

October 2026

NUCA NORTH FLORIDA, INC



THE FLOW

NUCA NF GENERAL MEMBERSHIP
MEETING
OCTOBER 8TH
MAGGIANO'S

Upcoming Events

Oct 8 - General Membership Meeting

Oct 21 - Young Professional Networking
Event

Nov 3 - Clay Shoot

Nov 19 - Top Golf Benefit for Seamark Ranch

Nov 12-14 - NUCA FL Bass Tournament

February 27 - Jacksonville Icemen

March 9-12 - NUCA National Convention

March 15-17 Tallahassee Legislative Days

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Dear NUCA Members and Friends,

There is a change in the air. As the daylight gives way to the fall season, let us take charge of each day and make the most of the opportunities before us. The challenges our world faces remind us to live fully and lead by example. Don't wait for change, be the change.

We look forward to Congress returning from the summer recess. Attention will be on the House of Representatives as the NUCA-supported BUILD America 250 Act (H.R. 8850) is set to expire on September 30. A push for a short-term extension is currently underway.

Looking ahead, we have some outstanding events planned over the next few months. These include the Young Professionals Meeting, the Clay Shoot, and our October 8th General Membership Meeting, where Congressman John Rutherford and Representative Dean Black are scheduled to speak. If you're interested in attending any of these events, please reach out to Jennifer for more information.

Let us not negotiate with ourselves, rather, surrender it and act in obedience.

Thank you for your continued support of NUCA, and I look forward to seeing you at our upcoming events.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Alvaro A. Rios". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke extending from the end.

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The Law and Your Business- Discharge Claim of Lien per Ch. 713.21(4), F.S.
Tony Zebouni, Lindell & Zebouni, P.A.

The Steins own a condo in the Privateer North community in Longboat Key. Reynolds recorded a mechanic's lien based on work it performed on all units in the community pursuant to a contract with Privateer North (Association) listing all unit owners; the lien did not state whether the subject work was performed on common elements of the community.”

The Steins commenced an action against Reynolds seeking to discharge the lien as fraudulent or exaggerated and requesting a declaratory judgment that the lien was invalid Pursuant to section 713.21(4), the clerk of the circuit court on June 2, 2025, issued a Summons and Notice to Show Cause to Reynolds. Reynolds filed its Response to Plaintiffs' Order to Show Cause stating, in pertinent part: “Reynolds has not initiated foreclosure proceedings and has attempted to resolve the dispute with the Association”.

When a property owner invokes [section 713.21], a lienor must strictly comply with the statute in order to preserve its lien.” Also, Liens on condominiums are controlled by section 718.121, Florida Statutes. Paraphrasing, subsection (1) provides that, after the declaration of condominium is recorded, no liens are valid against condominium property as a whole unless the unit owners unanimously consented thereto. Subsection (2) prohibits liens for work on individual units unless the unit owner expressly consented to or requested the work. However, it further provides that work performed on the common elements cannot give rise to a lien, but if authorized by the condominium association a lien may be claimed against all of the condominium parcels in the proportion for which each unit is liable for common expenses. The condominium association authorization is deemed to furnish the express consent of each unit owner.

Once recorded, “section 718.121(3) confirms that if a valid lien encumbers multiple condominium parcels, each owner of an encumbered parcel may exercise the rights of a property owner under Chapter 713 . . . “Finally, subsection (3) enables the individual unit owners to remove or discharge a lien covering more than one unit by exercising any of the rights provided an owner by Chapter 713, Florida Statutes, or by paying his proportionate share of the claim.”.

The filing of a complaint initiates the clerk's issuance of the summons to the lienor “to show cause . . . why [the] lien should not be enforced by action or vacated and canceled of record.” A showing of cause is not easily met: “absent informing the court that a lienor has already taken steps to foreclose its lien, rarely does a circumstance rise to the level of ‘good cause”.

Here, Reynolds had two options pursuant to the clerk's summons: (1) show cause why its lien should not be enforced by action or vacated and canceled of record or (2) commence an action on the lien. Reynolds concedes that it did not commence an action on the lien. claims

Section 713.21(4) mandates where no good cause is shown as to “why the lien should not be enforced or” where the lienor fails “to commence such action before the return date of the summons the court shall order cancellation of the lien.”

