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## **The President's Corner...**

*By Helen LaValley*

As the year winds down and we prepare for the holidays . . .we look back on the last few months.

The chapter has been very active this year providing our members with educational programs and networking opportunities. Since April the chapter has hosted 5 luncheon programs and a member appreciation event.

In the next few months the chapter will host a November luncheon program, perform a community service project and host our Annual Awards Gala.

Also, the Chapter Board of Directors is recommending revisions to the bylaws. The changes include eligibility, term limits, and officer duties. The revised bylaws will be distributed to members for review and presented for a vote at the Annual Awards Gala.

The Annual Awards Gala is scheduled for Friday December 9th at the Venetian Bay Country Club. See details in the newsletter. The awards nomination deadline is October 30th - there is still time to nominate that outstanding project, plan, etc.

As always, thank you for your participation in your local FPZA Chapter.

*Helen LaValley*

Chapter President

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## Chapter News

Chapter Bylaws Revision - members should receive the revisions in November for review and comment. The revisions will be presented for a vote by the membership on December 9, 2016.

## Upcoming Events

### November

#### ***Playing Games***

Luncheon Program

Daytona Beach Kennel Club

#### **Community Service Project**

Park Cleanup - KT Chung Park

City of Oak Hill

### December

**Annual Meeting and Awards Gala** - Venetian Bay Clubhouse



## 64th FPZA State Conference 2016 Jacksonville, Florida

### "The Impacts of Animating Public Spaces"

Another state conference is in the books after a fine event hosted by the First Coast Chapter. As the above title hints, the conference theme presented a number of examples of how the fostering of unique public and/or private initiatives can spur redevelopment, repurposing and rejuvenation of old or under utilized public spaces.

The Conference was full of very interesting sessions, mobile tours, and networking receptions. An awards luncheon takes place on the final day of the conference. This year the Chapter is pleased to feature two of our local 2016 award winners. Mill Lake Park Design and Construction in Orange City and the 'Proud to Grow with It' Campaign for the City of Deltona.



**Infrastructure Award:**  
**Mill Lake Park Design and Construction - City of Orange City**

**Pictured:** Orange City Mayor Tom Laputka, John Thomson, FZPA President, Carol McFarlane, City Planner, Ginger Corliss, Tindale Oliver, and Dale Arrington, City Manager.

**Sustainability Award:**  
**'Proud to Grow with it' Campaign—  
City of Deltona**

**Pictured:** John Thomson, FZPA President and Jerry Mayes, City of Deltona Economic Development



## **SEA LEVEL RISING — WHAT WILL BE FLORIDA'S FUTURE**

**by Scott Ashley, AICP**

No matter what side of the sea level rising discussion you prescribe to - historical warming cycle or man influenced global warming or climate change - the future of Florida's coastline as we know today will be changing. The Florida has number of low-lying cities and communities susceptible to ongoing and future climatic and atmospheric events that will bring increased erosion to vulnerable mainland coastlines, peninsulas and barrier isles, and Sea, Lake, and Overland Surges from Hurricanes (SLOSH) effect on tidal influenced intracoastal waterways and rivers. Each new hurricane and tropical storm that hits Florida puts more real estate and people at risk due to high winds and storm surges that continues to erode precious dune systems that give a meager line of defense to the large population of Florida that reside in proximity to the coast.

Recent Hurricane Hermine made landfall on the Florida Panhandle, again washing out roads, flooding homes close to Gulf of Mexico, and knocking out of power from the coastal communities up to Tallahassee. Though this storm event landed in the North Florida, its effect were felt along most of the state's Gulf Coast. The impact of climatic warming on the planet has brought about sea level rise from melting polar caps and altering weather patterns that some scientist believe could increase storms that will over time will have disastrous effects on Florida. Coastal management planning goals, objective, and policies are in comprehensive plans of each Florida coastal city and county, but what concrete plans do communities have in the works to minimize the effects of a major storm event.

While attending Florida State University in 1985, Hurricane Kate barreled across the panhandle area causing significant damage and power outage in Tallahassee, and 31 years later Hurricane Hermine extended inland bringing similar damage and outages to that region of Florida. One example is the coastal damage caused to Alligator Drive, which is the primary two-lane road connecting the Alligator Point peninsula to the rest of Franklin County. A coastal section of the road was substantially damaged again, even though it was protected from the Gulf by a rock revetment similar to south SR A1A in Flagler County. This road will once again require rebuilding at great public cost. Resilience planning is one the latest concept on addressing how to protect a community from harmful external events, such as environmental changes.

Florida governments should be thinking about the climate resilience options available to combat the future impact of sea level rising caused by natural and man-made events. Is more stringent coastal regulations needed, reducing or eliminating Federal insurance subsidies that enable coastal construction in high-risk area, or could it be the relocation of a substantial portion of the state's population farther inland? All of these options are frothed with multiple issues from personal property rights to cost, i.e. "who pays for it". Many of these issues were highlighted by Thomas Ruppert, Coastal Planning Specialist, Florida Sea Grant, at the Surfcoast FZPA sponsored *Sea Level Rise* luncheon event in May 2015.

