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JUNETEENTH

FBC-LEO extends wishes this month for a memorable Juneteenth
and a Happy Father's Day.



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President's Message



Greetings,

I trust that your Memorial Day Holiday with family and friends was a special one. My hope is that this summer will hold even more opportunities for engaging with your families and municipal residents.

I would like to encourage you to strengthen your engagement with the Florida League of Cities by joining one of the five policy committees. The FLC Legislative Policy Committees set the legislative agenda for the League and Florida's 411 municipalities.

The League has begun the sign-up process for 2022-2023 committees. The Committees are:

- Finance, Taxation and Personnel
- Land Use and Economic Development
- Municipal Administration
- Transportation and Intergovernmental Relations
- Utilities, Natural Resources and Public Works.

If you would like to serve on a policy committee, **be sure to sign up by August 15**. If you served on a policy committee this past year, you still need to sign up again. Contact medenfield@flcities.com for questions, call her at 850.701.3624 or [click here](#) to learn more.

The 2022 FBC-LEO Annual Business Meeting registration will open soon. It will be held in conjunction with the FLC Annual Conference, August 11-13, 2022, held at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood, Fla. If you haven't registered for the FLC Annual Conference, [click here](#) to register.

Remember Juneteenth! Last year, President Joe Biden signed a bill into law establishing Juneteenth (short for "June Nineteenth") as a U.S. federal holiday commemorating the emancipation of enslaved African Americans. Juneteenth is also an opportunity for all citizens to recognize and celebrate African American culture. Originating in Galveston, Texas, it has been celebrated annually on June 19 in various parts of the United States since 1865. [Click Here](#) to read more.

Teresa Watkins Brown

President Teresa Watkins Brown
Councilwoman, City of Fort Myers

Nominating Committee



Now accepting volunteers to serve on the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee.

Annually, the FBC-LEO President appoints a Nominating Committee. The Nominating Committee shall recommend officers for the 2022-2023 Slate of Officers to be voted on at the Annual Business/Breakfast Meeting in conjunction with the Florida League of Cities Annual Conference.

If you are interested in serving in this vital role, please email fbcleo@flicities.com or use the "Volunteer Here" button below to submit your name.

You should not volunteer for the 2022-2023 Nominating Committee if you plan to self-nominate for a 2022-2023 Board position.

The board of directors positions open in 2022-2023 are 2nd Vice President, Treasurer, Assistant-Treasurer, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Parliamentarian, Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (North), Regional Coordinator/Membership Director (South), Historian, Chaplain and Sergeant-At-Arms.

Volunteer Here

FBC-LEO QR Code

**Scan the QR Code to register for FBC-LEO events
and follow us on social media.**

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Member News



Welcome to our new FBC-LEO Members

Warmest welcome! We are delighted to have you as members of the FBC-LEO organization and look forward to getting to know you.

- **Michael A. Cadore, Sr., M.A.**, Councilman, Rockledge
- **Arnold Gaines**, Commissioner, Fort Pierce

Oakland commissioner recognized with hero award

Orange Observer

Oakland Commissioner Joseph McMullen received a Certificate of Special Congressional Recognition issued by Rep. Val Demings for his recent 2022 Home Rule Hero Award. The award was given for his dedication and advocacy efforts during the 2022 Legislative Session. McMullen worked to promote local voices making local choices, protect the Home Rule powers of Florida's municipalities and advance the league's legislative agenda.

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Indiantown honors middle-school writers

Hometown News

The Indiantown Village Council honored middle school students here April 28 with certificates and a proclamation for participating in this year's Florida League of Mayors' If I Were Elected Mayor essay contest, along with naming the top essay writer its 2022 Mayor for the Day. Mayor Jackie Gary Clarke lauded the winner of the Indiantown Middle School's essay contest – seventh-grader Xavier Miguel – as well as acknowledging the cooperation of Creative Writing Teacher Barry "Scott" Boring, Martin County School Superintendent John Millay and Principal Jeff Raimann in providing the necessary time in the classroom schedule so the students could compete in the statewide competition for the very first time.

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St. Pete to unveil new swing for kids of all abilities Monday

Florida Politics

The City of St. Petersburg plans to unveil a new swing set that is accessible for children of all abilities on Monday at Lake Vista Park. The swing set is one of the first of its kind to be installed in the state of Florida. The city's Parks and Recreation Department installed the state-of-the-art swing at the start of April, according to a news release from the city. Called the "We-Go-Swing," the playground equipment at Lake Vista Park in South St. Pete is only preceded by one other set in the state, installed only a few days prior. The swing features both standard and wheelchair access and is integrated into the overall play experience on the playground. The ribbon cutting for the inclusive swing set is on Monday at 11:30 a.m. In attendance will be St. Pete Mayor Ken Welch, City Council member Deborah Figgs-Sanders and Parks and Rec staff. Families are also invited to attend.

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Celebrating Emancipation

Coral Springs

The City of Coral Springs will host an in-person celebration in honor of Juneteenth, Freedom Day; a day that symbolizes the abolition of slavery in the United States of America. The celebration will include messages of hope from community leaders, musical and step performances and a historic perspective about the significance of Juneteenth.



