

Scenic Watch



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News From
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The Florida Scenic Highways Program Printable Calendars



Photo: 2018 FDOT Scenic Highway Calendar

The Florida Scenic Highways Program (FSHP) publishes calendars that use employee photos to "celebrate the diversity of sights and activities along our Florida Scenic Highways". Previous year's calendars remain popular since many people enjoy



Fun Festivals and Events

Central

May 3
The Outdoor Kitchen for
the 4th annual Farm to
Table Dinner, Lake Wales
May 4-6

looking through the photos long after the calendar is outdated and they are downloadable in order to allow them to be printed.

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Jacksonville: "Homeowners claim city removed Jacksonville Electric Authority (JEA) signs from yards"



Video: News4Jax

"Some homeowners claim workers with the city of Jacksonville removed signs they placed in their front yards opposing the sale of JEA.

Residents in Oceanway posted anti-sale signs in their yards. They told News4Jax on Monday someone from the city came and collected them over the weekend.

Photos show a city worker from the code-enforcement staff picking up some of the signs. Some were illegally placed on public property, but a resident said they yanked one of the signs from her yard.

'I paid for that sign, and I have the right to display

Orchid Show and Sale,
Merritt Island

May 4

Clearwater Beach Taste
Fest, Clearwater

May 5

St Pete Indie Market, St
Petersburg

May 5-6

St Johns River Festival of
the Arts, Sanford

May 6

Motorcycle Show, Port
Orange

May 10-12

Harvey Milk Festival,
Sarasota

May 11

Downtown Melbourne
Friday Fest, Melbourne

May 12-13

Jazz on the Vineyard
Green, Clermont **May 12**

Kid's Night Out at the
Zoo, Sanford

May 12

Taste of Soul, Orlando
May 12-13

Mayfaire-by-the-Lake,
Lakeland

May 15-28

Orlando Fringe Festival,
Orlando

May 16-20

Orange Blossom
Jamboree, Brooksville

May 18-20

The Florida Boat Show,
Daytona Beach

May 19

Beer 'Merica festival,
Orlando

May 19

Temple Terrace Craft
BrewFest, Temple Terrace

May 20

Tampa Indie Flea, Tampa
May 24-27

Megacon, Orlando

May 25-27

Country 500, Daytona
Beach

May 26

Wine Walk and Art Walk,
New Smyrna Beach

May 26-27

that sign on private property,' a homeowner, who wished to remain anonymous, said. 'I want my sign back.'

News4Jax reached out to the city of Jacksonville about the removal of the signs. It released a statement:

'These snipe signs were posted illegally in the right-of-way based on City ordinance 741.102. Municipal Code Compliance officers work seven days a week removing any snipe sign that violates City ordinance, which may include penalties as defined in ordinance 741.107'..."

-- Jim Piggott, Nick Jones, News4Jax

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Jacksonville: "City employee, supervisor placed on leave over military flags flap..."



Video: Florida Times-Union

"As a petition is posted on change.org demanding a Jacksonville city inspector be fired for citing a Westside store for flying military flags, Mayor Lenny Curry has put her on administrative leave after video of her finger-wagging confrontation with employees and a veteran went viral.

Tampa Bay Margarita Festival, Tampa
May 26-27
Sunset Music Festival, Tampa
May 29
Climb to the Moon, Ponce Inlet

South

May 3-6
Sunfest, West Palm Beach
May 5
Wheelin' Dealin' Food Truck Festival, Fort Lauderdale
May 6
Sunday Jazz Brunch, Fort Lauderdale
May 6
Taste of the Beach, Fort Myers
May 9-13
Key West Songwriters' Festival, Key West
May 11
Yappy Hour, Fort Myers
May 12
Wynwood Artwalk, Miami
May 12
Great Dock Canoe Race, Naples
May 12
Turtle Trot 5K, Fort Myers
May 12
6th Annual Key Lime Festival, Punta Gorda
May 12-13
Piano Discovery Series, Miami Beach
May 17-20
Key Largo Original Music Festival, Key Largo
May 18-19
Harry S. Truman Legacy Symposium, Key West
May 18-20
Redland International Orchid Show, Homestead
May 19
KEYS100 Ultra-Marathon, Florida Keys
May 19-20
Stuart Sailfish Regatta,

Curry also has ordered a review of the employee's actions as he rescinded the citation she wrote for flying them on either side of American flags at Jaguar Power Sports, a motorcycle dealership at 4680 Blanding Blvd.

