



# FOOD & FUEL NOTES

**Legislative Update** — There has been little movement on bridging the budget gap between the Senate and House since both chambers passed their respective budgets on April 7. As reported last week, funding for the petroleum tank cleanup program remains at \$125 million in the Senate and \$130 million in the House. The stark policy differences between the two chambers' budgets have prevented them from coming to a basic agreement on how to begin the conferencing process, which under normal circumstances would already be underway. Reforming state pensions, consolidating turnpike authorities, funding the courts and reforming Medicaid remain the major issues in play. The Senate will not be meeting this week in recognition of the Easter and Passover holidays. Conference committees will likely begin meeting when the Senate returns from its break the week of April 25th. When the conferees are named, we will request that you contact them to encourage their continued support for fully-funding the tank cleanup program. <Todd Steibly, Gray-Robinson>

**Convention/Expo Countdown** — *Fifteen weeks before Convention and the Expo!* A dynamic guest speaker is on tap for Tuesday morning. Kaihan Krippendorf is a strategist, author and innovation expert who will teach you to seize opportunities ignored by others and build your strategic thinking capabilities. Microsoft, Johnson & Johnson and CitiGroup have all successfully utilized Kaihan's method. He has authored three business strategy books: *The Way of Innovation, The Art of the Advantage* and *Hide a Dagger Behind a Smile*. His engaging style and unique perspectives on leadership and strategy will keep you glued to your seat. Don't miss this one.

**2010 Carrier of the Year** — *Pipeline Transportation*, whose corporate slogan is "Florida's Premier Petroleum Carrier," has been selected as Circle K's Carrier of The Year for 2010. With a 25+ year history as a common carrier of gas, lubricants, other light oils and jet fuels throughout the southeastern U.S., Pipeline proudly recognizes its professional driver team, which includes over 100 of the best qualified men and women in the industry. Pipeline's high standards are recognized through the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration ratings. Pipeline holds special Coast Guard certificates that allow them "over the water" bunkering privileges and they fuel Navy and Coast Guard vessels, put lubricating oils on the nuclear subs for the Navy and have also filled the Space Shuttle transport vehicle at Canaveral.

**Wet Zoning Decision in Tampa** — On March 29, 2011, the Tampa City Council enacted significant changes to its zoning code to streamline the approval process by reducing the time and costs for a business to obtain the ability to sell alcoholic beverages. FPMA Member, attorney *Mark Bentley*, was instrumental in bringing these changes about, stating in the Tampa Tribune, "There's no reason that small business owners should have to go through a bureaucratic quagmire just to sell beer and wine, especially in this economy." *For deeper insight, please review the attached Land Use Bulletin.*

**Congratulations Are In Order** — FPMA Chair-Elect *Stephanie Hinton*, Jim Hinton Oil Co., has been elected to the PURE Oil Jobbers Cooperative Board of Directors. Stephanie has been elected to represent District 4 and will serve a term of three years.

**10th Annual Golf Classic To Benefit Central Park Village Youth Services**— Past Chairman *Joe Capitano, Sr.*, The Radiant Group, invites attendance at the Golf Classic. Proceeds from the tournament go to help disadvantaged children and families in need. Come out and enjoy yourself while extending a helping hand. It can't get better than this. The brochure is attached.

**New DEP link** — Updated Source Removal Quote Form documents are located at [http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pcp/pages/pg\\_documents.htm](http://www.dep.state.fl.us/waste/categories/pcp/pages/pg_documents.htm). (Center column under Source Removal Forms, highlighted 04/11/11).

**PMAA Leadership Seminar** — *Adam Selvidge*, FPMA Membership and Trade Show Director, recently had the opportunity to participate in the 10th Annual Petroleum Marketers Leadership Institute in Memphis, TN, focusing on communication, teamwork, change management and leadership skills. He connected with marketers from all over the country and found the experience well worthwhile. If you are interested in attending this event next year, or nominating a staff member for attendance, contact Arlene Bellfield at PMAA - [abellfield@pmaa.org](mailto:abellfield@pmaa.org).

*Attachments: 1) Land Use Bulletin-Alcohol Sales 2) Golf Brochure*



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