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Upcoming Events

<u>Sept. 17th</u> Intuition Ale Works Networking Event 6:00 pm



Sept. 22nd

Annual Golf Tournament St. Johns Golf & Country Club 205 St. Johns Golf Dr. (Off 210 W) Sponsorships are still available.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Licensed Real Estate Broker 100 Center Creek Road Suite 102 Saint Augustine, Florida 32084 Cell: 904-304-7222 Idaniels@lindadaniels.com www.lindadaniels.com Fax: 888-343-8018 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 a NUCA Networking Event at Intuition on September 17th, so please come out and reconnect with peers that you have not seen for a while. We will be hosting our Annual Golf Tournament on September 22nd, we are looking forward to seeing you all at this event. We are sold out for teams and vendor Showcase spots but we have some sponsorship opportunities still available.

NUCA of Florida will be hosting their President's Cup Golf Tournament on October 30th, at Hammond Beach, Palm Coast. This is a great event for companies across the state. We will be hosting our annual NUCAF Clay shoot will be on November 3rd. Look for more info soon.

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

Sept. 17th Executive Committee Meeting 4:00 PM

Sept. 17th Board of Directors Networking event at Intuition Ale Works 6:00 PM

<u>Sept. 22nd</u> Golf Tournament St. Johns Golf & Country Club

Sept. 23rd NUCA Virtual Washington Summit

Oct. 29th & 30th NUCA of Florida Board Meeting & President's Cup Golf

<u>November 3rd</u> Sporting Clay Challenge Jacksonville Clay Target Sports

The Law and Your Business– Arbitration Provisions and Applicable Law By Tony Zebouni, Lindell, Farson & Zebouni

When you sign an agreement with an Owner or Contractor it is important that you read and understand all the provisions of the contract (including those referenced as part of the contract documents). Whether arbitration is mandatory or permissive, the law of which state is to apply and who will decide whether a matter is arbitrable or not are considerations what should not be overlooked,

A recent Florida case (*AT&T Services, Inc., et al v. S&S Utilities Engineering, LLC, et al.*) dealt with AT&T contracting with S&S Utilities Engineering, LLC to locate and mark its underground lines and equipment prior to excavation projects. S&S filed a complaint in circuit court alleging, among other things, that AT&T frequently required S&S to investigate damage claims at jobsites where it had not been requested to perform any work and assessed "unilateral, unsupportable, grossly inflated" charges for damages in order to avoid paying S&S for its services.

Under the contract, AT&T would pay S&S a unit rate per "locate request" and an hourly rate for labor and equipment. In the event of any damages to AT&T's property as a result of S&S's performance or lack of performance under the contract ("supplier-at-fault damages"), AT&T could either demand payment from S&S or deduct the damages from the amount it owed to S&S for its services. The contract contains two arbitration provisions. The first provision provides generally that if the parties are unable to resolve a dispute informally or by mediation, then either party "may initiate arbitration" by providing the other party with written notice of its intent to arbitrate. The parties agreed that any arbitration would be held in Dallas, Texas under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association. The second arbitration provision, applies specifically to disputes related to supplier-at-fault damages and provides that if the parties are unable to resolve a dispute informally, and the claimed amount is at least \$10,000, then either party "may elect to initiate arbitration.

Arbitration clauses are usually interpreted as mandatory, even if they use the permissive "may," unless they require both parties to consent to arbitration or otherwise make clear that one party can opt for litigation over arbitration. Usually, and in this case under Texas law, an agreement to arbitrate is mandatory even though it contains permissive terms such as 'may'" and interpreting a provision that either party "may" submit a dispute to arbitration to mean that either party has the power to require arbitration. Under Texas law, the word "may" in the arbitration provisions means only that either party can initiate arbitration if a dispute cannot be resolved informally; it does not mean that the other party can avoid arbitration once it is initiated.

The parties delegated any questions of arbitrability to the arbitrator by agreeing to arbitrate under the Commercial Arbitration Rules of the American Arbitration Association.

2020 FISHING TOURNAMENT RESULTS

We had another beautiful day for our tournament this year at the Northeast Florida Marlin Association in St. Augustine on August 29th. Grill Billy's provided a wonderful BBQ of brisket and chicken. TroyAskew from Nimnicht and Ed Porter from Bobcat managed the weigh in. Valinda Krynicki, United Rentals Trench Safety and Alexis Saffer, TB Landmark helped out selling raffle tickets, filling out weigh-in cards and with the clean-up. Our fishing Chairman, Ashton Milam, United Rentals Fluid Solutions, was our announcer and handed out the door prizes and awards. A special thank you to Drew Lane for his help redesigning the logo for this year's tournament. Congratulations to the winners of this year's tournament.

