
Call for Presentations

APWA needs you! Answer this call for innovative and cutting-edge topics and speakers today!

Visit http://APWA.net for descriptions of each of these speaking opportunities.

APWA offers education and training for public works professionals via conferences, online web programs, and live workshops. Click on the buttons above for a description of the selection criteria, submission guidelines, and deadlines for each program.

- Tell your public works story – give us “how we did it” case studies and workable strategies for addressing regulatory mandates, aging infrastructure, tight budgets, security issues, new technologies and systems, leadership dilemmas and solutions.
- Get the recognition you deserve! Take advantage of this opportunity to share your expertise and the insights you’ve gained from your real-world experience.
- Encourage your employees to speak at APWA professional development events – challenge them to step forward and share their successes, ideas, and vision for the public works profession of tomorrow.

Submitting to speak at APWA conferences and web programs is easy! Visit APWA Online Call for Presentations Form.

- APWA also offers live workshop training in these areas: Stormwater Management, Public Fleet Management, and Construction Inspection. If you have expertise in any of these areas and would like to put your name into consideration as an instructor, please send an email to education@apwa.net. Please include a bio that highlights your technical expertise and your experience as an instructor/speaker.
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for your first year
(regularly $141 US/$152 CN)

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- Tap into the knowledge and experience of more than 29,000 people in public works/infrastructure
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APWA members handle infrastructure-related issues in:

- Construction Management
- Emergency Management
- Engineering and Technology
- Facilities
- Fleet Services
- Grounds and Urban Forestry
- Leadership and Management
- Solid Waste
- Sustainability
- Transportation (streets/roads, bridges, signage, and transit)
- Utility and Public Right-of-Way
- Water (potable, stormwater, and wastewater)
- Winter Maintenance

For more information visit www.apwa.net/membership or call 800-848-APWA or e-mail membership@apwa.net.
Date(s): September 28, 2010
Schedule: 8:00a – 10:00a Pacific  10:00a – 12:00p Central
9:00a – 11:00a Mountain  11:00a – 1:00p Eastern
Location: Audio/Web Broadcast
Cost:     Members: $175.00 per site
          Non Members:  $300.00 per site
Register by:  Monday, September 27, 2010

Register Online!
This program is a rebroadcast of the original program. It is offered again due to popular demand, in case you were not able to attend. This event will be streamed to you and will require use of your computer’s speakers.

REBROADCAST of Urban Street Trees
Why all the fuss about street trees? Increasing your city’s tree canopy with properly selected, placed and spaced urban street trees provides many benefits to residents and businesses.
Trees are an extremely important component of urban environments providing shading and cooling during warm weather, slowing of winter winds, screening of unsightly views and separation for inconsistent land uses. They function as valuable components of urban ecosystems by absorbing carbon dioxide and other pollutants, while at the same time generating life-giving oxygen. Mature trees improve the aesthetic environment, absorb noise, are traffic calming, reduce stress and crime, and create an inviting place to relax or socialize.

After this program, participants will better be able to:
• Identify benefits of urban street trees in their community
• Develop a plan to increase the community’s tree canopy

Determine how street trees can transform city space into liveable communities

This program has been approved for .2 CEUs or 2 PDHs. The form to request these credits is included in the handouts for this program. Please note there is a $5 fee per individual requesting CEUs. For additional CEU information, please visit http://www.apwa.net/Education/CEU/.

Fax registration form: RECLLorder1011.pdf

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