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November



Fun Festivals and Events

Central Florida

Nov 3-7

Orlando Film Festival, Orlando

Nov 11-13

Hudson Seafest Celebration, Port

St. Petersburg:

Comprehensive Sign Code Overhaul

Historic Signs and Human Signs Are Covered in the New Code



Photo: City Of St. Petersburg Staff Presentation

Richey

Nov 4-6

14th Annual American Indian Arts Celebration, Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

Nov 4-6

Sebastian Clambake Lagoon Festival, Sebastian

Nov 3-6

Lady of the Lakes Renaissance Faire, Tavares

Nov 5

26th annual Highlands Hammock Civilian Conservation Corps Festival, Sebring

Nov 6

Sunset and Symphony, Lake Wales

Nov 5

4th annual Stone Crab Jam, Crystal River

Nov 5

21st Annual Sarasota Blues Festival, Sarasota

Nov 5

Blues 'n Bar-B-Que, Homosassa

Nov 5-6

Ruskin Seafood Festival, Ruskin

Nov 5-6

25th Annual Lake Mary-Heathrow Festival of the Arts, Heathrow

Nov 5-6

Festival of the Arts, Inverness

Nov 5-6

Tenth Annual Winter Park Concours d'Elegance, Winter Park

Nov 6

Conga Caliente Festival, Tampa

Nov 11-14

Children's Miracle Network Classic, Lake Buena Vista

Nov 12

Harvest Jamboree and Hunter's BBQ, Astor

Nov 12-13

Quilts and Tea Festival, Davenport

Nov 11-13

RibFest, St. Petersburg

Nov 11-13

Cape Coral Coconut Festival, Cape Coral

Nov 12-14

19th Annual Holiday Open House, Clermont

Nov 13-21

"Codes and regulations for historic signs, conforming signs, non-conforming signs, electronic signs and even humans holding signs in St. Petersburg could soon be changing.

...City Council will consider changes to the codes that would dictate certain construction, demolition and replacement of all types of signs throughout St. Petersburg...

'This process was initiated by city council,' Lazzara said of the sign ordinance changes. 'They wanted to take a fresh look at what the code currently allows or doesn't allow.'

Lazzara said the changes would make a more streamlined process for the demolition of abandoned non-conforming signs. There will be exceptions for 'historic signs', Lazzara said.

'Council seems to be of the opinion that non-conforming should be dealt with on a more efficient basis,' he said. 'There is a desire to provide some protection for (historic) signs that really capture a certain development period in the city's history. These signs depict, are representative of a way of making signs that is really not common today.'

...Stricter rules for 'Human Signs', what Patch blogger Peter Schorsch calls the 'Scourge of St. Petersburg,' are also being proposed.

Currently there are no restrictions in the city code for human signs, which are defined as 'signs held by the hand of a person and not attached to any pole or other objects affixed to the ground.'

Proposed regulations include limiting human signs for one per property, can only operate during business hours, must be on the private property of the business or on the immediate adjacent public right-of-way.

More regulations will be discussed ...about 3-D signs, which are currently not allowed in the city, abandoned signs, flags, large facility signs and many more..."

-- William Mansell, St. Pete Patch

Detailed presentation from the St. Petersburg city staff with their original recommendations can be read in the .pdf here: [Review of Sign Regulations](#)

Modifications to the original recommendations can be read in the .pdf here: [Proposed Modifications](#)

Festival of Trees at Orlando Museum of Art, Orlando

Nov 12-13

23rd Annual St. Armands Art Festival, Sarasota

Nov 12-13

Homosassa Arts, Crafts and Seafood Festival, Old Homosassa

Nov 12-13

Roar 'n Soar, Polk City

Nov 17-20

SkyQuest, DeLand

Nov 19

12th Annual Cigar Heritage Festival, Ybor City

Nov 19

The Plant City Pig Jam, Plant City

Nov 20-21

Yankeetown Seafood and Arts Festival, Yankeetown

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South Florida

Nov 4-6

West Palm Beach Antiques Festival, West Palm Beach

Nov 4-20

National Firefighter Games, various locations in Palm Beach County

Nov 3-6

FGCU-Sanibel Island Writers Conference, Sanibel Island

Oct 28- Nov 6

South Florida Auto Show, Miami Beach

Nov 4-6

14th Annual American Indian Arts Celebration, Big Cypress Seminole Indian Reservation

Nov 4-6

Ninth Annual Feast of Little Italy,



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City of Miami:

Consideration of Sign Code Modifications is Scheduled and Rescheduled



Photo: ScenicDade.com

"The new proposed sign regs were withdrawn from the Miami City Commission Oct 25 agenda a workshop with the Planning and Zoning Appeals Board and the public will be scheduled to discuss this proposed legislation...

