

CONA Newsletter

The Council of Neighborhood Associations of South Pinellas County

March 2009

Additional Changes to Current Watering Restrictions

From Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD)

Our region is experiencing an extended period of drought due to lack of significant rainfall. This trend has limited surface water supplies for processing drinking water. The Southwest Florida Water Management District (SWFWMD), the regulator of our water supplies has recently issued Water Shortage Order #08-044 for Hillsborough, Pasco and Pinellas Counties.

Watering for users of potable, private well and surface water sources is ONCE A WEEK. While reclaimed water usage is still voluntary, all are encouraged to follow the schedule.

Below are the additional requirements:

- Hand-watering of non-lawn landscaping is prohibited from 8AM until 6PM. An automatic shutoff device must be installed on your hose and used at all times.
- Hand-watering of lawns is allowed only during your designated watering day and times.
- Micro-irrigation (also called low-flow or drip irrigation) is prohibited from 8AM until 6PM.
- Non-essential lawn and landscape water use must be eliminated.
- Aesthetic fountains and waterfalls, including for storm water pond aeration (unless pond is augmented by reclaimed water) shall be operated for no more than four (4) hours per day.

NO WARNINGS !

Violations observed by Enforcement Personnel will result in a citation. A violation is subject to a fine plus court costs. Failure to comply with current watering restrictions is a Class II municipal ordinance offense subject to a **\$175 fine plus court costs**. Court costs range from \$13 for uncontested violations to \$58 for contested violations. Subsequent violations are subject to higher fines as assessed by the court up to a maximum fine of \$500 plus court costs.

CONA Board Meeting

Wednesday, March 18, 2009

The SUNSHINE CENTER, 330 5th St. N.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m.; meeting starts at 7:00 p.m.

Agenda Items:

CONA Nite at the Trop
City Department Update
CONA Listbot Update
CONA Treasurer and Committee Reports
Old Business – New Business

Important Upcoming Events:

April 14 – CONA Nite at the Trop (Rays vs. NY Yankees)
April 15 – CONA Meeting
July 9-12 – Florida Neighborhoods Conference
in St. Petersburg, Florida

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March President's Message

By Barbara McCormick Heck

Every journey begins with just one small step.

Today's times are more challenging than anything we have had to deal with in decades. Yes, many are preaching doom and gloom. However, I believe together we can make a difference and still accomplish much for our neighborhoods. Yes, we are challenged, but that makes us even more determined to succeed and reach our goals.

City and County officials are focused on the big issues – 2010 budget, public safety, water shortages, Ray's baseball and others. Our neighborhoods also have long lists of concerns and issues they need addressed.

With limited funding and less City and County staff, just how do we do that? Think of this as a chess game or checkers if you do not play chess. You want to win, so you make certain moves that help you accomplish that. There are roadblocks you must overcome – other players, game rules, the playing field, time deadline.

Knowing how to play S-M-A-R-T helps.

- Know the rules
- Know the time deadline
- Know the other requests (for resources, monies, time)
- Ask for help EARLY
- Be willing to compromise, to change or to seek a new goal
- Know the players
- Know the prize
- Seek allies

Thoroughly research what it is you want to accomplish. See how it fits (or does not fit) into the bigger City or County picture. Find out who can help. Talk to them. Get the details and what, if any, deadlines you need to meet. Enlist CONA's help early. CONA has many mentors who have worked on similar projects and can assist you. The City and County also have many people who can also assist you. Use the internet to find different solutions that have worked in other cities. Partner with your surrounding neighborhood associations for support and assistance.

The last is probably the hardest sometimes. Neighborhood associations must be willing to compromise or change their game plan or seek a new game plan. Sometimes what you ask is just not "do-able" or feasible. Rethink, revise, divide into phases (one, two, three, etc.) or abandon for a more promising plan. Be flexible. That does not mean "limp". It means fight for what you want, but understand if your plan cannot be done. Move on and ask City and County to help you design one that will work for all.

Take that small step and make 2009 the Year of Accomplishments in all the Neighborhoods!



CONA Public Safety Committee report

Cona Public Safety Committee is looking for new members and input from neighborhoods. Any neighborhoods with questions or information to share please contact committee chairperson Jeff Frank at 322-0488 or at e-mail kirstenjeffinn@yahoo.com.

