

The Week Ender

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Even the Problems

Don't let the problems be your excuses to do nothing. Let them be your motivation to do something positive, effective and valuable.

When you choose to be dismayed by the problems, you set yourself up to experience ever-growing levels of negativity. Yet you can just as realistically choose to be empowered by each problem.

You don't have to view the problems as piling up on top of you. Instead, see them as stretching out in front of you, forming a pathway to achievement.

By following that path, by making the choice to deal with each problem, you have the opportunity to create massive value. You're skilled and experienced at making things happen, and each problem is an opportunity to make good, meaningful use of your capabilities.

There's no need to feel overwhelmed by the problems. Make the decision to feel positive and enthusiastic about the experience of successfully working your way through them.

~ Ralph Marsto
<http://greatday.com>

Employee Kudos

Fire Chief Craig Radzak received accolades from a citizen who left her wallet on the side of her pick-up truck while re-fueling at the 7-Eleven Food Store at 46A/Airport Boulevard. She drove off not realizing her wallet fell off in the middle of the street with all contents scattered all over the road. The SFD Tower crew of Lt. David Geraghty, Fire Fighter David Bruce, and Fire Fighter John Ludwig collected all the items and turned the wallet into the Sanford Police Department. The citizen retrieved her items with nothing missing. She thanked Chief Radzak, saying "Thank you from the bottom of my heart. I also wanted to let you know that you obviously have some very honest and commendable people on your staff there. You should be very proud of them!" Yes, we are!



Fire Department Training

With the coordination of SFD Battalion Chief/Training Chris Murphy and Layne Inliners staff, the Sanford Fire Department conducted twelve 90-minute training sessions with approximately 93 Fire Fighters participating. In addition to SFD, the Seminole County Special Operations and Hazardous Response Team [primary responders in the event of a spill] participated. The training included:



- Introduction to Layne Corporation and the Cured in Place Pipe [CIPP] process which is beneficial should we respond to one of Layne's job sites.
- Pipe plug safety – none of the Departments have had any training on this topic. It will now be added to the Seminole County confined space training program.
- Safe handling and hazards of oxidizers.
- Tour of the wet out facility.

Pictured is one of the tours with Battalion Chief Chris Murphy leading the way. A big *Thank You* to Battalion Chief Murphy for coordinating this challenging training schedule. This type of training is beneficial to all – it provides response tactics to protect lives, assets and possibly limit the impact to the community and the environment.

A Day in the Life of Real Engineers



The Central Florida Professional Section of the Society of Woman Engineers hosted the "A Day in the Life of Real Engineers" event for Seminole County on December 5, 2013 at Lyman High School. This event culminated with an "Engineered by a Female" essay contest in January 2014. The City had a booth, and Utility Department employees Migdalia Hernandez and Tara Lamoureux [pictured] volunteered for this event. The goal of "A Day in the Life of Real Engineers" is to excite middle and high school aged girls about engineering and computer science through interactive presentations from professional female speakers. Two hundred students and volunteers from Seminole County attended this event.

Limo Cycle

Last week on Friday morning, Fox TV Good Day Orlando featured the new Limo Cycle now here in Sanford! City staff members Nikki Osburn, Lisa Mosca, Andrew Thomas and our own Mayor Jeff Triplett and Commissioner Mark M^cCarty participated in the inaugural ride "pedaling" through downtown Sanford. [continued on next page]





My First Harley

Pictured is Braden, grandson of Sanford Police Sergeant Greg Smith, who already got to ride his first Harley! He got the Harley rocking horse for Christmas but was a bit too small at the time. Braden enjoyed his new Harley but it looks like he enjoyed the box just as much!



Optimism

Optimism is a happiness magnet. If you stay positive, good things and good people will be drawn to you.

~Mary Lou Retton



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The Limo Cycle is a 15-passenger, pedal powered party on wheels. Hold onto your hats as you blaze down the street at five miles per hour [seven miles an hour with a good tailwind]. Bring your own tunes, play a group game, or create your own fun. You'll enjoy the outdoors, get a little exercise and use NO fossil fuels as you and your friends cruise the streets of historic downtown Sanford! For more information visit <http://limocycle.com>.

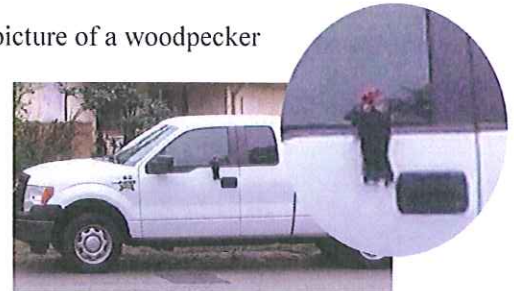


RiverWalk Extension Pedestrian Bridge

Pictured are the H-Piles being driven at Mills Creek for the pedestrian bridge that will be part of the new RiverWalk extension on Seminole Boulevard. The four iron pilings were driven with a pneumatic hammer to a depth of 80 feet and will support the concrete foundation that the bridge will be attached to.

For the Birds...

Ricky Johnson [Public Works] sent in this cool picture of a woodpecker who is apparently in love with itself. Ricky was on Laurel Drive talking to a resident about speed tables and this woodpecker landed on his truck and refused to leave. The resident said it lives behind her house and it loves looking at itself in mirrors and tinted windows on cars. Ricky finally got it to fly away so he could get back in the truck.



City of Sanford Arbor Day



The Arbor Day Proclamation was received at the January 27th City Commission Meeting declaring the City of Sanford Arbor Day as Monday, February 10th. This year, a Highrise Live Oak tree will be planted at Hamilton Elementary School of Engineering and Technology. Hamilton is one of four focus schools for Seminole County. The City of Sanford has been mentoring in the school. Urban Forester Elizabeth Harkey, pictured with Mayor Jeff Triplett, thought it would be great to

let the students at Hamilton get involved in Arbor Day this year and plant a tree and learn why trees are such a benefit to the environment. Tree posters, Forest Trees of Florida Booklets, and "Trees are Good" coloring books will be distributed. The students will read the Proclamation, lead the Pledge of Allegiance and say a few words about the benefits of trees. The ceremony will be at 1:30 PM on Monday, February 10th, on the school playground. The students will plant, stake, water, and mulch the new tree.

Pet Pics

Say hello to Mama and Papa. Janette Foskey [Public Works] has been taking care of them for about two years. They have had three litters in that time; all went to good homes. Mama and Papa have been spayed and neutered. Both are feral but Papa walks with



Janette every day, right beside her. Mama will pat Janette's hand with her paw when Janette feeds her, as if to say "thanks". They are a very loving couple.

Papa is a Bobtail, so there has been at least one Bobtail in each litter. To get your pet[s] featured in the Week Ender, send a picture and brief background to Debbie at debra.simmons@sanfordfl.gov.