REDFISH

1st Place, Earp Ethridge Petticoat-Schmitt, 6.93 lbs 2nd Place, Lauren Atwell, Petticoat-Schmitt 6.65 lbs 3rd Place, Tony Kraus, Petticoat-Schmitt 6.35lbs **REFISH MOST SPOTS:** Tony Macaluso, Beard Equipment 4 Spots

FLOUNDER

1st Place, Drew Lane, Advanced Drainage, 3.64 lbs 2nd Place, Gerry Lee, Cecil W. Powell & Co., 3.37 lbs 3rd Place, Mike, Whitestone, 1.81 lbs

KINGFISH

1st Place, Gordon Spottswood, Ferguson, 25.75 lbs 2nd Place, Ryan Freshwater, Ferguson, 15.2 lbs 3rd Place, Alvaro Rios, T.G. Utility, 9.86 lbs

OTHER SPECIES

1st Place, Lauren Bailey, Stingray, Coastal Utility, 3.86 lbs 2nd Place, James Magofna, Triple Tail, Petticoat-Schmitt, 3.69 lbs 3rd Place Jay Ethridge, Black Drum, Petticoat-Schmitt, 3.6 lbs

KID'S TROPHY FOR THE LARGEST FISH &KID'S PRIZE WINNER

Corey Allen, A.W.A. Contracting Stingray 1.8 lbs

GRAND PRIZE WINNER

James Magofna, Petticoat-Schmitt

FISHNG DIVA

Toni Anderson, Ring Power, Kingfish 7.71 lbs

FISHING TOURNAMENT PHOTOS





NUCA-Supported Great American Outdoors Act Signed Into Law

President Trump signed into law on Aug. 10 a NUCA-supported bill that has the potential to create thousands of new construction industry jobs. The "Great American Outdoors Act" (S. 3422/H.R. 1957) would help mitigate the billions in deferred maintenance in the Dept. of Interior and the National Park Service (NPS). Much of the \$6.65 billion in funding would be used for infrastructure improvements in national parks and other federal recreation areas. Addressing the infrastructure needs in NPS alone would create an estimated 108,000 construction industry jobs, according to a recent Pew study. Read NUCA's letter of support <u>here</u>.

\$1.2 Trillion COVID-19 Relief Legislation Stalls in Senate

On July 28, Senate Republicans as part of their HEALS Act COVID-19 relief legislation included a section expanding eligibility under the Paycheck Protection Program (PPP) to 501c6 organizations like NUCA and our Chapters. There are several other pro-business aspects of the HEALS Act, including \$190 billion in new PPP funding, extending the PPP loan program until Dec. 31, 2020, and expanding uses for non-payroll funds up to 40% of a loan. NUCA strongly supports the HEALS Act and deeply thanks Sens. Marco Rubio (R-FL) and Susan Collins (R-ME) for their sound legislation.

However, with both parties unable to reach a final deal after talks broke down August 7, the future of any COVID-19 relief legislation remains in question. President Trump issued several Executive Orders on Aug. 8 which would extend unemployment benefits of \$400/week as well as defer payroll tax. However, the legality of these orders is unclear and may be challenged in court.

Relief legislation negotiations are focusing on pro-NUCA issues: Democrats are still prioritizing aid to state and local governments to shore up budget shortfalls (especially for State DOTs) and Republicans continue to push for robust liability protections for businesses. All things considered, this means that whatever form the final bill takes will likely be a win for our industry. Read more <u>here</u>.

House Passes Appropriations Bills, \$10 Billion for Clean Water SRFs

The Democratic-led U.S. House passed on July 24 the first of several FY2020 federal appropriations bills. H.R. 7608 (Interior/Environment/Agriculture) passed 224-168, primarily on party lines. The "minibus" bill contains \$10.2 billion for the Clean Water SRF and Drinking Water SRF programs, \$1.4 billion for rural water and wastewater loans, \$610 million for grants directed towards clean water systems, \$1.05 billion in funds for broadband, and \$6.9 billion in loans directed toward rural electric/telecom infrastructure.

2020 Trench Safety Stand Down Numbers

The interim numbers are in on this year's Trench Safety Stand Down, held in June. 19,420 employees at 2,256 jobsites focused for a day on trench and excavation hazards and using the safety systems provided by their employers. We're collecting the final #TSSD20 numbers from our National Partners and will report on the total number of participants next month. Thank you to all who took part this year, despite current difficulties.

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 <u>osha.gov/heat</u> 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 <u>English | Spanish</u>



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

COVID-19 has shuttered in-person visits to Capitol Hill this year. But with your help, NUCA is still going to Washington-virtually!

Several important infrastructure funding bills are pending in Congress. Your expertise and passion are vital to making Congress hear our message loud and clear. Our virtual 2020 Washington Summit will enable you to hold online meetings with your elected lawmakers and their staff. Your NUCA Chapter is arranging these meetings.

The Summit is free to NUCA members. To view the Summit schedule and register for this unique event, visit www.nuca.com/summit.



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SAFETY NEWS

By Jeff Blomgren Safety Director at Petticoat-Schmitt Civil Contractors

Returning to School Safely During COVID19

Normally, at this time, we would be coaching everyone to watch out for kids going to school and to be aware of school busses. That's an annual cautionary message to all of our drivers. This year, there are some significant changes in that message that influence our precautions.

School has started. With the normal anticipation of getting back to the possibility of social interaction with friends and the learning environment, comes the concern for the children and their safety. It's not only the safety of the children that's a concern but also the safety of the educators that are providing, not only the learning environment, but the healthy aspects of the classroom. Teachers and administrators have been working hard to do the best possible job of maintaining the educational standards using the CDC guidelines for classrooms.

