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## July 2026 Report – APWA Treasure Coast Branch District Report

### Past Executive Board Meetings:

- March 12 – Focus on Golf Tournament Planning
- March 30 – Board Photo at the Treasure Coast Food Bank
- April 14 – APWA Board Meeting / Golf Tournament Planning
- April 30 – Board Meeting / Golf Tournament Planning
- May 6 – Board Meeting
- May 29 – Board Meeting / Equipment Roadeo Planning
- July 13 – Board Meeting

### Highlights of last quarter's branch activities:

#### February 24, 2026 –APWA Member Meeting and Elections, City of Port St. Lucie

Members met for a member meeting to hear updates from the branch and had the opportunity to nominate and elect board members for 2026. At the meeting, the branch discussed the importance of volunteering and staying involved with the local branch. There are several opportunities outside of the board to volunteer and give back. Congratulations to the new board.

- Chairman, Chris Corrado
- Vice-Chair, Kevin Stone
- Treasurer – Rachel Rivera
- Secretary – Beth Zsoka
- Young Professional – Summer Burdick
- District Representative – Robert Carlsen



### **March 24, 2026 – APWA Members Meeting, City of Sebastian**

The Treasure Coast Branch held its members' meeting at the City of Sebastian, welcoming both current and potential new members with lunch from a tasty barbecue food truck. The City of Sebastian gave a presentation on their GIS program and project portal for residents. There was an engaging discussion about how various municipalities operate during early morning hours. This gathering provided a valuable opportunity for everyone to connect with and share ideas. Additionally, we welcome new members from consultant firms.



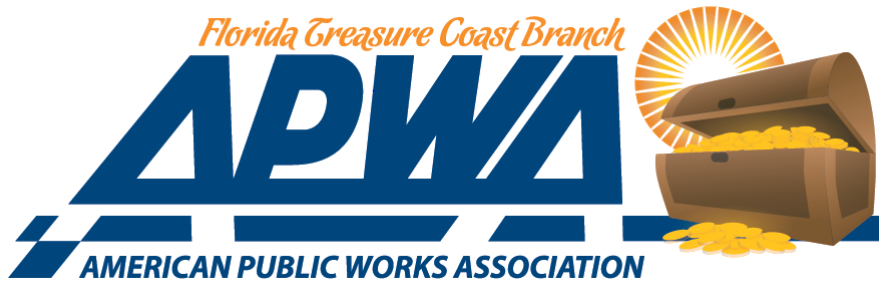
### **APWA Branch Scholarship Winners Attend Leadership Institute**

Scholarship recipients Shereese Snagg, Camille Chin, and Colleen Jacobsen from the City of Port St. Lucie attended the first two modules of the Public Works Leadership Institute, focusing on supervision and management. The final leadership module will take place in May. The branch regularly sends multiple members to this training to develop their careers and leadership skills.

### **April 7-9 – Florida Public Works Expo, Tampa**

Members of the Treasure Coast Branch attended the Annual Florida Public Works Expo. Congratulations to our members who were recognized with the following awards:





**Summer Burdick, City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department**



**Florida Chapter Exemplary Practices Award**

Summer Burdick has been awarded the Florida Chapter Exemplary Practices Award for her innovative advancements in operational efficiency, data management, and accreditation within the City of Port St. Lucie’s Utility Systems Department. She successfully introduced new data tracking systems for monitoring community feedback, automated Certificates of Completion to streamline internal workflows, and implemented a centralized document management platform via PowerDMS, thereby enhancing accountability and regulatory compliance. These initiatives have improved transparency, minimized administrative workload, and bolstered organizational effectiveness. Ms. Burdick’s strategic leadership and dedication to ongoing improvement have delivered enduring benefits to her department, the City and the wider public works sector.

**Thomas Salvador, City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department**



**Florida Chapter Professional Manager of the Year Award**

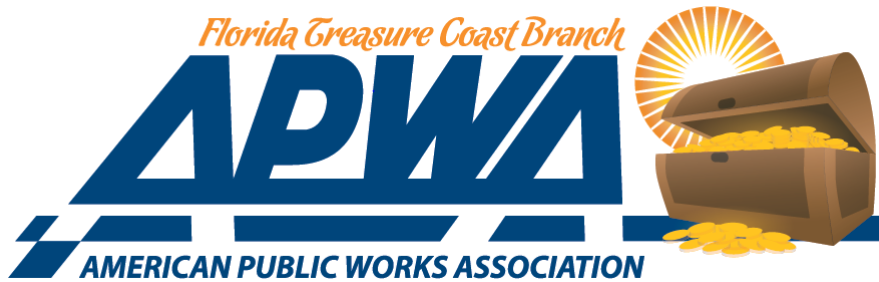
Thomas Salvador was recognized with the Florida Chapter Professional Manager of the Year Award for his leadership and service in Port St. Lucie. As Manager of the CIP and Sales Tax Project Group, he directs over \$138 million in infrastructure projects to improve safety and connectivity. With more than 20 years of experience, Salvador has led vital efforts such as roadway preservation and data-driven planning. His collaborative approach and expertise have significantly advanced the city’s infrastructure and organizational growth.

