

THE FLOW

Upcoming Events



August 29th

Fishing Tournament

St. Augustine

See forms on page 10 -12

Sept. 22nd

Annual Golf Tournament

St. Johns Golf & Country Club
205 St. Johns Golf Dr. (Off 210 W)
All Vendor Showcase spots &
Teams have been filled.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Friends,

I hope that you all are healthy and doing Well. Thank you to all our monthly sponsors, we couldn't be as successful as we are without you!

We will be hosting our annual NUCANF Fishing tournament on August 29th, so please go ahead and get your registrations filled out and turned in. We will be hosting our Annual Golf Tournament on September 22nd and our annual NUCAF Clay shoot will be on November 3rd. I hope that everyone has had an opportunity to have read COVID-19 Relief for NUCA of Florida. Between now and September 1st, NUCA of North Florida will be matching all of your donations up to a total of \$2,000.00, so please help us help our State Chapter, by donating.

As always, please continue to support our members and associates. If there is anything, I can do to help you out, please do not hesitate to give me a call. I look forward to working with you all.

Sincerely,

Chad

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

August 11th

Executive Committee Meeting

August 29th

**NUCA Fishing Tournament
St. Augustine**

Sept. 8th

Executive Committee Meeting

Sept. 17th

**Board of Directors
Networking event at Intuition
Ale Works**

Sept. 22nd

Golf Tournament

Sept. 23rd

**NUCA Virtual Washington
Summit**

November 3rd

**Sporting Clay Challenge
Jacksonville Clay Target
Sports**

The Law and Your Business

The Law and Your Business— 2020 Election Primaries By Tony Zebouni, Lindell, Farson & Zebouni

It is that time of year. Early voting begins on August 3, 2020 in Florida. It is important that NUCA members and their families, employees and friends acquaint themselves with the issues and candidates. NUCA FL does support and endorse candidates (for state offices). NUCA North Florida does not formally endorse candidates but we do recognize candidates that reach out to our organization and membership. Voting for a candidate should be a personal and private matter. As for some of the local Duval County races, the following candidates are considered “friends” and should receive your serious consideration:

Clay Yarborough- Florida House District 12 (Duval County)

Paul Renner- Florida House District 24 (St. Johns, Volusia County)

John Rutherford- Congressman 4th District of Florida

Jody Phillips- Clerk of Court- Duval county

There are many other races for your consideration. I encourage you to research each candidate and if you have any questions please feel free to contact me. Your vote is important. Your vote counts.



NUCA of Florida President Mike Kivlin presents Rep. Clay Yarborough with a campaign contribution check



Joy Phillips, Candidate for Duval County Clerk of Court addresses our group at our Scholarship night.

SCHOLARSHIP NIGHT HIGHLIGHTS

We had about 30 people attend our Scholarship Meeting on Wednesday, July 15th at River City Brewing Company. This was our first live meeting since March. Attendees were treated to a seated dinner of roasted chicken and key lime for dessert. After dinner, we presented the J. Richard Baker scholarship to Kyle Janes. Ashton Erickson, winner of the Mike Allen scholarship was unable to attend but will be presented with her check in the next few weeks.

Lauren Atwell presented us with an update from NUCA national. He spoke briefly about the NUCA+1 campaign where if every member firm recruited one new member, we would double our membership.

We were pleased to have Jody Phillips as our guest speaker. Jody is currently the Chief Operating Officer for the Duval County Clerk of Courts. He is also a candidate for the position of Clerk of Courts. Jody began his career in the highway construction industry, showing his leadership by overseeing offices throughout the state of Florida. For the past nine years, Jody has served in the Duval County Courthouse, where he created long-lasting relationships and gained valuable experience that is crucial to leading the Clerk's Office. Jody shared with us the role and responsibilities of the Office of the Clerk of courts.

Lauren Atwell, NUCA chairman-elect provides an update on NUCA national.



Guest Speaker Jody Phillips (center) with Tony Zebouni, Chair of Legislative Committee (left) and NUCA of Florida President Chad Cockrell.



JANES AWARDED J. RICHARD BAKER SCHOLARSHIP

This year's recipient of the J. Richard Baker Sr. Award is Kyle Janes, son of Lisa Janes, Lindell Farson & Zebouni, P.A. and Todd Janes. Kyle recently graduated from Creekside High School where he had a class standing of 120 of 484 students and a GPA of 4.15. He graduated Magna Cum Laude with a special certification for the Advanced Scholars Program. While at Creekside High School, Kyle was involved in Future Business Leaders of America, Cyber Patriots, Model United Nations and Band. He was also active with his church performing community service for the homeless in St. Augustine, grounds work for the Florida School for the Deaf & Blind and worked with the elderly at Westminster Woods. Kyle has worked at Publix since 2018.