As we all know, sea level rising is not strictly a Florida issue of critical concern. The August/September 2016 edition of APA Planning magazine contains an article about how climate change is affecting area in the most northern state of Alaska. The effect of sea level rising is more than a future problem for many native villages along the Alaska's coastline that have experienced long-term coastline erosion. Warmer temperatures are melting polar caps contributing to higher sea levels, but they are also causing glacial and permafrost melting leading to unstable land conditions for development. For many Alaskan villages, relocation is the only method of resiliency left for them. The Federal government is providing funding for planning and coordination efforts to relocate whole villages inland from coastal areas. The present of a large population of native peoples is unique to the Alaskan experience, and simple integration with other villages or communities is not always viable from a cultural perspective. Completely new villages must be created along with the infrastructure facilities necessary for a modern civilization, such as roads, schools, and utilities.

# Spring and Summer Luncheon Programs sponsored by Surfcoast Chapter

## Sign “Content Neutrality” Luncheon Event - April

The Chapter hosted a luncheon program about Sign “Content Neutrality” on April 22, 2016, at Mi Tierra Restaurant in Orange City. The event was attended by 25 professionals interested in the latest legal issues and ramifications involving governmental sign regulations. The event’s presenter, Catherine Reischmann, from the law firm of Garganese, Weiss & D’Agresta, P.A., provided an overview of recent judicial rulings



## St. Johns River ECO Tour - May

The Chapter embarked on its annual ECO Tour Friday, May 20, 2016. The attendees were provided with an interpretive 2 hour long cruise along the St. Johns River. Our tour boat captain gave a brief history lesson of the development along the river from the early days of the steamship era. As usual many different birds and animals were spotted along the way, including alligators, turtles, and several species of birds.



## Transit Development Design Guidelines - July

Votran hosted the July Chapter Luncheon at their complex in South Daytona. Ms. Heather Blanck, was the moderator for the program. The featured speakers LeChant Barlett, with Tindale Oliver and Vince Wang from Volusia County's R2CTPO discussed the updated Transit Development Design guidelines and presented examples of methods to incorporate into the planning process.



## Firewise & Waterwise Site Planning - August

The August Luncheon Program was held at the Lyonia Environmental Center on August 19th.



The featured speakers, Sharon Fox Gamble and Joe Seward from the University of Florida Extension/IFAS presented development pressures resulting from more land being converted to homes. The speakers also emphasized the importance of waterwise and firewise landscape principles being incorporated into the site design during the site plan process.

The Chapter also hosted a Member Appreciation Night on September 16, 2016 at Three Toed Pete's in Ormond Beach.

On October 21st the Chapter hosted a Sustainability Program at Stetson University.

See the upcoming newsletter edition for updates.

# Playing Games



The 2015 Seminole compact gives exclusive right to the tribe to offer banked card games (Blackjack). The State has authorized all other cardrooms the ability to offer designated-player games. In July 2016, an administrative law judge agreed that a proposed DBPR rule change regarding designated-player games was not allowed. However, in August 2016 another administrative hearing ruling determined that a Jacksonville cardroom designated-player game was a violation of the gambling laws of Florida. What gives? Hear the cardroom side of the story and participate in a demonstration of the differences between banked and designated-player card games.

**November 4, 2016**

12pm- Registration  
12:15pm- Lunch  
12:30pm- Speaker Discussion  
2pm- Questions/demo

**Daytona Beach Kennel Club**  
960 S. Williamson Blvd.  
Daytona Beach, FL 32114  
(386)252-6484

**Speaker:**

**Fred Guzman , President and  
General Manager, Daytona Beach  
Kennel Club & Poker Room**

**\$20- FPZA Members**

**\$30- Non-Members**

***Includes lunch and 1.5 Law Credits***

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# 8TH ANNUAL FPZA SURFCOAST CHAPTER AWARDS GALA

**DATE:** Friday, December 9, 2016

**TIME:** Dinner starts at 6PM  
Awards Ceremony starts at 7PM

**PLACE:** Venetian Bay Golf Club  
63 N. Airport Road  
New Smyrna Beach, FL

**COST:** \$30 per person, which includes  
buffet dinner and open bar from  
6PM-7PM (cash bar thereafter)



Register on-line at  
[www.fpzasurfcoast.org](http://www.fpzasurfcoast.org)  
before December 2, 2016

*Come Celebrate our Volusia and Flagler Planning Achievements of the Year!*

**Upcoming Chapter Events:**

**November 4, 2016** - Chapter Luncheon Program –*Playing Games*  
Daytona Beach Kennel Club

**November 5, 2016** - Chapter Community Service Project  
Park Clean Up - KT Chung Park in the City of Oak Hill (E. Halifax Avenue)  
Begins at 9 am - lunch will be provided.  
For more information or to volunteer please contact Helen LaValley at  
hlavalley@planningsolutionscorp.com

**December 9, 2016** - Annual Awards Gala/Meeting  
Venetian Bay Clubhouse 6-9pm, New Smyrna Beach  
Award Nominations being accepted until October 31, 2016

Visit our website at [www.fpzasurfcoast.org](http://www.fpzasurfcoast.org) more details or to register online for an event.

# SAVE THE DATE

## 2017 FPZA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

June 7th, 8th and 9th 2017



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Scott Ashley – Newsletter Editor  
Tom Brooks – Professional Development Officer

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Tom Harowski  
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Belinda Collins

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Scott McGrath

Your officers are also well represented at the State FPZA Board level. Helen LaValley serves as the 2016 President Elect. John Thomson is now the state FPZA Immediate President. John Stockham and Tom Brooks serve as Directors on the State FPZA Board of Di-



### Treasurer's Report

Becky Mendez, AICP – Chapter Treasurer

The Chapter's closing balance, as of October 1, 2016 is \$9,225.91. Year-to-date revenue totals \$3,875.80 and year-to-date expenses total \$5,155.65 for a net loss of \$1,279.85.



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