



Suncoast Branch Newsletter

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Chairman's Message

Instead of Chris Sharek's usual brilliant Chairman's Message, he has asked Zach Tarifa, a high school intern, to provide his thoughts on our Public Works industry during his past six months of internship at Atkins Global.

In the past six months, I have gained more knowledge and experience in the field of Public Works than a young adult could ask for. I have seen first-hand how much passion and dedication these individuals put into each project. The work that is being accomplished is done by professionals who care about the environment and want to make it better and safer for the generations to come. The general public often overlooks the work that is done by Public Works employees. The public does not always realize what is happening around them and that there are people in this world that care about improving our daily lives.

The most memorable project that has personally had a lasting impact on me is the Water-Wastewater Treatment Plant in downtown Sarasota. This is a wonderful, working idea that allows the public to have clean drinking water, and more importantly, the ability to live healthy lives. Without the passionate workers of the Public Works Industry, who knows where society would be in this day and age. It is nice to know that the Public Works Industry is working diligently to improve our daily lives and the world around us.

I am interested in the field of Public Works because I want to look back one day and say, "I improved our world, one step at a time." I have interned with Atkins Global for the past six months and realized how much dedication has been put forth on everyone's projects. It makes you want to be right there with them and be a part of what they do. It gives me the urge to strive for better things in my life while benefiting the life around me.

Zachary L. Tarifa
High School Intern

**Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership!
The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!**

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APWA Suncoast Breakfast Meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 22, 2012

Time: 7:30 am

Location: Dutch Heritage (3713 Bahia Vista St., Sarasota, FL)

Cost: \$8.00 per person

RSVP to Carolyn Steves at Carolyn.Steves@rsandh.com or call (941) 365-8539 by February 17, 2012

This Month's Speaker

**Greg Coker, West Area Relocations Coordinator
Florida Power and Light**

Greg is a BSEE graduate from USF-Tampa (Dec 1983), he has worked for Florida Power and Light from 1984 to present (all 28 years in Distribution Business Unit). The past 17 years spent dealing with City/County/State Agency Road Projects. He is married to an angel (Susan), with 5 children & soon to be 7 grand-children.



January's Speaker's

The Suncoast Branch of APWA would like to thank Valerie Ciudad-Real and Christie Klammer with The Valerin Group, Inc (VGI) for their excellent and informative presentation.

Meeting Photos January 25th, 2012



Suncoast Branch/Westcoast Branch Joint Meeting



Wednesday, March 28th, 2012



Rosedale Country Club - 5100 87th Street East • Bradenton, FL 34211

Member: \$12

Non-Member: \$15

Speaker: Ed Hunzeker, Manatee County Administrator



Ed Hunzeker's tenure at Manatee County has been an unprecedented period of change for local government. During the peak years of Florida's real estate boom, the County Commission and Hunzeker had the foresight to save heightened property tax revenues, rather than spend them on expanded government. Their frugal policy has helped Manatee County Government maintain public safety while avoiding massive service reductions to the public during the current economic slump. Under the Board's direction, Hunzeker has instituted a new era of scaled-down government focused on economic development efficiently delivering services to the community. On Hunzeker's watch Manatee County Planning and Building and Public Works departments have all adopted a more customer-friendly way of doing business, meaning better response time and less expense to the public.

Over the past two years, under the direction of the Board and Hunzeker, Manatee County has renewed its focus on economic development, business retention and job creation. He serves on the Board of Directors of the Greater Manatee Chamber of Commerce and on the Advisory Board and Executive Committee of the Manatee Economic Development Council. Hunzeker serves on the United Way of Manatee County Board of Directors and is a member of the Manatee County CEO Roundtable. Hunzeker is also a member of the Anna Maria Island Chamber of Commerce and the Lakewood Ranch Business Alliance.

Suncoast Public Works Academy

The Suncoast Public Works Academy is now a Florida Approved Provider of continuing education units (PDH) for Professional Engineers. The Florida Board of Professional Engineers approved the Academy's provider status at their December meeting. Six classes offered by the Academy were included in the approval:

- Project Management
- FDEP Stormwater, Erosion and Sedimentation Control for Inspectors
- Pump and Lift Station Control Panel Design
- Common Level Control Technologies
- Modern Motor Control Technologies
- Supervisory Control and Data Acquisition (SCADA)

For more information about these classes and other scheduled classes, call Karen Johnson, (941)924-1365, ext 62473, or go to www.SCTI.edu.



Click, Listen, Learn

Feb 14, 2012 - Small Projects - Big Results: Facilities & Grounds Sustainability Projects - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5350>

Feb 16, 2012 - Recycled Materials in Construction - Divert that Waste Stream! - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5324>

Feb 21, 2012 - Pavement Preservation (Rebroadcast) - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5351>

Feb 23, 2012 - Understanding the Required EVT (Emergency Vehicle Training) for Fleets - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5336>

Mar 6, 2012 - Self Assessment: A Checklist for Improvement (Rebroadcast) - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5352>

Mar 15, 2012 - Using Performance Measurements to Cope with Layoffs - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5325>

Mar 20, 2012 - The New AASHTO Transportation Green Book (Rebroadcast) - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5330>

March 27, 2012 - Liquid Use in Winter Maintenance - <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5353>

To see a list of all upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs go to:

<http://www.apwa.net/Education/CLL/>

Current Job Openings

In and around the Suncoast Branch - Provided by APWA Workzone

Administrator Public Works & Utility Services - City of Tampa

Salary Range: \$97K - \$153K

Job Description:

The City of Tampa is accepting applications for the position of Administrator of Public Works & Utility Services. Please visit www.tampagov.net to review the position description and job requirements and to file an application. Applications must be received by February 27, 2012.