It is important to strictly comply with all statutory requirements in responding to a Rule to Show Cause or Contest of Claim.

KENNETH R. STEIN and JILL PATRICIA STEIN, Petitioners, v. REYNOLDS VENTURES, INC., d/b/a WRIGHTWAY EMERGENCY WATER REMOVAL,

NUCA News Summary – September 2026

Industry News and Advocacy

Congress Returns, Approves Government Funding Until Dec. 11

Congress enacted in early September a short-term funding package that keeps federal construction and transportation programs operating through Dec. 11, 2026. On Sept. 1, the House passed a continuing resolution bill (H.R. 6500) by a 370-48 vote. The Senate approved the measure in August, with President Trump signing it Sept. 2, averting a government shutdown after FY 2026 ends Sept. 30. The package extends highway and transit authorities that otherwise would have lapsed.

The “clean” extension preserves core Highway Trust Fund programs and gives lawmakers time after the November midterms to finish a five-year successor to the 2021 bipartisan infrastructure law. Speaker Mike Johnson said he will push to complete that reauthorization before the 119th Congress ends in December, though Senate progress and tax-writing work remain unfinished. NUCA members should expect continuity on most formula programs, with further negotiations still needed on long-term funding before the session’s work concludes in mid-December.

House Bill Cuts Drinking Water SRF By 68 Percent

On Sept. 3, House Energy and Commerce Environment Subcommittee members examined a proposed bill that would slash authorized Drinking Water State Revolving Fund levels by 68 percent.

NUCA strongly objected to the proposal in the “Safe Drinking Water Infrastructure Improvement Act” writing in their media statement, “Authorizing a 68 percent cut to the Drinking Water State Revolving Fund while communities face a 20-year, \$1.2 trillion backlog in drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater infrastructure needs is not fiscal discipline. It is deferred maintenance disguised as budget savings.”

For NUCA contractors building water systems, that proposal collides with documented need. EPA estimates \$625 billion is required over 20 years for drinking water systems alone, while communities face a \$1.2 trillion drinking water, wastewater, and stormwater backlog and roughly \$90 billion in annual shortfalls. The Senate is advancing SRF authorizations rising to \$4.5 billion annually by 2030, a sensible proposal strongly supported by NUCA. This legislation is only in the beginning stages, and NUCA is lobbying our Congressional supporters to remove this cut before any final bill is considered.

Association News

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Aaron Witt Confirmed As Convention Keynote Speaker! Summer Rate Registration Open

NUCA has big news to share with members about the upcoming NUCA 2027 National Convention! Keynote speaker Aaron Witt, founder of BuildWitt, takes our Convention stage with his powerful talk: “Field First: YOU Are the Solution.” Our industry faces a critical crossroads: massive infrastructure needs, an outgoing generation, and an incoming one still finding its footing. Leadership is nervous. Who steps up? Aaron has the answer. And after traveling across six continents, he’ll show you why it’s YOU. You’ll walk away with five simple, actionable ways to develop and retain the next generation and drive real results.

You won’t want to miss Aaron’s captivating presentation. Register now for NUCA’s 2027 National Convention at the Hilton Sandestin Beach Gold Resort & Spa, Miramar Beach, Florida, March 9-12, 2027. And stay tuned to NUCA for more details about our purpose-built sessions, networking with NUCA National Partners, new Convention events, and more! Register today at nucadigs.com.

Association News

NUCA Benefits: NUCA Careers website open for business

Find the skilled talent your construction business is seeking! NUCA Careers is now available to NUCA members to post free online job ads and connect with qualified professionals interested in careers in the utility construction industry.

NUCA Benefit: Turnkey Housing for Construction Teams

NUCA members can now access exclusive, flexible housing through Blueground. Fully furnished units nationwide help construction teams with mobile workforces save money, cut administrative burden, and keep projects moving for stays of 30 days or more. Go to promos.theblueground.com/nuca-members/.

Toolbox Talks: It's never been easier to promote safety to your employees

Toolbox Talks are for NUCA and industry members to use and distribute to their employees to assist them in promoting safety in the workplace. Toolbox Talks reinforce company safety rules, warn of dangerous conditions and describe safe workplace procedures.