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Is your municipality celebrating Juneteenth? Email details and photos to fbcleo@flcities.com to be shared in the July 1st FBC-LEO newsletter.

From Our Partners



2022-23 Legislative Policy Committee Sign-Up Now Underway

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U.S. Department of Transportation

The U.S. Department of Transportation announced the **reestablishment** of the **Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity** (ACTE), the first federal advisory committee established under Secretary Pete Buttigieg. The ACTE is a direct legacy of Secretary Anthony Foxx who first established it in 2016. The goal of this committee is to provide independent advice and recommendations to the Secretary about comprehensive, interdisciplinary issues related to civil rights and transportation equity in the planning, design, research, policy and advocacy contexts.

They are soliciting **applications** for membership.

The Advisory Committee on Transportation Equity (ACTE) will consist of up to 25 members with cross-cutting experience at the intersections of civil rights, housing, health care, disability access and environmental justice. It is expected that the Committee will meet quarterly.

To apply, interested parties will need to submit a statement of interest and a statement of qualifications (such as a resume) to equity@dot.gov. Applications are due by close of business on June 15.

Please contact Portia Allen-Kyle, Senior Advisor in the Departmental Office of Civil Rights at portia.allenkyle@dot.gov with questions.

In Case You Missed It



Solutions to the Affordable Housing Crisis in Florida Webinar

On Tuesday, May 17, host Jeff Branch and panelists from the Florida Housing Coalition and Habitat for Humanity Affiliates of Pinellas, West Pasco, Lee and Hendry County explored the current state of Affordable Housing in Florida and what can be done to address this crisis in your communities.

[View Handout](#)

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FLCities Strong Webinar
Monday, June 13, 2022
10:00 a.m. ET



The **June 13** edition of **#FLCitiesStrong** will focus on personnel. The hosts and panelists will examine **challenges** and discuss **strategies** for recruiting and retaining employees for careers in municipal service.

They'll also examine resources and programs related to disaster recovery with help from **Florida's Division of Emergency Management**.

Our FLCitiesStrong guests will include:

- **Apopka Mayor Bryan Nelson**
- **North Port City Manager Jerome Fletcher**
- **Altamonte Springs Director of HR Lee Ricci**
- **Florida Division of Emergency Management Representatives Melissa Shirah, Melissa Foggy, and Ben Fairbrother**

Join **Dr. Scott Paine, Christen Barton** and their special guests **Monday, June 13** at **10:00 AM ET** for this insightful and timely discussion!

Register today!

State-Mandated Continuing Education in Ethics Webinar
July 13, 2022
10:00 a.m. - 3:30 p.m. ET



The class contains a morning and afternoon session to cover all 4 hours with a lunch break in-between. Meet the state requirement and maybe, just maybe, enjoy doing it!

Session 1: 10:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. - Florida Ethics Law (Chapter 112)

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Session 2: 1:30 p.m. - 3:30 p.m. - Florida Public Records and Public Meetings Law

Participating in the FULL four hours of this webinar meets the state requirement for annual ethics training.

Please note: Attendees for this class are required to both log in and have audio access to be awarded credit. Instructors use both slides and verbal information/illustrations throughout the course. No audio-only attendance will count toward completion of the course.

Register here.

**National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials
(NBC-LEO)
July 21-23, 2022
Nashville, Tennessee**



After two years of virtual gatherings, the **National League of Cities National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO)** will host their **Summer Conference, on July 21-23 in Nashville, TN.**

Join colleagues from across the country for impactful conversations, leadership development opportunities, mobile tours and a chance to connect with local leaders like yourself.

During the conference, you can expect to: engage in discussions on Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCUs), housing, gun violence, and more; meet peers passionate about communities of color, and explore issues unique to your role as an African American local elected official.

Register here.

**FLC 2022 Annual Conference
August 11-13, 2022
Diplomat Beach Resort
Hollywood, FL**



Registration for the **Florida League of Cities (FLC) 2022 Annual Conference** is open. This year's conference will be held August 11-13 at the Diplomat Beach Resort in Hollywood.

FLC is celebrating its 100th anniversary with the return of the Saturday night formal gala and a History Hub showcasing the League's history through mementos, scrapbooks and a video with voices from the past. The 2022 conference will also include breakout sessions, committee meetings, keynote presentations, awards and a special registration offer for first-time attendees! Don't miss this opportunity to learn, network and share.

Learn More | Register Online

Save the Date

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Be sure all of the upcoming FBC-LEO events are on your calendar.

Annual Breakfast/Business Meeting

August 12, 2022
7:00 a.m. - 8:00 a.m. ET
Diplomat Beach Resort - Hollywood
(In conjunction with FLC Annual
Conference)
Registration opens soon.

General Membership Meeting

Tuesday, October 11, 2022
6:00 p.m. ET via Zoom

Annual Membership Reception

Wednesday, November 30, 2022
6:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. ET
Embassy Suites Orlando
(In conjunction with FLC Legislative
Conference)

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