Two issues:

A - RE 19 2 LED signs on the west and east faces of the Miami Children's Museum. These signs are illegal under the County Sign Code...

B - FR 2 An ordinance on first reading which expands the mural advertising zone west of I-95 and outside of the downtown core, extending west of N Miami Ave to the edge of the Design District; the southern expansion "bump out" puts ads in a historic neighborhood adjacent to the Miami River... "

[Click here to read City of Miami Document Titled "Legislation PZAB Resolution"](#)

[Read Scenic Dade Comments on "File Number: 12-00941zt For Final Resolution of the PZAB Board"](#)

Urban Environmental League Weighs In At Meeting

Jupiter

Nov 5-6

Biannual Estero Fine Art Show,
Estero

Nov 6

Taste of the Town, Fort Myers

Nov 7

Flamingo Family Food Festival,
Davie

Nov 6

29th Annual Taste of the Town, Fort
Myers

Nov 2-6

American Sandsculpting
Championship Festival, Fort Myers
Beach

Nov 11-13

The 71st annual Ramble A Garden
Festival, Coral Gables

Nov 13

EAA Aviation Day, Marathon

Nov 13

Aviation Day, Fort Myers

Nov 14-20

Tenth annual Miami Short Film
Festival, Miami

Nov 13-20

Miami Book Fair International,
Miami

Nov 18-20

Salsa Fest, Greenacres

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North Florida

Nov 5-6

Sea and Sky Spectacular,
Jacksonville Beach

Nov 4-5

48th Annual Florida Seafood
Festival, Apalachicola

Nov 6

26th Annual Great Chowder Debate,
St. Augustine

Nov 11

Veteran's Day Parade, Jacksonville

Nov 12-14

St. Augustine Pirate Gathering, St.
Augustine

Nov 19

Amelia Island Holiday Cookie Tour,
Amelia Island

Nov 20-21

"On October 16th, 2012 the well known and well respected Urban Environment League hosted Scenic Miami to discuss the proliferation of billboards, especially illegal LED billboards. Several people had seen the Chronicles of the Billboard Wars and we wanted to screen the film for all the attendees.

We had a lively discussion and all participants related various horror stories about obnoxious outdoor advertising signs in the City of Miami and in Miami-Dade County.

Scenic Miami founders Barbara Bisno, William Pollak and Peter Ehrlich attended.

We all agreed to keep in touch and to fight harder to influence elected officials to stop approving visual pollution. "

-- Scenic Dade

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Legal Update:

Appeals Panel May Strike Down L.A. Digital Billboard Deal

The 2nd District Court of Appeal tells attorneys it's leaning toward invalidating permits for 100 signs approved by the L.A. City Council. Opponents of the signs welcome the tentative ruling.

" A three-judge panel signaled Tuesday that it may strike down a deal that allowed roughly 100 digital billboards to go up in Hollywood, Venice and other neighborhoods, according to participants in the case.

The 2nd District Court of Appeal informed attorneys that it was leaning toward instructing a Superior Court judge to invalidate the permits for those existing digital signs, attorneys said. The signs were approved by the L.A. City Council in 2006 as part of a settlement agreement and have drawn protests from neighborhood activists, who say the billboards create blight and shine into yards and homes.

Dennis Hathaway, president of the Coalition to Ban Billboard Blight, called the tentative ruling 'a vindication.'

'Those [digital sign] permits should be revoked, and they should be shut off,' he said. 'And that's exactly what the appeals court said in their tentative ruling this morning. That's not a final ruling, but I didn't see any indication that the judges were going to change direction.'

The lawsuit was brought by Summit Media, which argued that council members had given a sweetheart deal to two companies for digital signs that would generate \$100 million annually.

Yankeetown Seafood and Arts
Festival, Yankeetown

Nov 10

Sunset / Moonrise Tour, St.

Augustine

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Note from the Editor

Suggestions for improvement are
always welcome.

Clear Channel Outdoor, which operates 79 of the digital signs at issue in the case, said it was disappointed in the court's tentative ruling...

A final decision is expected within 90 days...

Councilman Paul Krekorian said that if the tentative ruling was finalized by the court, it would represent 'a big step' toward reducing the number of billboards citywide. He said the council should move ahead immediately with a plan for regulating digital signs.

-- David Zahniser, LA Times

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