Kyle will be attending the University of Central Florida where he will be majoring in International Studies. Please join me in congratulating Kyle Janes.

The J. Richard Baker Sr. Scholarship is given to a high school student or high school graduate who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee, and will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education, beginning this summer/fall. The enrollment may be in any curriculum for any number of years. This may be a four-year college or a community college anywhere in the United States. The J. Richard Baker Scholarship is a \$2,000 one-time award.





Trump Announces Expedited Permit Review Process

In a July 15 visit to Atlanta, Ga., President Trump announced his administration's final rule to modernize the NEPA environmental permitting process for highway and pipeline infrastructure projects. The rule changes were first proposed in January, setting a two-year deadline for full reviews, while less comprehensive assessments would have to be finished in one year. These changes will help move construction projects faster into development, building the infrastructure and jobs needed to get the nation's economy moving again. Read NUCA CEO Doug Carlson's statement [here](#). For an expanded explanation of the importance of this rule change, head [here](#).

House Committee Passes WRDA

The House Committee on Transportation & Infrastructure unanimously passed today the bipartisan Water Resources Development Act of 2020 (HR 7575). The bill authorizes the construction of several major U.S. Corps of Engineers projects around the nation and unlocks about \$10 billion in federal funding. The bill is strongly supported by NUCA. Read more [here](#).

Next Round of WIFIA Funding Announced

The EPA announced that it is making up to \$6 billion available to support WIFIA critical water infrastructure projects. For the first time, the program will provide funding expressly to states. Read more [here](#).

House Infrastructure Bill Passes, Funding Levels Supported By NUCA

The House's massive \$1.5 trillion infrastructure bill, "Moving Forward Act" (HR 2), was approved on July 1 on a 233-188 vote. NUCA strongly supported several sections of the bill, which among other provisions authorizes badly needed funding for water, wastewater, and stormwater systems. While the House bill faces an uncertain future in the Senate, HR 2's provisions help set the funding levels that may be sought in a future House-Senate conference committee seeking a final infrastructure bill. President Trump has stated he will not sign HR 2 as it stands. Read NUCA's priority list [here](#).

Trench Safety Stand Down & Trench Safety Month: A Success!

June saw the first-ever Trench Safety Month being promoted by NUCA, and our fifth annual Trench Safety Stand Down (TSSD) held between June 15-19. NUCA is still receiving TSSD participation forms from members and others, so the numbers are still coming in. As of early July, we have heard from 1,506 companies whose 14,041 employees participated in a stand-down or safety training session. Send your completed TSSD forms to nuca@nuca.com or fill them out online, [here](#).

USDOL Issues Guidance to Ensure Uniform Enforcement of Silica Standards

A new OSHA directive issued June 26 provides their compliance and safety officers with guidance on enforcing the 2017 silica standards. The directive provides clarity on several topics, including alternate exposure control methods, variability in sampling, and temporary workers. More [here](#).

Are Your Employees Aware of Heat Stroke Symptoms? OSHA Is

With severe heat striking several parts of the nation, OSHA has provided several online resources for construction companies to use in protecting their employees from heat stroke or heat exhaustion. Go to osha.gov/heat for more information. As a NUCA member, you can also use your Toolbox Talk on "Heat Exhaustion and Heatstroke" for employee instruction. Download now in [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Train the Trainer Postponed

While NUCA's Train-the-Trainer sessions were rescheduled in the spring to June 22, continuing safety concerns led to that session being rescheduled again. NUCA is seeking a location where the session could be held at a later date this year, which has yet to be determined. Stay informed about the latest updates, and learn more about the program and training session [here](#).

Toolbox Talks: Protecting Employees Against the Coronavirus

NUCA released two public Toolbox Talks for utility construction crews to use for COVID-19 prevention on the jobsite. These are ready for your crew leaders and employees to use today. [English](#) | [Spanish](#)

Let's DO THIS

NUCA's (Virtual) Washington Summit
Wednesday, September 23, 2020



2020 is an election year. And Congress is building again!

COVID-19 has shuttered in-person visits to Capitol Hill this summer. But several important infrastructure funding bills are pending in Congress this year. Your expertise and passion are still vital to making Congress hear our message loud and clear.

Our virtual 2020 Washington Summit will enable you to hold meetings with your elected lawmakers and their staff. We're still working on all the details, but we need you to be part of NUCA's annual Summit.

Go to nuca.com/summit for updated news, final logistical details, and registration.

The 2020 Washington Summit is generously supported by NUCA's National Partners.