The mayor's City Hall statement said the employee's supervisor is also on leave following the Monday citation and subsequent argument with staff as well as a customer, a military veteran who was apparently told 'you did nothing for our country.'

'The flags can fly,' confirmed city spokeswoman Tia Ford, after Curry's statement offered apologies to the customer.

'Employees of the City of Jacksonville are the servants of taxpayers who have a duty to enforce our laws and regulations. I expect every one of them to do that job in a manner that is respectful and reflects the privilege we all have to serve this great city,' Curry's statement said in part. 'What I saw reported is 100 percent inconsistent with how I expect every city employee to interact with our citizens. I have ordered a review of the actions of the employee and pending the completion of that review, the employee and her supervisor have been placed on leave.'

News of the confrontation in the store surfaced when its manager, Shaun Jackrel, posted a video explaining what happened when city inspector Melinda Power came in to discuss another issue with him. Then she issued a warning for the number of flags flying above the entrance: twin American flags flanked by others representing different branches of the U.S. military. Power wrote down that the flag violation fell under the city code for zoning limitations on signs, according to Times-Union media partner WJCT-FM...

When city officials learned of the citation, Chief of Staff Brian Hughes said they were reviewing the facts of the case as well as ordinances regarding

Jensen Beach
May 26
FATVillage Artwalk, Fort
Lauderdale
May 28
Palm Beach Jerk and
Caribbean Culture
Festival, West Palm Beach

North

May 2-5
Suwannee River Jam, Live
Oak
May 4-5
Spring Tour of Historic
Homes, Apalachicola
May 4-6
Gamble Rogers Folk
Festival, St Augustine
May 4-6
Isle of Eight Flags Shrimp
Festival, Amelia Island
May 4-13
Romanza Festivale Week,
St Augustine
May 5-6
Spring Garden Show and
Festival, Williston
May 6
Florida Safari, Ocala
May 8-13
The Players
Championship, Ponte
Vedra Beach
May 10-13
Free Shakespeare in the
Park, Romeo & Juliet,
Tallahassee
May 12
Windsor Zucchini Festival,
Windsor
May 12
Ironman 70.3 Gulf Coast,
Panama City
May 16
Life as the St Andrews
Hermit, Panama City
May 18-20
Digital Graffiti Art
Festival, Alys Beach
May 18-20
Wild Amelia Nature
Festival, Amelia Island
May 19

flags and signs, according to First Coast News, another Times-Union media partner. Hughes also noted that the Mayor's Office was in communication with the business..."

-- Dan Scanlan, Florida Times-Union

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Santa Rosa Beach: "Topsail Hill beach gets a cleanup"



Photo: nwfdailynews.com

"Forty-three volunteers from Okaloosa and Walton counties and people from the park's campground gathered at Topsail Hill Preserve State Park recently for a beach cleanup."

-- nwfdailynews.com

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Haulover Beach: "FPL, Miami-Dade County team up for 36th Biscayne Bay cleanup"

Tupelo Honey Festival,
Wewahitchka
May 24-27
Jacksonville Jazz Festival,
Jacksonville
May 25
River Rhythms, Ocala
May 25-28
Blue Crab Festival,
Palatka
May 25-27
Florida Folk Festival,
White Springs

[For many more events and details please visit the Orlando Times Travel Calendar here](#)





"Florida Power and Light provided on Saturday a different kind of service than providing electricity to homes and businesses. The utility and Miami-Dade County teamed up for the 36th annual Baynanza Biscayne Bay Cleanup Day. The event gave more than 200 volunteers a chance to remove waste from the Biscayne Bay shoreline and take part in the largest shoreline cleanup in South Florida."

-- WSVN

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"Garage sale signs go down in Titusville"



Video: Fox35 News

"Some residents in Titusville have noticed their garage sale signs missing from street sides."

City representatives said it's no accident: those signs aren't supposed to be there. According to city code 'snipe signs,' as they're called, are not allowed on any public property or right of way.

Garage sale signs or other temporary signs can go up on private property with the owner's permission, but city leaders said if they are placed in the public right of way they can be removed by anyone..."

-- Brian Scott, Fox35 News

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