



## Founding Members



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### Features

#### TBCCC welcomes the following new member: John Batchelder

#### TBCCC holds CNG training for stakeholders

On October 4 Tampa Bay Clean City Coalition (TBCCC) members along with alternative fuel stakeholders from around Tampa Bay attended a CNG conversion training workshop at the TPepin Hospitality Centre. This first of its kind training in the region was sponsored by Trillium CNG and supported by the TBCCC steering committee members: USF Patel Center, USF CUTR, EPC of Hillsborough County, TECO Energy and Clearwater Gas System. The day kicked off with a warm welcome from Margaret Rush representing both TBCCC and the EPCHillsborough County. After outlining CNG properties and benefits she turned the floor over to workshop trainer Micheal Smyth who co- led sessions for the remainder of the day.



Mr. Smyth has specialized in alternative fuels training for over 15 years and has been with the nationally recognized Natural Alternative Fuels Training Center (NAFTC) at West Virginia University since 2011. [Read More.](#)

#### Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition celebrates National Plug In Day

On September 28, Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition



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##### Bronze



supported the Sierra Club and the City of Temple Terrace along with the Environmental Protection Commission of Hillsborough County, NOVACHarge and TECO in the recognition of National Plug-In Day 2013 for the second year in a row.

The event kicked off with a City Proclamation delivered by the Mayor of Temple Terrace, Frank Chillura officially declaring September 28, 2013 National Plug in Day in Temple Terrace. With a live broadcast from WMNF 88.5 radio in the background, electric vehicle owners, enthusiasts and advocates gathered in to celebrate and heighten awareness of the many benefits of electric cars, trucks and motorcycles. The event also featured an electric vehicle expo, ride-and-drive sessions provided by Daniels Chevrolet and highlighted several sustainability focused vendors. [Read More.](#)

### **Patel College and TBCCC host lecture on the sustainability of biofuels**

On October 23, the USF Patel College of Global Sustainability and Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition (TBCCC) hosted seasoned sustainability professional John Sheehan for his presentation, "Cars to Cows:



An Exploration of Sustainable Food and Energy." The event took place on Campus Sustainability Day and was attended by USF faculty, staff, students and stakeholders from the Tampa Bay Clean Cities Coalition. Sheehan's presentation discussed the sustainability of biofuels within the context of global agriculture. [Read More.](#)

## **TBCCC Feature Member Profiles**

### **Tampa International Airport aims to Create Cleaner, Greener Operations**

As the Tampa Bay area's biggest and most-used transportation hub, Tampa International Airport's strides toward using clean energy and being more sustainable are



critical to our region. Recently, the airport was nominated in two categories - government and partnership -- for Sustainable Florida's 2013 Best Practices Awards. It was also a finalist in the partnership category for its alliance with Clean Energy, converting the airport's vehicle fleet to 40 percent alternatively fueled vehicles, with a goal

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of being 75 percent converted over the next 10 years. The airport also installed a compressed natural gas (CNG) station on airport property and several of the airport's tenants have since shown interest in converting their vehicles to CNG.

This is only the start of some of the great changes happening at TIA, as the airport is embarking on \$2.5 billion Master Plan of major growth and development, which will be accompanied by a Sustainability Master Plan. The goal is for the airport to be more socially, economically and environmentally progressive as it grows, ensuring TIA will be enjoyed by generations to come.

The airport held a series of public, tenant and staff workshops in July, gathering input on what the community feels are the most important priorities. Those priorities -- under the categories of people, planet and profit -- have been identified as: Community and health, safety and security; natural systems management, waste management and building/buying green; and energy management and regional economic impact.

"It was interesting to compare the three groups, and that diversity is exactly what we were hoping to get," TIA Project Director Alice Price said. "Different groups value different things and we need to take all of that into consideration when we create the Sustainable Master Plan."

Now having those priorities in place, the airport will begin setting goals and performance metrics before coming up with initiatives and drafting an action plan by early next year. To learn more about TIA's Sustainability Master Plan and provide input, visit [www.tampaairport.com/airport\\_business/sustainability.asp](http://www.tampaairport.com/airport_business/sustainability.asp).

**NovaCharge: Established leader and trusted advisor in Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure solutions.**

Based in Tampa Bay, the company was founded in 2008 to address the emerging need for a next-generation Electric Vehicle Charging infrastructure, and has deployed over 1000 charging stations across the U.S., from Florida to Hawaii.



At NovaCharge, we believe the new popularity of EVs will drive a significant increase in the global use and deployment of EV Charging stations in the coming decade. With over 25 plug-in EV models expected to be available in 2014, and with the number of electric cars in the U.S. forecasted to grow by 135% over 2013, the mass adoption of electric transportation in the U.S. market has begun. The NovaCharge team is committed to providing an exceptional charging experience for EV drivers, and is focused on delivering cost-effective and revenue-generating solutions for EV charging station owners.

Through our growing network of resellers and installation partners, NovaCharge delivers the products and services needed to ensure the deployment of high-quality EV infrastructure for Government, Private Enterprise, Electric Utility and Residential customers. The NovaCharge team is proud to be a growing part of the high-technology community in Central Florida. For more information, visit: [www.novacharge.net](http://www.novacharge.net).

## News

**Trillium CNG Station Grand Opening** - The Trillium station in Tampa at 50th Street and Madison is open for business for fleets and the public. Trillium CNG, a business unit of Integrys Energy Group Inc. (NYSE:TEG), has also signed a lease with The Radiant Group LLC to build a compressed natural gas station at Radiant's Gaskwick, 2605 N. 50th St., Tampa, FL

**The Florida State Energy Office** announces that applications will be accepted for CNG, LNG and Propane vehicle rebates beginning January 7, 2014. Rules on Chapter 50-4 concerning Natural Gas Fuel Fleet Vehicle Rebate via Florida Department of Agriculture Energy Office [here](#).

**Clean Cities 20th Anniversary videos:** [Part 1](#) and [Part 2](#)

## Alternative Fuel News Corner

**New iPhone app helps drivers find fueling stations.**

The Alternative Fueling Station Locator app, now available through the App Store, allows iPhone users to select an alternative fuel and find the 20 closest stations within a 30-mile radius. App available [here](#).

[New York Charges Up](#)  
[Toyota Fuel Cells](#)  
[Alternative Fuels Data Center](#)  
[Station Locator](#)  
[Vehicle Cost Calculator](#)

## Upcoming Events

**Save the Date - December 5, 2013!**

Florida Alternative Fuel Vehicles Expo

11:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Eckerd College

[4200 54th Ave S](#)

St. Petersburg, FL



## 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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