Manager, Compliance & Operations - City of Sarasota

Salary Range: \$58K - \$75K

Job Description:

Plan, direct, manage, supervise and evaluate all Utilities operations and maintenance staff, programs and activities, including Utilities water and wastewater treatment operations, maintenance of treatment plants, reclaimed water facilities programs and activities. Oversee compliance for all treatment plants and ensure all testing requirements are met. Apply online by 2/24/12. <http://www.sarasotagov.com/OnlineServices/Content/Employment/EmployHP.html>

Executive Director - Colin Baenziger & Associates (Clearwater, FL) - \$124,024 - \$193,356

Job Description:

Executive Director, Environment and Infrastructure, Pinellas County, FL, population 916,500. This position is equivalent to an Assistant County Administrator and oversees Utilities, Public Works and Natural Resource Protection among other things. The County is seeking an experienced, inspirational, achievement-oriented, proven leader who is comfortable managing large, complex, multi-million dollar departments while interacting with multiple internal and external actors. More details at www.cb-asso.com under Executive Recruiting / Active Recruitments. E-mail your resume to RecruitSeven@cb-asso.com by February 3, 2012. Questions should be directed to Colin Baenziger at (561) 707-3537.

Capital Projects Manager - Town of Lauderdale by the Sea - \$73,000 - \$73,000

At least 5 yrs civil capital projects exp; a combination of gov't and private sector exp pref'd. Bachelor's Degree req'd. Exp administering construction grants preferred. Salary \$73,000 DOQ + benefits. Open until filled. EOE/M/F/D/V, DFWP. Application and add'l info at www.lbts-fl.gov. Previous applicants need not apply. Florida residents only.

Register Now for the 2012 APWA Trade Show and Conference

April 2-6, 2012

Tampa Marriott Waterside Hotel & Marina
700 South Florida Avenue
Tampa, Florida 33602 USA
Tel: 813-221-4900 Fax: 813-204-6342



The 2012 Florida Chapter Annual Meeting and Trade Show will be held at the Tampa Convention Center on April 2-5, 2011. This is a great opportunity to show the Public Works Professionals in our state what is great about Tampa Bay! We have some of the best and most supportive vendors in the state, one of the greatest concentrations of membership, and a wealth of Public Works Projects to use as case studies for interesting educational opportunities. The 2012 Trade Show will hopefully be the biggest and the best but we need YOUR support to make it happen.

This event can only be a success with the assistance of our outstanding members. Please contact Chris Evers at cevers@ejbreneman.com or Chas Jordan at cjordan@largo.com if you are interested in helping! Either way see you at the Show in April!



January 26, 2012

American Public Works Association
Florida Chapter

Dear Florida Public Works Director:

2012 Steering Committee

Chris Evers
President-Elect/Chairman

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Co-Chairman

Rick Keeney
Treasurer

2012 Committee Chairs:

Robert Nowak – Rodeo

Larry Cox – Golf

Mariana Llanso – Tech Sessions

Brandi Allegood – Registration

Bob Gordon – Sponsor

Amy Blaida – Sponsor

Carolyn Steves – Vendor

Amanda Millirons – Student Expo

Being a Public Works Director in today's challenging times is a difficult feat. Unprecedented budget constraints plus a contentious political environment and a historically underfunded infrastructure is not exactly a recipe for success. The position doesn't come with an instruction book either. Wouldn't it be nice to have a network of your peers to ask questions, share success, get advice and spread knowledge regarding all facets of your role as Public Works Director? Now you can!

I'd like to introduce to you the APWA Public Works Director Roundtable. This new program is open to all Directors of any City or County in Florida no matter the size. You don't even have to be a member of APWA to join, however many of you are.

The **American Public Works Association (APWA)** is an international association of Public Works professionals whose members are dedicated to the successful delivery of public services and management of public facilities and infrastructure. The Florida Chapter is the third largest in the country and has over 1,300 members representing cities and counties from the multitude of Public Works disciplines: Emergency Management, Engineering and Technology, Facilities and Grounds, Fleet Services, Leadership and Management, Solid Waste, Transportation, Utility and Public Right-of-Way and Water Resources.

Each year the Florida Chapter holds an Annual Meeting and Trade Show showcasing all things Public Works! This year's Show will take place in **Tampa on April 2nd through April 6th** and attracts nearly a thousand Public Works professionals from the State of Florida and the Southeast. I would like to personally invite you to attend the **Public Works Director Roundtable**. **Every Public Works Director in the State of Florida** has been contacted and invited to attend this inaugural Roundtable. The site is now live, you can register today.

We have secured Ian Hill as the facilitator of the Roundtable and Keynote Speaker for the Conference. Ian is currently the facilitator for APWA's Leadership in Changing Times and served as the Keynote Speaker at APWA's International Congress in Denver last year. Our other guest for the Roundtable is Florida's Secretary of Transportation, Ananth Prasad, P.E.. The Roundtable is on Monday April 2nd at 2:45, immediately following the Keynote Speech. We hope you will join us and thank you for your consideration.

To register go to <https://www.SignUp4.net/Public/ap.aspx?EID=2012353E>. Contact me if you have any questions. Phone: 727-638-1699 E-mail: cevers@ejbreneman.com

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Chris Evers".

Chris Evers
President-Elect Florida Chapter