



## Founding Members



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### Features

#### Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition Focuses on Electric Vehicles for Spring Membership Meeting



Which comes first, the infrastructure for electric vehicles, (EVs) or the cars themselves? That was one of many questions posed at the third Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition event on March 19, 2013, held at the Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council. The answer - the Tampa Bay area now has a good start on both!

The focus of the event was "Taking the Pain out of High Gasoline Prices" and centered primarily on electric vehicles attracting both Clean City stakeholders and car enthusiasts. An impressive line-up of speakers from USF, the EPC of Hillsborough County, TECO and local car dealerships, addressed the audience from a wide range perspectives. [Read More.](#)

#### Clean Cities Members Tour J.J. Taylor Companies, Inc.



Close to 20 Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC) members participated in a Members-Only tour of the J.J. Taylor Companies, Inc. facility this past February. J.J. Taylor, a major beer distributor located in South Hillsborough County, recently leased 43 CNG Freightliner Business Class M2 112 CNG tractors. A newly installed fast-fill CNG station on site can fill the tractors in minutes. Members were also given a tour of the newly updated vehicle maintenance facility that includes special venting and sensors to manage fugitive methane gas associated with CNG. J.J. Taylor consulted the county fire department for retrofit requirements and was able to make the necessary changes at a cost of approximately \$60,000. TBCCC owes a special thanks to J.J. Taylor for a very informative tour!

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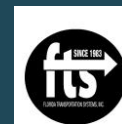
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### **Precision Alternative Fuel Conversions** - *We don't do different things....We do things differently*

Natural Gas can now power your business, your home and your vehicles. Natural gas is safer, cleaner and more abundant right here in the good ole USA than gasoline or diesel. Thanks to visionaries like Mr. T Boone Pickens, the infrastructure is well on the way and now it is our time to invest in natural gas as our transportation fuel. PAFC was founded by Mr. Frank Morsani to help our area utilize this new economical and abundant fuel. Located on Dale Mabry Highway in Tampa, we are trained and approved to convert vehicles by Altech-Eco, Impco, NatGasCar, CNG Diesel, LandiRenzo, CNG United and are working with Roush and Impco for LP conversions. We have converted vehicles for Tampa International Airport, TECO, TECO People's Gas, Clearwater Gas, Marion County Utilities, Florida Public Utilities, Saddle Creek Transportation, Bonita Springs Utilities, Alan Jay Automotive Network, Dillon Transport and City of Pensacola. PAFC can convert light duty cars, trucks, and Class 8 trucks and tractors to run on natural gas. Be sure to ask about dual fuel and propane conversions as well. Visit our website [www.Precisionafc.com](http://www.Precisionafc.com) or call Mike Thomas or Al McCormick for any questions. 813-397-5200.



### **City of North Port - Sarasota County's Largest Municipality.**

North Port is Sarasota County's largest city, both in population (58,674) and land area (104 square miles). The city was designated a "Florida Green Local Government" at the Gold level in 2011, the first municipality in the county to be so honored. North Port received federal ARRA funds and partnered with Sarasota County in the Get Energy Smart Retrofit Program. The program distributed almost \$300,000 in home energy efficiency rebates and loans to city residents. The city looks forward to collaborating with the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition to identify and seize opportunities to reduce greenhouse gases from its transportation sector, which accounts for over half of the community's emissions.



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## Upcoming Events

Watch for **training courses for TBCCC Members** later this summer. TBCCC is receiving grant funds as part of a Department of Energy award through a collaborative effort of all Clean Cities in the state of Florida. These award funds will be used to help further training and education on alternative fuels.

TBCCC will be hosting a Third General Membership Meeting in August 2013 at the USF Patel Center. Details TBA soon.

## Membership Information

*The Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition is a membership based organization created to coordinate and promote the use of non-traditional and cleaner energy for transportation in the Tampa Bay Region. The effort was launched in the summer of 2012 with financial and in-kind support from the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, TECO Energy, the USF Patel College of Global Sustainability, and the USF Center for Urban Transportation Research. Tampa Bay Clean Cities will work in concert with, and support the U.S. Department of Energy's Energy Efficiency and Renewable Energy Vehicle Technology Program - Clean Cities.*

### Join the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition!

For information on joining, see the membership page by clicking [here](#). The system accepts electronic checks and all major credit cards.

Contact Bessie Skoures at USF Patel College for more information at [skoures@usf.edu](mailto:skoures@usf.edu) or 813-974-1256

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