Virtual learning has been a learning tool that has relieved some of the pressure of ensuring social distancing but that applies to children that are self-disciplined enough to apply themselves to the process. It also takes parental involvement and commitment of time and effort to maintain a standard of learning that will keep children from falling behind. According to healthychildren.org, an American College of Pediatrics participating organization, children learn best in the classroom. All that being said, there are things that parents can do to help with the process. Educating kids to wash their hands, wear cloth masks, maintain social distancing and personal hygiene go a long way in preserving a healthy scholastic environment. Be sure that immunizations are up to date and physical exams are done regularly. If the child rides a school bus, ask about spacing and cleaning. If the child has special needs what preparations are needed for their safety?

There will be pressures to catch up from the confusion and the learning curve brought about by new methods of living in this situation and the educational challenges it presents. Some children will have fallen behind. That creates an emotional issue in the pressure to catch up. Parents need to be supportive and encourage their children's growth through today's challenges. We have not faced anything of this significance in modern history and we are all learning, each day, how to cope. Staying up with the latest reliable information, minimizing the influence of doomsday predictions and concentrating on the reality of the problem we all face with this situation, is the best way to maintain family health and safety. We will survive!



2020 NUCANF Golf Tournament Sponsorship Opportunities

For all sponsorships, your company will be acknowledged at the awards dinner the evening of the tournament and your company will be recognized in the NUCANF newsletter, <u>The Flow</u>, and the state association publication, <u>The Ditchmen</u>.



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NUCA OF NORTH FLORIDA NEW MEMBERS

Please join us in welcoming the following new members to the NUCA family.

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Contact: William B. (Ben) Moore, President PO Box 11089 3000 Faye Road Jacksonville, FL 32239 Phone: (904) 714-6353 Email: bmoore@pbmconstructors.com Membership: Contractor Business: Sewer/Water Construction, Treatment Plant Construction



NOMINATIONS FOR 2021 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The Nomination Committee of NUCA of North Florida is now accepting applications for the 2021 Board of Directors. You can obtain an application by calling the NUCANF office at 904/296-1230 or sending an email to nucanf@gmail.com. Deadline to submit your application is October 16th.

The board meets every other month usually on the third Thursday from 4:30 pm to 6:00 pm. Additional special meetings may be called if necessary. NUCANF has a number of committees. Board members, once elected, are expected to be active members of at least two committees. All members of the Board of Directors are encouraged to promote the NUCA of North Florida (NUCANF), our State Association, NUCAof Florida, and our National Association, NUCA. Recruitment of new members is essential to ensure the growth of this association.

Voting for the election of the 2021 Officers and Board of Directors will take place via email. A ballot will be emailed on November 2nd. Only one vote per member company.





Is Your Company's Information Ready For The Industry's Buyer's Guide?

Utility Contractor's next issue is the annual NUCA Buyer's Guide. Make sure your contact information is up-to-date and accurate to help potential business find your company.

Log in to your NUCA member's account at **nuca.com** and update your online profile **before October 30, 2020.**

If you need assistance logging into your account, please contact NUCA's membership manager Meredith Leutbecker at 703-358-9300 or by email at meredith@nuca.com.

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EVENT DATE: October 29-30, 2020

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2020 PRESIDENT'S CUP, CORN HOLE, & BOARD MEETINGS SPONSORSHIP KIT

Come network with industry colleagues, mingle with NUCA of Florida board members and leadership at a reception, try your hand at Corn Hole, and then join your peers on the greens for the President's Cup.

SCHEDULE

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 29TH Executive & Committee Meetings & Board Meeting (10:30 s.m.-5:30 p.m.) Reception & CornHole Tournament (6 p.m.-8 p.m.)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER SOTH President'sCup Bull Event/Spa Day (7:00 a.m.-2 p.m.)

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Questions? Contact Karl Hebrank or Rebecca Brown at 850-224-1585 or small khebrank@carltonfields.com.

ERICKSON AWARDED NUCANF MIKE ALLEN SCHOLARSHIP

This year's recipient of the Mike Allen Award is Ashton Erickson, daughter of Rick Erickson, Beard Equipment Company and Shannon Erickson. Ashton attends the University of Florida majoring in Marketing & Economics in the honors Program where she just completed her first year of studies. Ashton is also a member of the Undergraduate Research Scholars Program. While in college she has been active in Green Greeks as a delegate and Assistant Director of Panhellenic, Spirit Chair for Zeta Tau Alpha Fraternity, Assistant Director of Web Design for Gator Growl and Homecoming and URSP Student Researcher. Ashton received the J. Richard Baker Sr. Scholarship from our association last year.

The Mike Allen Scholarship award is given to a high school student, High School graduate, Undergraduate College Student or Graduate Student who is the daughter or son of a NUCANF member company employee or a member company employee and is enrolled or will be enrolling full or part time in an academic institution of higher education 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 Mike Allen Scholarship is a \$1,000 one-time award.





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JWI is proud to be long time member of NUCA, NUCA of Florida and NUCA of North Florida.