**Carlos Camacho, City of Port St. Lucie Utility Systems Department**



**Florida Chapter Technical Innovation Award**

Carlos Camacho received the Technical Innovation Award for leading the EPA Lead and Copper Rule Inventory Project in Port St. Lucie. He implemented a data-driven process combining GIS mapping, customer records, and field verification to inspect over 13,000 service lines. His team confirmed zero properties needed inclusion in the inventory, finishing years ahead of federal deadlines and boosting public trust with transparent maps and outreach.



**Robert Carlsen, City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department**

**Mac Ulsch Award**

Robert Carlsen received the prestigious Mac Ulsch, also known as Uncle Mac, Award for his long-term, outstanding service to the Florida Chapter. As District Representative for the Treasure Coast Branch, he supports the chapter’s mission and objectives. Bob advocates for APWA and is active in the C3 Committee for Disaster Response. With over 30 years in Public Works and more than 10 years as an APWA member, he consistently helps others, organizes meetings, and fosters networking. Robert encourages branch participation, welcomes new members, and is recognized for reliability and dedication.



**Beth Zsoka, City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department**



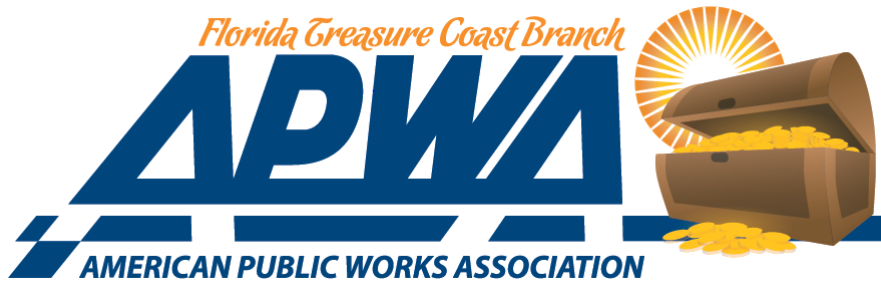
**Frank “Cheech” DeCelles Award / Florida Chapter Member of the Year Award**

Beth Zsoka was surprised with the prestigious Member of the Year Award. This is the Chapter’s most prestigious award with a long-standing history of recipients from across the state. The award is bestowed upon the public works professional who has demonstrated integrity and professionalism and has distinguished achievements. Beth was recognized for her character, integrity, achievements, reputation, merit, distinction and professionalism. She is a highly valued member of the Treasure Coast Branch who consistently goes above and beyond the role in her branch. Her dedication, initiative and professionalism set a standard of excellence within the organization. Beth was recognized for her proactive leadership and her role in supporting the Treasure Coast Branch with meetings and events. Regardless of task, Beth approaches every responsibility with enthusiasm and commitment to success. Her service extends far beyond branch operations. Despite her demanding schedule, she makes significant contributions to the broader community.

**John Dunton, City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department  
Long Time APWA Member Award**

**Andrew Gomez, City of Port St. Lucie Public Works Department  
Five Year Member Award**





**April 11, 2026 – Annual Caring Community Clean Up Event**

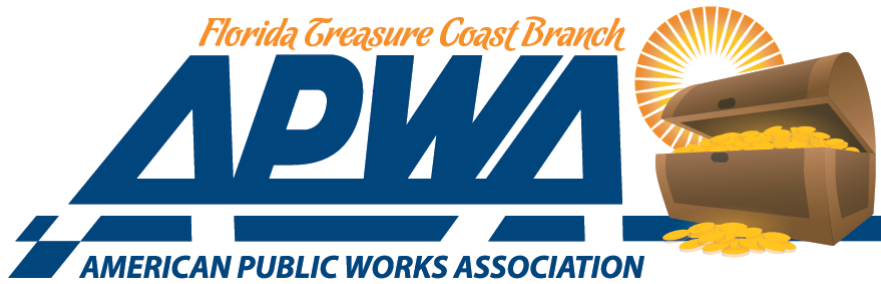
The APWA Treasure Coast Branch participated in the Annual Caring Community Clean Up Day, helping keep our city clean. Members and volunteers worked around City Hall to remove litter and improve public spaces, demonstrating ongoing civic responsibility and environmental stewardship. The branch continues to inspire others to help maintain a beautiful community.



