



Florida League of Cities

2025 **ANNUAL CONFERENCE**

KNOW BEFORE YOU GO

with Chris Holley and Eryn Russell





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About the **Florida League of Cities**





What is the League?

Association for Florida's cities, towns, and villages

- No affiliate, individual, corporate, or other members, per bylaws

Created in 1922 to serve as the united voice for Florida's **411** municipalities

Headquarters in **Tallahassee**; office in **Orlando**

League's mission: **Local Voices Making Local Choices**

League Offerings



Advocacy



Training



Events



Resources



Services

League Governance



Michael C. Blake

President

Mayor, Cocoa



Holly D. Smith

First Vice President

Vice Mayor, Sanibel



Mark Franks

Second Vice President

Mayor, Shalimar



Jeannie Garner

Executive Director/CEO



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Packing Your Bags

Dress code is **business casual** – wear what feels comfortable for walking

Rooms are chilly – bring a jacket

Thursday is **City Shirt Day** – wear a shirt with your municipal logo

Saturday night's inaugural celebration – cocktail attire suggested



Once You Have Arrived

Parking:

- Self-parking: **\$20.00**
- Valet: **\$42.75**

Have Your Tax-Exempt Form Ready:

- If you haven't already done so, please email a copy of your tax-exempt form to joshua.shorter@waldorfastoria.com



Registration Desk/ League Lounge *(Bonnet Creek Foyer)*

Wednesday, August 13
12:00 p.m. – 4:30 p.m.

Thursday, August 14
7:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m.

Friday, August 15
7:30 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, August 16
7:30 a.m. – 2:30 p.m.

Schedule of Events

Thursday, August 14

8:00 a.m. - Ethics

9:00 a.m. - First Time Attendee Meet & Greet, Conference Tour, and Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting

10:00 a.m. - Exhibit Hall Opens

10:15 a.m. - Workshops begin

1:00 p.m. - Cities 101 /FLC 101 Workshop

2:15 p.m. - Joint Legislative Policy Committees

5:15 p.m. - Connect, Collaborate, and Caffeinate

6:00 p.m. - President's Welcome Reception

Schedule of Events

Friday, August 15

7:30 a.m. - Exhibit Hall Opens

7:30 a.m. - Sunrise Yoga

9:15 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. - Workshops

10:45 a.m. - Opening General Session

6:00 p.m. - Membership Networking Event

Schedule of Events

Saturday, August 16

9:00 a.m. - Annual Business Session

10:00 a.m. - Second General Session

12:00 p.m. - Past Presidents Luncheon/Installation of New President

2:00 p.m. - Leadership Workshop

6:15 p.m. - Reception/Inaugural Celebration*

**Please note the performance includes fog and laser effects.*



Exhibit Hall

Exhibit Hall Ribbon Cutting

- Thursday, 10:00 a.m.

Hours

- Thursday, 10:00 a.m. – 7:30 p.m.
- Friday, 7:30 a.m. – 1:15 p.m.

Sidewalk Café lunch available both days (**cash sales only**)

- Thursday, 12:30 – 2:00 p.m.
- Friday, 12:15 – 1:15 p.m.

Refreshment breaks will take place inside the Exhibit Hall while it is open



Food at the Hotel

Beech – Casual, al fresco dining

Bull & Bear – Steakhouse classics and trend-setting fare

Harvest Bistro – casual dining with American classics

La Luce – thin-crust pizzas, handmade pastas, and more

Muse – Coffee bar

Zeta Asia – sushi rolls, sashimi, and hand-crafted cocktails, wines, and beer



Business at the Conference



The **Annual Business Session** will take place on Saturday at 9:00 a.m.



Voting delegates consider elections and other business – *only one delegate per municipality*



If you have questions about your city's voting delegate, visit the registration desk

Social Media at Conference



Use **#FLCities2025** on your Facebook, Instagram, and X social media messaging
We are also on LinkedIn and YouTube – search for **@FLCities**



Conference App

When you arrive, you will receive information on how to download the conference app.

The app contains the conference agenda, a hotel map, speaker information, and more!

Use it to organize your day, network easily, capture memories, and stay informed.



Getting the Most Out of Conference



Visit flcities.com/annual-conference for the conference program, schedule, and more



Ask FLC staff questions



Your **FLC badge** is your ticket to all events – wear it everywhere



Sit with folks you don't know – meet new people!



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