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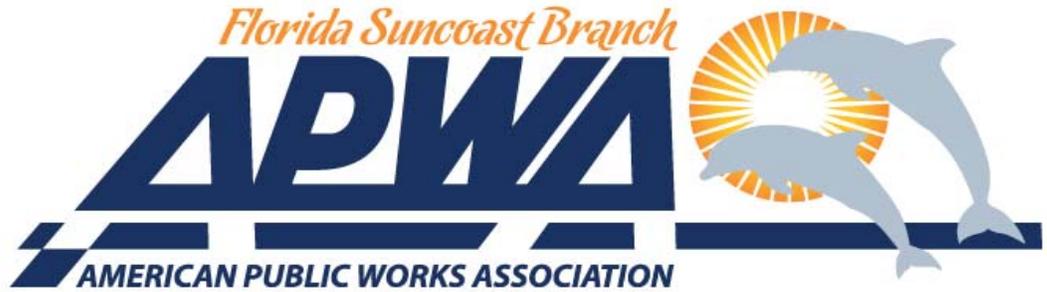
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Suncoast Branch News letter

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Chairman's Message



Take Back the Tap—A Victory for Municipal Water

As of January 1, 2013 the University of Vermont banned bottled water in all vending machines and

campus stores. This relatively simple move will save money for students, increase revenues for the City of Burlington and owe by the way, it might help the environment. It takes 1.5 million barrels of oil per year to meet the demand in the US (Earth Policy Institute). Follow this link for more information about the U V M b o t t l e b a n . <http://www.uvm.edu/sustain/uvms-bottled-water-retirement-party>

Municipalities all across our country make great water available to the public for a low price. The bottled water phenomena (an \$11 Billion industry) has

taken over to the extent that, many people do not drink tap water anymore. When sold by the bottle, water companies charge \$7 to \$9 per gallon compared to \$0.89 for tap water.

Fortunately more universi-
ties and organi-

zations are making efforts to use our good, clean, safe tap water instead of bottled water. I found this tap water dispenser retrofitted at another university this past fall.

Here is another example of a “take back the tap” program.

<http://www.sustainablecampus.cornell.edu/initiatives/take-back-the-tap>

As public works members, it's up to us to take the lead in our homes, neighborhoods and communities. We can make a difference.

Have a great day.

— **Chris**



**Christopher S. Pecor, PE
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Please remember to renew your APWA National Membership!
The Suncoast Branch benefits from your renewal!

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Thank You

Thanks to Mr. Jerry Comellas, Jr., PE for his informative presentation on the ASCE Guideline for the Collection and Depiction of Existing Subsurface Utility Data.

Previous Suncoast Branch Meeting Photos



APWA Suncoast Branch Breakfast Meeting

When:

Wednesday January 23, 2013 at 7:30 AM

Where:

Dutch Heritage
(3713 Bahia Vista St, Sarasota, FL)

Cost:

Members: \$10

Non-Members: \$13

RSVP to Pinky Pakalapati at pakalapatip@cdmsmith.com or (941) 391-7290



Tom Wilcox., PE
APWA District Representative

About the Speaker

Tom Wilcox was born in Springfield, Missouri, graduated in 1969 from the Missouri School of Mines and Metallurgy in Rolla, Missouri with a BS in Civil Engineering and a 2nd Lieutenant's commission in the US Army Corps of Engineers. Now 43 plus years later he is recently retired from HDR Engineering. After serving nearly 8 years in the regular Army with Airborne and Ranger assignments in both Engineer Combat and Construction Battalions he joined the Army Reserves for another 20 years and retired in 1997 as a Lieutenant Colonel. In 1994 his Engineer Unit was sent to Haiti for nearly six months as part of Operation Uphold Democracy (19 September 1994 – 31 March 1995) which was an intervention designed to remove the military regime installed by the 1991 Haitian coup d'état that overthrew the elected President Jean-Bertrand Aristide.

In civilian life Tom was the City Engineer of Fulton, MO for 8 years, worked for a consulting engineer firm in Columbia, MO for 3 years, then moved to Florida and was the Deputy Public Works Director for the City of Punta Gorda, FL for almost two years, the Public Works Director for Charlotte County, FL for five years, and a General Manager with Sarasota County Public Works for eight years. After all of this municipal engineering Tom worked for Baskerville-Donovan Inc. for three years and HDR Engineering for nearly six more, retiring in June 2012.

Tom and Jo have been married 43 years and have three grown sons and three grandchildren. Hobbies include flying, scuba diving, and golf. He has been active in APWA since 1978 and was the Missouri Chapter President when Mike Pender was the International President.