**April 24 – Pack the House Event – Treasure Coast Food Bank**

APWA sponsored and participated in the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Pack the House Treasure Coast Food Bank Event, packing boxes for children, families and seniors facing hunger. Our branch has supported the first shift every year since the event began. This event is highly popular. Participation is limited, and sign-up typically fills within 30 minutes on a first-come, first-served basis. Our branch is very involved and partners with the Food Bank throughout the year. The APWA donated \$2,500 to the Treasure Coast Food Bank to help sponsor this event that gives back to our community.





**May 3, 2027 – APWA Annual Golf Scramble Fundraiser Event, Gator Trace, Fort Pierce**

APWA Treasure Coast Branch held its 26th Annual Four Person Fundraising Golf Scramble at Gator Trace, with 31 teams competing. The event featured raffles, contests for closest to the pin and longest drive, and awarded trophies for first, second, and last place. Proceeds support branch meetings, events, scholarships, and community contributions throughout the year.

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**APWA Proclamations – National Public Works Week**

**City of Port St. Lucie, Monday, May 11 City Council Meeting**





### City of Stuart, Monday, May 11 City Council Meeting



### City of Sebastian, Wednesday, May 13 City Council Meeting



### National Public Works Week Celebration

- During National Public Works Week, the APWA Branch showed appreciation to cities and counties with active members by delivering care baskets directly to their Public Works Departments. These baskets featured tasty treats and cookies. The City of Port St. Lucie received donuts for its Public Works team, as they have the largest membership in our branch. This annual event is a wonderful opportunity to recognize the dedicated professionals working in Public Works across the Treasure Coast, and we highly value our partnerships with local cities and counties. **May 17-23 – National Public Works Week**



### **Members Meeting May 28, 2026, City of Port St. Lucie**

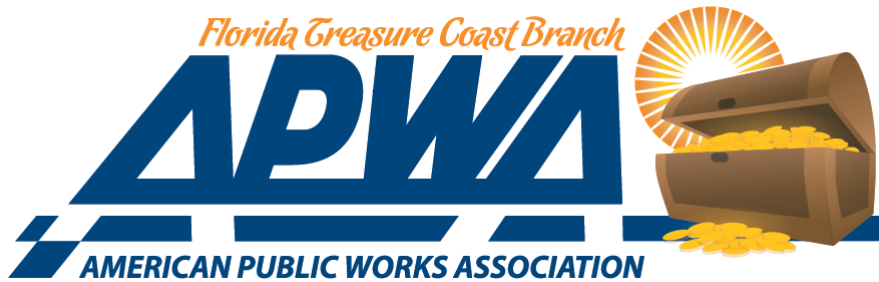
The APWA Treasure Coast Branch conducted its annual Members Meeting in May. During the session, attendees received updates on the branch's activities, including state-level developments, financial status, and information about forthcoming events. Andrew Gomez was awarded his five-year pin by APWA, as he was unable to attend the conference. The branch also formally welcomed several new members, providing them an opportunity to introduce themselves. The event featured dedicated time for networking and allowed participants to enjoy lunch alongside both new and existing members.



### **CEU Lunch and Learn Event on June 17, 2026, City of Port St. Lucie**

On June 17, the APWA Treasure Coast Branch organized a CEU lunch and learn event featuring guest speaker Dylan Weiss from Vialytics. Vialytics is an AI-powered road management platform utilizing a straightforward smartphone configuration in municipal vehicles to autonomously collect and evaluate road conditions, signage, and other roadway assets. The platform converts this information into actionable insights, enabling municipalities to prioritize maintenance, enhance safety, and make informed, data-driven infrastructure decisions without requiring costly equipment or manual surveys. This event provided an excellent networking and learning opportunity for our members. Lunch was generously sponsored by Vialytics.





## 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Members Night Out at Dave and Buster on June 26, 2026, City of Port St. Lucie

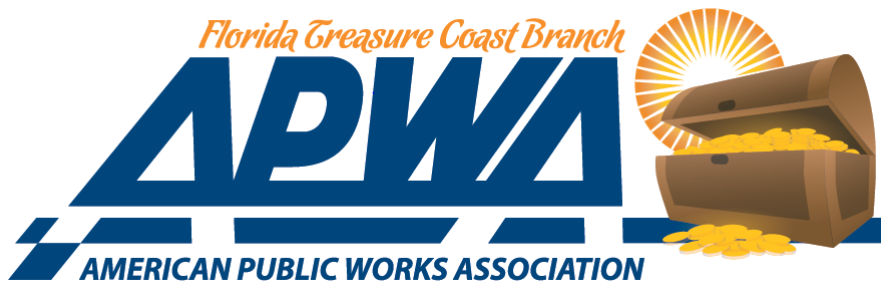
On Friday night, June 26, 2026, APWA Treasure Coast Branch Members were invited to come together and network and enjoy appetizers at Dave and Busters. Members and guests also had the opportunity to play games and talk with one another.