Looking for a safety program for your neighborhood meeting? Maybe Fire Chief William Jolley is the answer. Chief William Jolley is one of 2 assistant chiefs in our city. For the past three years he has served as the official Fire Marshall. He is also the Chief over the Fire Prevention Division. Chief Jolley has celebrated 34 years with St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue.

Chief Jolley typically discusses the following at Neighborhood Association Meetings:

- A brief overview of the department's history and response statistics.
 - He will explain the wealth of resources our residents have at their disposal and will provide written descriptions and contact information for their reference.
 - From our car seat safety checks for infants and children to our Seniors Fall Prevention programs, Chief Jolley will be prepared to educate our residents on the many public services St. Petersburg Fire & Rescue has to offer our communities.
 - Chief Jolley will close with a question and answer session for all of the participants.
- For more information or to schedule Chief Jolley for your meetings please contact:

Katie J. Brew, Public Education Specialist

St. Petersburg Fire and Rescue, 893-7218

Our CONA Community

Our CONA Community section is new this issue. We would like to recognize significant happenings in our CONA Community. Please submit to Newsletter Editor Mike Gulley at jmgulley1@hotmail.com

Congratulations

- **St. Petersburg Chamber's Community Service Woman of the Year Nominees:**

Gypsy Gallardo, Barbara Heck, Mary Alice Lange and Darden Rice

- **Bartlett Park Community Garden First anniversary – February 28th**

Get Well Soon

John Morroni – (Pinellas County Commissioner)
Jimmy Biggerstaff – (former CONA President)

CONA Goals Retreat Summary Report

The five principle goals identified with the issues of:

- 1) CONA outreach to the city and to our neighborhoods.
- 2) Concerns of Public Safety issues.
- 3) Involvement with city planning, [LDR issues, (Land Development Regulations)], and Historic Preservation.
- 4) Codes Enforcement.
- 5) Environment.

* CONA appreciates the sponsorship of Bob Jeffrey and Mike Dove and the support of Fresh Go Market and Dunkin Donuts.

Pinellas Living Green Expo

Saturday, May 29 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Sunday, May 30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Harborview Center, Downtown Clearwater

www.PinellasLivingGreenExpo.org

City Councilman Jamie Bennett discusses proposed fertilizer ordinance

City Councilman Jamie Bennett offered a discussion of a proposed ordinance that will restrict the sale and use of nitrogen bearing lawn fertilizers during the months in St. Petersburg. He explained that this measure is important to the protection of our Tampa Bay Estuary System.

- High nitrogen runoff in our drainage system imposes a requirement that the city treat the runoff with Allum at an annual cost of \$171,000 annually.
- Our neighborhood leaders were asked to contact their Councilmen supporting passage of the proposed legislation to restrict nitrogen fertilizers during the Summer months.

CONA supports the proposal to restrict the use of nitrogen lawn fertilizers during the summer months.

Peggy Allen Award

Peggy Allen was a charter member of the City Beautiful Commission, and is the only member to have been appointed for life. She graciously served on the commission for 30 years, and through her volunteer efforts encouraged good landscape design and promoted the introduction of plants that provided perpetual beauty, leaving an indelible mark on the City Beautiful.

The Peggy Allen Award honors the private initiative of groups and organizations whose volunteer efforts enhance the natural beauty of St. Petersburg and promote public stewardship of our environmental resources.

Criteria

- 1) The efforts have added to the natural beauty of the City.
- 2) The accomplishments promote the spirit of volunteerism.
- 3) There is ongoing maintenance of the project(s).

If you have any questions, please call the Parks Department at 893-7335.

Ingrid's

Ice Cream Parlor

**497 7th Ave North - St. Petersburg, FL 33701
Next to Historic Lake**

Open 12 - 7 daily

Be clean and green with springtime energy savings

Anyone who's ever had the daunting task of cleaning through the clutter collected throughout the year can speak to the need for reduced consumption. Likewise, incorporating some energy-efficient improvements into your spring cleaning can help you save a bundle all year long.

One of the best places to begin is in the kitchen.

The next time you dust your house, don't forget the fridge. You can keep energy costs down by dusting the coils to keep it clean and efficient.

