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# HORIZONS NEWSLETTER



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*APA FL SUN COAST HOPES ALL OF OUR MEMBERS HAD A HAPPY THANKSGIVING!*



**Hillsborough River Boat Tour | Legislative Policy Committee | Form Based Code Training**

*This Friday, December 1st: Hillsborough River Boat Tour & Happy Hour*



[Click here to RSVP](#)

Come celebrate the cooler weather with a sunset planning cruise on the Hillsborough River! Join fellow planners as we depart from Rick's on the River and travel by Pirate Water Taxi down to the Channel District and back. Along the way, speakers from the City of Tampa, Hillsborough River Interlocal Planning Board and the Downtown Partnership will share information about planning efforts along the river, waterborne transportation options, and details about ongoing and future riverfront projects.

Following the river cruise, please join the Section for a waterfront happy hour at Rick's on the River.

**Details:**

**December 1st, 2017**

**4:15 PM:** Pirate Water Taxi Tour to the Channel District

**5:30 PM:** Happy Hour

1.0 CM pending for the boat tour. Space is limited on the boat so be sure to RSVP today!

Questions? Please contact Melissa Dickens at [dickensm@plancom.org](mailto:dickensm@plancom.org)

## *Political Junkies Wanted!*

### **Legislative Policy Committee**



The Section is looking for volunteers to serve on a local Legislative Policy Committee. This is a great opportunity to be involved in shaping policy and communicating local planning priorities to the state, and particularly important given the number of bills each year affecting our work as planners. We are looking for folks who would like to participate in the coming legislative session. Interested? Please contact Vice Chair [Roger Menendez](#) to get involved!

**Volunteer to be an APA Congressional District Captain**



APA has recently launched a new free member benefit: the Planners Advocacy Network. The Network was created in response to members' interest in getting more involved in politics on a national level. APA offers a host of materials to assist members in crafting a message and delivering your story, writing effective emails, and what APA's legislative policies entail. Members can join the Network and explore all of the available resources by going to [planning.org/advocacy](http://planning.org/advocacy).

To date, almost 200 APA Florida members have already joined the Planners Advocacy Network. As part of this new APA initiative, we are recruiting inaugural Congressional District Captains (CDC) to assist us with APA's advocacy work in each of Florida's 27 Congressional Districts. While the role may evolve with time and experience, the role as it is currently conceived will focus on responding to APA Action Alerts by contacting your congressional representatives and advocating on behalf of APA. The role may also include distributing information to other District APA members or recruiting Network members in your District.

If you are interested in volunteering to be a Congressional District Captain, please contact your State Chair Laura Everitt at [lauraeveritt@gmail.com](mailto:lauraeveritt@gmail.com).

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## December 6 - 7: Form Based Codes 301

Sun Coast APA FL is co-sponsoring [Form Based Codes 301: Formulating, Adopting and Administering a Code](#).

FBC 301 focuses on formulating, adopting, and administering a form-based code. The course will offer an in-depth look at the relationship between the comprehensive plan and a form-based code, the mechanics of code adoption, the advantages and disadvantages of mandatory, parallel and floating-zone codes, and ways to avoid common pitfalls in the drafting and administration of form-based codes.



For more details and to register, please [click here](#).

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### Sun Coast Calendar and Events of Interest

To suggest an event, please email [suncoastcomm@gmail.com](mailto:suncoastcomm@gmail.com).

**December 1st** - 4:15 p.m.: Hillsborough River Boat Tour and Happy Hour. [RSVP here](#).

**December 1st** - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: [Queer and the Conversation: The Ethics of Inclusion](#). Free webcast. Ethics CM pending.

**December 6th - 7th**: Form Based Codes 301 - Formulating, Adopting and Administering a Code. Clearwater. [Click here to register](#).

**December 8th** - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: [Step by Step: Catalyzing Walkable Redevelopment](#). Free webcast. CM approved.

**December 13th** - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: [Land Use, Mobility and Technology in Urban America](#). Free webcast. CM approved.

**December 15th** - 1:00 p.m. to 2:30 p.m.: [Women in Planning: Guiding Emerging Professionals](#). Free webcast. CM approved.

**January 19th, 2018** - 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.: University Area Community Development Corporation Event and Happy Hour. Details TBD.

**January 26th, 2018** - Expert Witness Training Symposium. Details TBD.

\*Indicates event in adjacent Section.

**Indicates Official Sun Coast APA FL or APA FL Event**

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