

Judith Ann Zimomra

Biography

Judie Zimomra has served as City Manager of Sanibel since 2001. During her tenure, Ms. Zimomra has developed a motivated management team dedicated in providing high quality service at the lowest prudent tax rate. Judie received the 30-year Service to Local Government Award from the International City Manager's Association (ICMA). She has served as an adjunct college professor at Cleveland State University where she taught graduate students in Public Administration and as an adjunct professor at Edison State College School of Law and Public Safety. Zimomra has been named a "Power Women of Lee County" by *Florida Weekly*. Zimomra has been selected as the 2012 Commencement Speaker for Newton Falls (Ohio) High School, her alma mater.

During her tenure, the City of Sanibel has received two Program Excellence Awards from the Florida City and County Managers Association (FCCMA). *Florida Weekly* named the City of Sanibel as "Best Managed City" in southwest Florida. FCCMA selected the construction of the City's Recreation Center in the category of Community Sustainability and restoration of the Historical Old Schoolhouse at the Village in the category of Community Partnership, for recognition. The Recreation Center also received the Southeast Construction Best Sports Recreation Project Award for the southeast region of the entire United States.

Among the challenges Zimomra has dealt with during her tenure as Sanibel City Manager includes the recovery from Hurricanes Charley and Wilma. Her accomplishments include reducing the tax burden on local property owners by obtaining more than \$35.8 million dollars in grants over the past ten years, as well as developing a user fee system to recover costs for municipal services. The City also completed construction of a voter approved \$14.5 million recreation center. She also oversaw the completion of a \$73 million sanitary sewer and effluent reuse system.

Her academic credentials include a Juris Doctorate degree from Capital University and a Master's Degree in Public Administration from Ohio State University with specialization in Fiscal Administration. She also is an alumnus of Harvard University JFK School of Government Program for Senior State and Local Officials. Zimomra has been a speaker at the national conference of the Government Finance Officer's Association.

During her tenure, the City of Sanibel has been recognized by the American Planning Association (APA) with the National Planning Landmark Award, the Government Finance Officer's Certificate of Achievement for Excellence in Financial Reporting and Budgeting, the National Hurricane Conference, and the Governor's Hurricane Conference.

Zimomra has been honored with the Paul Harris "Citizen of the Year" award by the Sanibel-Captiva Rotary Club. She also has been named Citizen of the Year by the Sanibel & Captiva Islands Chamber of Commerce, and Citizen of the Year by the Committee of the Islands (COTI). She serves on the United Way of Lee, Hendry & Glades Counties Board of Directors. In 2011, the Ohio State Alumni Association named Zimomra among, "100 Buckeyes You Should Know."

Her publications include articles on *Clostridium Perfringens* and Pulmonary Hemosiderosis in C.D.C. publications as well as articles in *American Public Works Reporter* and *Cities & Villages*.