Go to NUCA.com/toolbox-talks and browse the wealth of safety knowledge available to NUCA members.



October Safety News!

DON'T LET ROUTINE BECOME A RISK

When we perform the same tasks every day, it is easy to become comfortable. That experience is valuable, but comfort can also lead to complacency. Many incidents happen during jobs employees have completed hundreds of times before—not because they did not know what to do, but because they stopped giving the hazards their full attention.

Before starting each task, take a few minutes to look at the job as if it were your first time doing it. Conditions can change from one day to the next. Traffic patterns may be different, weather can affect ground conditions, equipment may have developed a problem, underground utilities may have changed, or another crew may now be working in the area.

Pre-operation inspections are one of the easiest ways to prevent an incident. Operators should inspect their equipment before use and immediately report anything that could affect safe operation. Employees working around heavy equipment should stay aware of blind spots, swing radiuses, backing equipment, and designated travel paths. Never assume an operator sees you.

Excavation and trench work also require constant attention. Soil conditions, water accumulation, spoil pile locations, access and egress, protective systems, and nearby equipment should be evaluated throughout the day. A trench that was safe in the morning may not remain safe after rain, vibration, or additional excavation.

The same mindset applies to work-zone and MOT setups. Signs, cones, barrels, barricades, and lane closures should be checked regularly to make sure they remain properly positioned and provide motorists enough time to recognize and react to changing roadway conditions.

Good safety habits are built through repetition, but safe crews never allow repetition to turn into autopilot.

Take the extra minute. Inspect the equipment. Check the trench. Verify the traffic control. Look around before moving.

Experience makes us better at the job. Staying alert keeps us safe while doing it.

Commercial Insurance Insights

Tanner Brewer, Commercial Insurance Advisor

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Dash Cameras: A Tool for Claims & Driver Safety?

Turning vehicle footage into a practical risk-management resource

Dash cameras are becoming an increasingly useful tool for contractors with employees on the road. While they cannot prevent every accident, cameras can provide an objective record of what happened before, during, and after a crash.

From a claim's perspective, footage may help establish whether a driver was following traffic laws, identify another party's actions, and provide valuable information when witness accounts conflict. Clear video can also help a contractor respond more efficiently to questionable claims and reduce uncertainty during the investigation.

Dash cameras can also support driver-safety programs. When employees know that driving behavior may be reviewed, cameras can reinforce expectations around distracted driving, following distance, speeding, and other risky behaviors. However, companies should establish clear policies covering who can access footage, how long it is retained, and how privacy concerns are handled.

The best approach is to treat dash cameras as one piece of a broader fleet-safety program, not as a replacement for driver training, vehicle maintenance, and written safety policies.

Key Takeaways

- Use footage to document what actually happened during an accident.
- Consider cameras for vehicles with frequent job site or customer travel.
- Create a written policy for footage access, retention, and employee privacy.
- Pair cameras with driver training and a formal fleet-safety program.

Halloween Safety Reminder: Reduced daylight, seasonal decorations, and increased pedestrian activity can create additional driving hazards. Encourage drivers to stay alert and avoid distractions.

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MEETING

Join NUCA NF for an exciting evening!

Guest Speakers:

Congressman Rutherford

Representative Black

**Enjoy the opportunity to hear from North Florida
Representatives**

&

**Network with Fellow NUCA North Florida
Members!!!**

OCT 8, 2026

**6PM-
8PM**

MAGGIANO'S LITTLE ITALY,
10367 MIDTOWN PARKWAY, JACKSONVILLE,
FL 32246

RSVP BY OCT 1 - No Charge for This Event

To Register Click **Here** or
email nucanf@gmail.com



NUCA NF Young Professional Networking Event

Come Join Us!!!

**Lawn Games & Par 3 Beer
Loop**



Wednesday, October 21, 2026

5:30PM–8:30PM

Oak Room

254 Alta Mar Drive

Ponte Vedra Beach, FL 32082

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2026 15TH ANNUAL

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Shoot -
Shotgun Start
9AM

Afternoon
Shoot -
Shotgun Start
1PM

SHOOT

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