Before you step away, check the seal in your refrigerator door. You can easily test your seals by closing the refrigerator door on a protruding dollar bill. If you can easily remove the dollar bill while the door is closed, you may need to repair the seals. Other signs of a possible problem include cold air around the closed door and moisture collecting. If your refrigerator seals leak, you're wasting energy.

Is it time to replace your appliances? If so, look for those with the Energy Star logo. A 10 year-old refrigerator could cost you \$182 per year to operate compared to a new Energy Star refrigerator that only costs \$68 per year. That's an annual savings of \$114.

If you replace your refrigerator, try to resist the urge to move the old one to the typically warmer garage. If you do, it will cost you more than \$200 per year to operate — nearly twice the amount you managed to save by upgrading to the more energy-efficient refrigerator.

Next, turn on the hot water in your kitchen sink and place a thermometer under the faucet. Ideally, the temperature should read 120 degrees. If the temperature exceeds 120 degrees, you could be wasting energy and money. Turning down the dial on your water heater can result in significant energy and cost savings — up to \$85 per year.

While we're on the topic of water temperature, don't worry about washing certain loads of laundry in hot water. Believe it or not, your laundry detergent works just as well with cold water. Always wash your clothes with cold water and save up to 50 cents per load.

Even the pickiest spring cleaners sometimes find the need to store belongings for the long term. While placing boxes in the attic, take a look around. If your attic insulation appears thin, it may be time to upgrade. You may also want to consider having a reflective coating applied to your roof. Either of these upgrades can make a dramatic difference in the amount of energy it takes to cool your home.

As an added bonus, both of these upgrades could qualify for Progress Energy incentives. Depending on the type of insulation you choose to install, you may qualify for an incentive of as much as \$100 plus up to 7 cents for each square foot of living space above 1500. Should you decide to install a reflective roof product, you may be eligible to receive an incentive of up to \$150.

All of your spring cleaning may have made you work up a sweat. Try to resist the urge to turn down the air conditioner. Setting your thermostat at 78 degrees instead of a 74 during the warmer months can help you save an additional \$262 per year.

To find additional ways to save energy this spring and all year long, schedule a free Home Energy Check with one of Progress Energy Florida's energy advisors. The company offers its customers a free evaluation of your home to analyze its overall energy use and provides a customized report with specific recommendations that can help you save energy and money on your monthly power bill. For more information about a Home Energy Check, visit savethe-watts.com or call 1.877.364.9003.

LOOKING AT POWER IN A NEW LIGHT



City Beautiful Commission

Home of the Year Award 2009

One of the activities of the City Beautiful Commission has been the City Beautiful Awards Program. This program seeks to recognize building design. Categories vary from year to year, and generally include businesses and professional offices, places of worship, multilevel dwellings and annual categories such as neighborhood streetscape or special beautification projects.

To help enhance the beautification of neighborhoods, the category of "Home of the Year" was added. This landscaping award recognizes outstanding achievement in residential properties for exterior curb appeal, landscaping design and yard maintenance, and overall contribution to the character of the neighborhood. Each Neighborhood Association may submit one nominee from within its boundaries to the City Beautiful Commission for consideration. Entries are due by July 31, 2009. The award will be given at the City Beautiful Annual Beautification Awards held in October.

I. Basic Rules

- A. Property must be within city limits
- B. One home can be submitted by each Neighborhood Association
- C. Landscape must be in place for one full year
- D. Judges must not be local residents
- E. Photograph of the property

II. Judging Criteria

- A. Overall curb appeal
- B. Professionalism in landscape, design, color, and balance
- C. Quality of landscape and building maintenance
- D. Preservation of trees and natural amenities
- E. Contribution to character of the neighborhood

Applications are available for download on the CONA website - www.conastpete.org or you may contact the St Petersburg Parks Department to have some mailed to you. You can also print an application from the City of St Petersburg Website: www.stpete.org/parks/citybeautiful.asp.

If you have any questions, please call the Parks Department at 893-7335.

The Bartlett Park Community Garden Celebrates its First Year

Saturday, February 28 marked the first year anniversary of the Bartlett Park Community Garden, an non-profit providing vegetable garden spaces to members on the South side of St Petersburg. A birthday celebration entitled root/cause was held at Twigs and Leaves, A Florida Garden Center, located at 1013 Martin Luther King Street South. The event featured live music, homemade fresh food from the garden, a silent auction with affordable works of art by local artists like Zen Glass, and the awarding of the first St Petersburg's Gardeners' Best Friend Award.