Abstract: Tom will show pictures and talk about his recent vacation – a 14 day cruise from Los Angeles to Fort Lauderdale through the Panama Canal, with an update of the status of the Panama Canal Expansion.

Current Job Openings

In and around the Suncoast Branch - Provided by APWA Workzone

Engineering Division Manager -City of North Port, FL

Targeted Starting Salary: \$69,910.05

DUTIES: Manages the operations of the Engineering Division, including development short- and long-range goals, objectives and operating budgets, and coordinating with other departments and agencies; directs project managers on complex projects, including defining scope, selecting consultants, negotiating contracts, amendments and change orders, preparing and monitoring project schedules; oversees the preparation of preliminary and final designs and construction plans, cost estimates, bid specifications and engineering reports for projects; plans, directs and conducts major special studies and projects as assigned and supervises the preparation and presentation of reports, findings and recommendations; reviews and evaluates development plans submitted by developers, landowners and engineers for adequacy of application and conformance to City Standards; manages and administers the annual Capital Improvement Plan and budget; ensures all infrastructure and site development plans, including all record drawings, construction plans and prints are proper; oversees preparation of engineering documents, agreements, maps, legal descriptions, resolutions and ordinances; and responsible for grant management pertaining to Public Works engineering projects.

Deadline to Apply: 2/11/2013

For more information check the following location: <http://www.cityofnorthport.com/index.aspx?recordid=222&page=27>

Project Manager - Utilities— Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc., Sarasota, FL 34234

Jones Edmunds & Associates, Inc. is recruiting for a Project Manager for our Sarasota Office. Be a part of this growing team as they develop innovative engineering solutions and serve communities in Southwest Florida. We need someone with strong marketing skills who can initiate, cultivate, and manage client relationships. The candidate must reside in Sarasota or surrounding counties or be willing to relocate to this area. This position requires a Bachelor of Science Degree in Engineering; 8+ years of progressive engineering consulting experience including 3+ years of successful utilities project management experience in water, wastewater, or re-use water; experience with public-sector projects, and a Professional Engineering License.

Please visit our website at www.jonesedmunds.com to learn more about Jones Edmunds and to apply for this position.

ENGINEER III - STORMWATER MGMT— CITY OF GAINESVILLE - PUBLIC WORKS FL

Salary Range: \$63,958.00 - \$95,936.00

Gainesville Public Works, an APWA Accredited Agency, seeks an Engineer III/Utility Designer III to perform independent professional and technical engineering work specifically in the area of stormwater management.

This position may be under-filled based on qualifications

For further information or to submit an online application, please visit our website at <http://www.cityofgainesville.org/tabid/156/Default.aspx>

Online applications will be accepted until 11:59 PM on Thursday, January 31, 2013.

NOTE: For consideration, you are required to submit an online application through our website.

: www.sarasotagov.com/OnlineServices/Content/Employment/EmployHP.html

Traffic Management Center Manager —Public Works, Manatee County, Bradenton, FL 34208

Salary Range: \$62k - \$69k

Job Description: Performs supervisory functions involving day-to-day planning, organizing, coordinating of operations activities associated with the Traffic Management Center (TMC), Advanced Traffic Management Systems (ATMS) projects as well as day-to-day management of the regional Sarasota-Manatee Traffic Management Center (TMC). Responsible for TMC public relations activities, TMC Marketing efforts, Bachelor's degree in Civil Engineering or related field. Minimum of four (4) years experience in traffic-related engineering, planning, design or operations. AA/EEO/M/F/VET PREF/DFWP ***
APPLY ON-LINE ONLY AT: www.mymanatee.org



sustainability 2013
Registration open January 2013

APWA
SUSTAINABILITY
in public works conference

May 13-15, 2013, San Diego, California

As a public works professional, YOU are vital to the overall well-being of your community. Your day-to-day choices influence energy use, air and watershed quality, ecosystem and human health, climate impacts, civic life, and local prosperity. Count yourself among the influential public works and sustainable infrastructure leaders who will join together to share solutions and strategize for the future. This is your chance to gather together and participate in a deep dialogue about public works' role in creating sustainable communities.



Upcoming Click, Listen & Learn Programs:

PUBLIC WORKS AND MUTUAL AID: February 7, 2013

Details: <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5406>

Using Performance Measures to Boost Productivity: March 14, 2013

Details: <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5422>

Modifying Operations and Facilities to Accommodate AFVs in Public Works Fleets: May 16, 2013

Details: <http://www2.apwa.net/events/eventdetail.asp?ID=5424>

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