AUGUST 18TH GET OUT & VOTE!

PRIMARY ELECTIONS

SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren
Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

GPS – Dash Cams

There is no denying that we have significant exposure and liability related to our fleet of vehicles. Every company has their logo and truck numbers and other identifying marks that make it easy for citizens who, take offense, either justified or not, to our being in what they perceive as an invasion of their personal space. Every few miles there are billboards that advertise the opportunity for people to collect on their injuries suffered in vehicle accidents. The TV is filled with solicitations of opportunities for windfalls connected with their conditions related to accidents. Many insurance companies are reacting to this risk by advocating preventive measures.

NUCA has a Webinar scheduled for Wednesday, August 2, at 2:00 pm that will be focused on drivers and behavior and habits connected with vehicle operations. There will be discussion centered on GPS and dash cams all aimed at accountability but the side benefit is in recording outside party drivers and their contribution to traffic situations that might involve an incident. It also eliminates the crank calls and irate callers who want to cause problems for people they don't like and make up false complaints.

With the current issues we deal with in this crazy world where we have to prove we are right in what we do, we need to take advantage of the technology available. Right now we are guilty until proven innocent and the best way to prove it is not only to do the right thing in the first place, but to prove it.

REGISTER HERE



August 29th
Northeast Florida Marlin Association
3030 Harbor Drive, St. Augustine

Cast-off: 7:00 – 8:00 a.m. Back to Dock: 3:30 p.m.
 B.Y.O.B. (Bring Your Own Boat)

Cost per Angler: \$125 Includes Meal & Beverages (after Weigh-in)
 *Each Angler will also receive a Commemorative T-shirt & Door Prize Entry ticket at weigh-in

Kid's 13 & under fish for free with an adult registration

PRIZE STRUCTURE: *First, Second and third place prizes will be awarded for the heaviest legal fish in each of the following categories: Kingfish, spotted sea trout, redfish, flounder and all other species. There will also be a prize for the redfish with the most spots on one side, a prize for the woman weighing in the heaviest legal fish and a kid's prize (13 & under) for the heaviest legal fish.*

SPONSORSHIP IS A VERY IMPORTANT PART OF THE TOURNAMENT'S SUCCESS! If you are interested in being a TOURNAMENT SPONSOR, please check off one of the levels of participation.

- ☐ \$125 Single Angler with Meal/Drink Complimentary T-shirts .
- ☐ \$ 30 Spectator with Meal and Beverages only

~TOURNAMENT SPONSOR LEVELS INCLUDING ANGLERS~

- ☐ \$350 TWO (2) Anglers with Meal/Drink & Company Logo on T-shirt, Complimentary T-shirts.*
- ☐ \$650 FOUR (4) Anglers with Meals/Drinks & Company Logo on T-Shirt, and Complimentary T-shirts.*

~TOURNAMENT SPONSOR LEVELS NO ANGLERS~

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| <input type="checkbox"/> \$300 Kid's Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot) | |

(See Sponsorship form for details as to what is included with your sponsorship)

Company Name: _____ Your Name: _____
 Phone: _____

Reservations for Fishing Tournament need to be made by Friday, 8/14. List all those who will be fishing or attending:

#1 _____	#2 _____
#3 _____	#4 _____

Send your Entry/Payment to:

NUCANF, PO BOX 16810, JACKSONVILLE, FL 32245 or email to nucanf@gmail.com



2020 NUCANF Fishing Tournament Description of Sponsorship Opportunities

\$1,000 Raffle Sponsor (Limit one)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary full page ad will also appear in the October or November 2020 Flow Newsletter.

\$500 Grand Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary 1/2 page ad will also appear in the October or November 2020 Flow Newsletter. You may also have a vendor display at the awards dinner.

\$500 Dinner Sponsor (limited to four spots)

Same benefits as grand prize sponsor.

\$500 Weigh-in Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor.

\$300 Door Prize Sponsor

Your company name will be prominently displayed on a sign at the event; your company logo will appear on the T-shirt and you will be acknowledged at the awards dinner that evening and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, The Flow, and the state association publication, The Ditchmen. A complimentary ¼ page ad will also appear in the October or November 2020 Flow Newsletter.

\$300 Registration Sponsor (Limited to one spot)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor.

\$300 Trophy Sponsor (Limit one)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor

\$300 Kid's Prize Sponsor (limited to one spot)

Same benefits as door prize sponsor

2020 NUCANF FISHING TOURNAMENT RULES

There is no check-in before tournament. Check in at Weigh-in to receive your t-shirt and hat. You can fish anywhere and bring your catch to the weigh-in in St. Augustine.