The 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Members Night Out proved to be a lively and engaging event for the APWA Treasure Coast Branch. Held at Dave & Buster's in Port St. Lucie, the evening offered members and guests a chance to unwind after a busy season, connect with colleagues, and welcome new faces. Attendees enjoyed delicious appetizers, friendly conversations, and a spirited atmosphere as they competed in arcade games throughout the night.

This special gathering was an excellent opportunity for members to strengthen relationships and celebrate the branch's accomplishments in a relaxed, entertaining environment. The event fostered camaraderie and encouraged collaboration, helping to build a strong sense of community within the Treasure Coast Branch. The positive energy and enthusiastic participation demonstrated the value of these annual events in keeping members engaged and connected.

Thank you to all who attended and made the night memorable. APWA Treasure Coast Branch looks forward to many more opportunities to bring members together.





## Giving Back to the Community

### Treasure Coast Food Bank

The branch contributed \$2,500 to the Treasure Coast Food Bank in support of the Annual Pack the House event which provides meals for families in the Treasure Coast area. Since its inception 11 years ago, the branch has proudly served as the first shift sponsor for this event. This initiative offers an excellent opportunity for our members to come together, have fun and give back to the community by packing food and essential care items that directly benefit children, families, and seniors experiencing food insecurity within our region.



## Recognition

### Honoring Our Late Public Works Colleagues

We are sending flowers with heartfelt condolences to the family of **Leroy Cooper**, who served as a dedicated Public Works employee for the City of Port St. Lucie. Leroy took great pride in his work, enjoyed serving the community, and appreciated the impact of his projects and contributions. He was always a joy to work alongside.

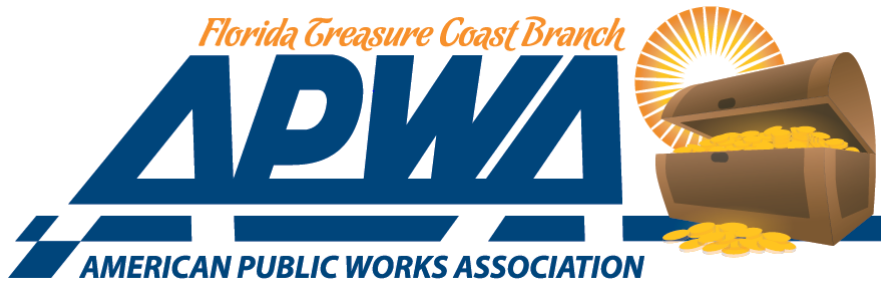


### Branch Member Special Recognition



Congratulations to Member **Milton Leggett**, City of Stuart Public Work Director on the prestigious Wendy Lee Parker Lifetime Achievement Award. He was recognized for his exceptional leadership and four decades of public service in overseeing stormwater, transportation, parks, facilities, fleet and transit services. Under his leadership, he implemented innovative stormwater projects that reduce flooding and help improve the health of the St. Lucie River, including his oversight of a biannual stormwater education calendar that gives residents simple, practical ways to reduce pollution and protect local waterways. Through his strong commitment to both infrastructure and community engagement, he has helped build a forward-thinking Public Works program that supports resilience while preserving Stuart's natural beauty.

Milton was recognized for this award at the Environmental Leadership Awards for Keep Martin County Beautiful in April. Congratulations Milton on this well-deserved recognition. Milton is an active honorary board member of the Treasure Coast Branch and his dedication to his community continues to inspire us all. Milton has been an active member since 2008.



### Treasure Coast Branch Provides a Helping Hand

The APWA Treasure Coast Branch, in partnership with the Florida Chapter, has taken proactive steps to ensure public works departments are prepared for hurricane and storm events. Through a coordinated effort led by APWA State and Robert Carlsen, Treasure Coast Branch District Representative, more than 2,700 ready-to-eat meals have been stored at the City of Port St. Lucie facility. This strategic location serves as a midpoint between Panama City and the Florida Keys, making it an ideal hub for distributing emergency supplies across the state.

The emergency food supply, generously donated by the APWA State Chapter, provides crucial support for public works teams who may find themselves in need during severe weather. By planning ahead and organizing these resources, the branch demonstrates its commitment to aiding those who keep our communities safe and operational during challenging times.

Thank you to APWA State for your donation and your ongoing dedication to helping public works professionals and the communities they serve.



### Upcoming Events:

- **July 13** – APWA CEU Lunch and Learn, City of Port St. Lucie, Speaker Antonio Balestrieri, Managing Traffic Congestion in One of the Fastest Growing Cities in the Country
- **August 18** – Annual Kick Off Breakfast Members Meeting at Cracker Barrel in Jensen Beach
- **September** - Members Meeting, City of Port St. Lucie
- **October 21** - Annual Equipment Rodeo Event
- **November** - Members Meeting, City of Stuart
- **December** - Member Holiday Event