In just 12 months, the Bartlett Park Community Garden has:

- Negotiated a lease and purchase agreement for our garden's land
- Obtained temporary permitting from the City of St Petersburg
- Established 44 individual vegetable garden sites
- Built a highly efficient drip irrigation system
- Installed a fence around the garden
- Rebuilt the garden's shed
- Begun creating a Florida native plant landscape on our borders
- Begun a fundraising campaign for the purchase of the garden's land
- Built a list of more than 1,000 supporters throughout the region
- Formed partnerships with local organizations and businesses
- Ran a weekly booth at the Saturday Morning Market
- Held educational workshops for kids and adults
- Transformed a vacant lot into a beautiful source of food and community!

For more information about the Bartlett Community Garden contact Andrea Hildebran at 727-643-7189.

CONA BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S MEETING MINUTES

The Sunshine Multi-Service Center - February 18, 2008

- President Barbara Heck welcomed our guests and led us in the Pledge of Allegiance to Our Flag at 7 p.m.
 - Membership Chair, Barbara Hawkins, thanked the forty+ associations that have sent in the annual dues thus far, but appealed, to some who sent only checks, for completed neighborhood information forms that facilitate communication with our membership.
 - We next heard from Rick Dunn, (City Construction Services and Permitting), who told us of two new programs pending approval of City Council. These two proposals were evolved in response to the financial stresses of this year's economic scene.
 - The first program seeks to limit the practice of renewing expired construction permits. [This plan would not apply to projects that had not yet been started.] A maximum of 4 permit extensions will be available, with increasingly disciplined scrutiny of each request. In the extreme fourth appeal, additional city charges will be leveled and the prospect of stipulation contracts, (perhaps with bonding), may be required.
 - The second program seeks to relieve the economic stress from liens that have been imposed due to unpermitted home modification, in many cases accomplished years, (and perhaps several former owners), previously. The plan offers waiver for such earlier, unpermitted modification, and exemption from inspection, if it can be demonstrated that the work was accomplished prior to 2002 when the current state wide building codes became effective. [The intent is to facilitate property sales in this market.]
 - Additional comments were offered in response to questions from the floor:
 - Exemptions would only be granted if Flood Plane and FEMA requirements had not been violated.
 - Permit extensions will require proof of hardship to justify.
 - Our President thanked Judy Ellis for providing our refreshments tonight.
 - Police Chief Chuck Harmon was our next speaker, introducing several members of his staff in attendance.
 - The Chief told us of a planned new program that will facilitate familiarization of the Police Staff in each district, with the elected neighborhood leaders of that district. These private meetings will be coordinated by CONA.
 - The Chief went on to offer a variety of crime statistics including 14,000 arrests made and 25,000 traffic tickets issued.
 - The Department will increase by 40 Officers this year. The highest ever.
 - He proudly noted national accreditation of our SPPD first gained in 1986, with several updates since that first award.
 - We learned of two new intensive Special Investigation Teams set up to combat the rash of armed robberies recently publicized.
 - Additional comments were offered in response to questions from the floor:
 - The Department has an Outreach Team to work with the homeless. The services offered by Pinellas Hope have very helpful.
 - Since homelessness is not a crime, neighborhoods should turn to their CSO's, (Community Service Officers), to follow-up on these problems.
 - Planned red light traffic cameras have reduced crashes by 60%.
 - There is growing use of e-mail for Crime Watch Reports. The SPPD has a TM, (text messaging), number for their "Tips Line" to report crime.
 - Another Citizen's Police Retreat is scheduled for March.
 - City Councilman Jamie Bennett offered a discussion of a proposed ordinance that will restrict the sale and use of nitrogen bearing lawn fertilizers during the months in St. Petersburg. He explained that this measure is important to the protection of our Tampa Bay Estuary System.
 - High nitrogen runoff in our drainage system imposes a requirement that the city treat the runoff with Alum at an annual cost of \$171,000 annually.
 - Our neighborhood leaders were asked to contact their Councilmen supporting passage of the proposed legislation to restrict nitrogen fertilizers during the Summer months.