1. ALL PARTICIPANTS MUST FOLLOW THE FLORIDA RECREATIONAL FISHING REGULATIONS.
2. ALL VESSELS MUST MEET AND FOLLOW U.S. COAST GUARD REGULATIONS, OR BE SUBJECT TO DISQUALIFICATION.
3. ANGLERS MAY USE ARTIFICIAL, LIVE OR DEAD BAIT.
4. ALL FISH MUST BE CAUGHT ON ROD AND REEL.
5. IN CASE OF A TIE IN WEIGHT, THE FISH WEIGHED IN FIRST WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.
6. PARTICIPANTS MAY KEEP THEIR CATCH.
7. TO BE ELIGIBLE TO WEIGH IN FISH FOR PRIZES, A REPRESENTATIVE FROM EACH BOAT MUST BE IN THE CHECK IN LINE AT THE TOURNAMENT SITE BY 2:30 PM.
8. THE WEIGH IN STATION WILL OPEN AT 1 P.M. AND CLOSE AFTER ALL ANGLERS THAT WERE IN THE CHECK IN LINE AT 2:30 HAVE BEEN WEIGHED.
9. NO LINES IN THE WATER BEFORE FIRST LIGHT OR AFTER 2:30 P.M.
10. DECISION OF THE JUDGES IS FINAL.
11. WE ENCOURAGE ALL ANGLERS TO PRACTICE CATCH AND RELEASE FOR FISH THAT ARE NOT TO BE WEIGHED IN.

PRIZE STRUCTURE

FIRST, SECOND, AND THIRD PLACE PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED FOR THE HEAVIEST LEGAL FISH IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING CATEGORIES:

- KINGFISH
- SPOTTED SEA TROUT
- RED FISH
- FLOUNDER
- ALL OTHER SPECIES

A SEPARATE PRIZE WILL BE AWARDED TO THE ANGLER WEIGHING IN A LEGAL *REDFISH WITH THE MOST SPOTS ON ONE SIDE OF THE FISH*. IN CASE OF A TIE IN THE NUMBER OF SPOTS, THE HEAVIEST FISH WILL BE DECLARED THE WINNER.

A TROPHY WILL BE AWARDED TO THE CHILD (13 AND UNDER) WITH THE HEAVIEST LEGAL FISH. ANY KIDS WHO WEIGHS IN A LEGAL FISH WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RAFFLE DRAWING FOR A SPECIAL PRIZE.

A FISHING DIVA AWARD WILL BE AWARDED TO WOMEN ANGLER WEIGHING IN THE HEAVIEST LEGAL FISH.

EACH ADULT ANGLER WHO WEIGHS IN A LEGAL FISH WILL BE ELIGIBLE FOR A RAFFLE DRAWING FOR THE GRAND PRIZE.

COVID-19 RELIEF FOR NUCA of FLORIDA

In light of the pandemic and with concern for our members' safety, the Board of Directors decided to postpone the 2020 Annual Conference. Recognizing the significant financial impact cancelling the conference would have on the state association, this difficult decision was made after surveying the membership and much discussion among the Executive Committee and the Board.

A key purpose of NUCA of Florida is advocacy and government relations and the Annual Conference revenues help fund our efforts. This year we had an extremely successful Legislative Session, passing legislation to revamp the public works bidding process when local governments decide to self-perform, impact fee reform, reduction in retainage to 5 percent, grants for septic-sewer conversion and preservation of the lien law, to name a few. Moreover, we have intervened successfully on several local government bids that restricted underground utility work to only general contractors.

In order to continue our advocacy efforts and alleviate the extreme revenue loss from postponing the conference until 2021, we are asking every member to donate a minimum of \$100 to NUCA of Florida. Donations may be made by visiting our website www.nucaflorida.org and clicking on the "Make a Payment" button or by mailing a check to NUCA of Florida, 215 S. Monroe Street, Suite 500, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The NUCA of Florida Board of Directors thanks you in advance for your support and financial commitment.

Between now and September 1st, NUCA of North Florida will match member donations up to a total of \$2,000. Just provide us with a copy of your receipt and we will process the additional payment.



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At A.J. Johns, Inc. our employees receive continuous training to keep them abreast of our ever-changing industry. Internal job training and employee development brings an added plus to the efficiency of our organization.

Our industry has faced many ups and downs over the years, but the most important assets to any company is its employees. We continue to invest in the future of our industry by creating new avenues to increase employment in our industry. All of our futures dwell in the minds of the coming generations. We must show them through example that the construction industry provides a pathway to a successful and a fulfilling future. We must invest in the future of our industry by instilling the morals and knowledge of what made us who we are today.