 - Moved, (J. Diviki, Crescent Lake), CONA supports the proposal to restrict the use of nitrogen lawn fertilizers during the Summer months. [Approved]
 - Mary Darling of Bayou Highlands then encouraged all of our neighborhoods to participate in voting for the "House of the Year" award administered by our City Beautiful Commission. [See CONA Website to download ballot.] We heard of a new, annual parallel poll for excellent landscaping by local business places.
 - She also mentioned the Alma Ross and the Peggy Allen awards for beautification, and the city's "Water Wise Award" for native plant landscaping. [Jamie Bennett is the Council contact for these programs.]
 - Cass Rael Sr. then spoke to us of our CONA campaign to sell tickets for the Tampa Bay Rays game with the Yankees on April 14th.
 - Tickets can be ordered by e-mail. Payment must be by check to CONA.
 - Vice Pres. Will Michaels, who Chaired this year's CONA Goals Retreat provided a brief, summary report.
 - The five principle goals identified with the issues of: 1) CONA outreach to the city and to our neighborhoods. 2) Concerns of Public Safety issues. 3) Involvement with city planning, [LDR issues, (Land Development Regulations)], and Historic Preservation. 4) Codes Enforcement. 5) Environment
 - Will acknowledged our appreciation for the sponsorship of Bob Jeffrey and Mike Dove and the support of Fresh Go Deli and Dunkin Donuts.
 - Ingrid Comberg reported on this year's CONA Leadership Program, currently in their fourth seminar.
 - April Gausman provided the Treasurer's report with a current balance of \$2,007.96, exclusive of Leadership funds. Our Leadership Account stands at \$1,522.68.
 - Jeff Frank, Chair of our Public Safety Committee encouraged Neighborhood Crime Watch workers to volunteer for the activities of our CONA committee.
 - We were reminded that old cell phones can be turned in, at our CONA meetings, to be recycled for distribution to the elderly for 911 emergency use.
 - Jeff reported on talks he's had with Fire Rescue Chief Bill Jolley. The Chief would welcome any opportunity to address local neighborhood monthly meetings to share news of the activities of his Department.
- Call for Old Business: None
Call for New Business:
- We were encouraged to participate in the tree planting work day at Little Bayou on February 28th. [See front page of our February CONA Newsletter.]
 - Bill Compton of the Sierra Club distributed brochures explaining the significance of pending restrictions on nitrogen lawn fertilizers in the Summer.
 - Dave Hoover reported that the annual Riviera Bay Civic Assoc. Yard Sale will be March 6th, 7th, and 8th.
 - Jason Diviki noted that his CONA Energy & Conservation Committee will next meet on March 3rd.
 - Moved, (C. Rael- N. Kenwood), that CONA establish a committee to evaluate the ever evolving CONA Listbot e-mail system. [Motion approved] Many points were voiced in the ensuing discussion.
 - Our Listbot is an "Invitation only" organization, not a free speech right.
 - It was established as a private communication media between the Presidents, (and/or their representatives), of our member organizations.
 - The CONA President has the authority of Moderator.
 - The Listbot rules, published in 2007 were approved by our Board and subsequently confirmed by all new subscribers.
 - The Listbot was established to focus exclusively on neighborhood issues.
 - All posters are required to state their full name, not just an e-mail address.
 - Forwarding any Listbot posting to other than our current subscribers is prohibited.
 - Message sharing in a "Blog" format is available on our website: conastpete.org and is available for all to use.
 - There are currently 85 subscribers enrolled for our Listbot.
 - The CONANews is another vehicle for announcing items of general interest to our neighborhood associations. It is moderated by our Secretary- send to conrad33702@verizon.net. The material posted there is offered for free reproduction in member neighborhood newsletters.
 - The Listbot postings are the opinions of their authors and should not be construed as official positions of CONA or its Board. [The material is not moderated before being posted.] Our Listbot should not be regarded as a legal liability of CONA
 - The Presidents typically send Moderator comments on our content by private e-mail.
 - Foul or denigrating language is forbidden, ad can result in suspension.
 - The President appointed Cass Rael Sr, to Chair a committee to evaluate the current Listbot procedures. The following volunteered to work with Cass: cvraelsr@hotmail.com, Todd Herring, todd-herring@tampabay.rr.com, Vivian O`Dell, odell@gate.net, Kai Warren, kaistpete@gmail.com, Bob Watts, Bob@BobWattsRealtor.com, and Conrad Weiser, conrad33702@verizon.net

Our meeting adjourned at 9 p.m.

Conrad Weiser, Secretary

HAPPY ST. PATRICK'S DAY! SEND THE GREEN TO BE SEEN...

DON'T WAIT – IT IS PAST THE DATE – DUES ARE LATE!

CONA annual dues of \$35 for Membership are due as of January 1, 2009. Please mail your application and check, or bring them to the Meeting on March 18. In April, we will delete all records except paid 2009 Members.

The (40) 2009 Member Neighborhoods can be seen below. Join CONA today – avoid being deleted away...

Airport Association
Americana Cove
Azalea Homes
Bahama Shores
Bayway Isles
Broadwater Civic
Coquina Key
Crescent Heights
Crescent Lake
Crossroads
Disston Heights
Downtown
Eagle Crest Civic
Edgemoor

Fossil Park
Greater Pinellas Point
Greater Woodlawn
Harbordale
Harris Park
Highland Oaks
Historic Old Northeast
Historic Roser Park
Historic Uptown
Jungle Terrace Civic
Lakewood Estates
Lakewood Terrace
Live Oaks
Magnolia Heights

Maximo Moorings
Mel-Tan Heights
North Kenwood
Ponce de Leon
Riviera Bay Civic
Shore Acres Civic
Snell Isle
Tropical Shores
Venetian Isles
Westminster Heights
4th Street Business Assoc.
22nd Street South
Redevelopment

Please join us at the **CONA Membership Meeting on Wednesday, March 18** - *Barbara Hawkins, Membership*

WE'RE LOOKING AT POWER IN A NEW LIGHT.

INTRODUCING A **BALANCED SOLUTION** FOR THE FUTURE.

At Progress Energy, we're using innovative and environmentally responsible solutions to meet our area's growing energy needs. We are expanding our energy-efficiency programs to help you save energy and money.

We are supporting advanced technologies like solar power and plants fueled by vegetation waste. We are investing in existing power plants to

ENERGY EFFICIENCY
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ensure their safe, efficient operation while assessing the need for new plants and better ways to get electricity to you. The result is clean, reliable, affordable power – for today and tomorrow. To learn more

about our bright thinking,
visit progress-energy.com.





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CONA General Meetings

3rd Wed of each month

CONA Board Meetings

2nd Wed of each month

Frequently Called Numbers

Neighborhood
Partnership Office: 892-5141
Mayor's Action Line: 893-7111
Codes Office: 893-7373

SPPD Community Service Numbers:

District: 1 551-3181
District 2 551-3182
District 3 551-3183

CONA Newsletter Deadlines

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CONA Nite at the Trop

Tuesday, April 14 – 7PM

Rays vs. NY Yankees

Tickets (upper deck)* - \$14 each

(Pick up at CONA's March 18th meeting)

Celebrate Neighborhood Nite

With your family and friends

Root for the Rays

SAVE \$2 on each ticket* purchased.

FREE Parking 4 or more in a car. Carpool.

FREE Giveaway AL Championship replica ring.

* Make checks payable to CONA. Tickets available on first come, first serve basis. This is the game after Monday night's 2009 season opener.

Tickets: Cass Rael 727-321-2653 or cvsraelsr@hotmail.com

SAVE THE DATE

Mark your calendars for July 9 - 11, 2009, when the City of St. Petersburg will host the 13th Annual Florida Neighborhoods Conference (FNC) at the Hilton St. Petersburg Bayfront! This gathering of neighborhood and civic leaders from throughout Florida provides an opportunity for participants to share ideas and learn ways to improve the quality of life in their neighborhoods. The FNC includes workshops, neighborhood tours, and a chance to network with friends at numerous social events. Nearly 400 community leaders attended the 2008 conference in Tallahassee anticipates at least that many this year.

Registration fees are \$50 per person which includes all workshops, tours and special events; hotel reservations and transportation arrangements must be made separately. View website for additional information and reserve your hotel room online at www.stpete.org/fnc.