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WELCOME TO SMART CITIES NOW

Updates on smart city progress around the globe

NEWS & TRENDS

Rolling out a high-tech welcome mat for tourists: Qatar's ambitious plan to draw more tourists is getting a boost from Ooredoo, the country's top communications company. Leveraging its smart hospitality solutions, Ooredoo is working with hotels and others to deliver what travelers want. There's a lesson here for other regions eager to attract more visitors. [MORE >>](#)

A win-win for West Palm Beach: Just as hurricane season arrived in the Atlantic, S&C Electric opened its new manufacturing plant to provide Florida Power & Light with technology it needs for a more resilient electric grid. The \$3 million facility in West Palm Beach will also bring 170 new jobs. Click for details. [MORE >>](#)

How to plug your water supply's (money) leaks: Whenever water goes down the drain, so does money. It doesn't have to be that way. From updating old, leaky water infrastructure to replacing metering technology that's quickly becoming obsolete, click to read about solutions to utilities' biggest money pits. [MORE >>](#)

Mobile first, video next: Is your city ready? More and more people are accessing the world through smartphones rather than PCs, thanks to industry leaders like Qualcomm. But what's next? A Cisco forecast suggests if you want to continue engaging citizens on their smartphones, you may need to hire videographers. [MORE >>](#)

Verizon IoT Smart Cities Seminar coming to Chicago

The morning event on Friday, June 5, highlights smart cities solutions available from Verizon and its solutions providers as well as an exciting line-up of guest speakers. [Learn more >>](#)

PILOTS & PROJECTS

How Allied Telesis Wi-Fi helped future-proof a Texas campus: Texas State Technical College in Waco wanted a wireless system flexible enough for the day-to-day demands of 5,000+ students and that could support any application the college might deploy in the future. Read in this case study why TSTC chose technology from Allied Telesis. [MORE >>](#)

TOOLS & RESOURCES

Society changes, technology changes: Can your city change too? Drone technologies, artificial intelligence, autonomous vehicles and peer-to-peer services -- among other technology advances -- are set to disrupt business-as-usual at city hall. A new report issued by Brookings suggests that to maintain effective service delivery, local governments must be agile, nimble and dynamic. Is yours? Read the report. [MORE >>](#)

JESSE'S PICKS

5 hot topics

Linked below are the five most popular articles on our website during May. Did you miss any?

1. [15 top-ranked IoT cities \(and why yours should be on the list\)](#)
2. [16 cities win IBM brainpower](#)
3. [Smart Cities Council India launches; will develop country's first Readiness Guide](#)
4. [Utah nearly eliminates homelessness with solution that sounds too simple to work](#)
5. [5 inspiring communities that are reinventing themselves sustainably](#)

SMART CITY EVENTS

Who are you going to meet at Smart Cities Week?

Registrations for the Council's Smart Cities Week & Exhibition in Washington, D.C. Sept. 14-16 are building and the attendee list looks like a who's who of top elected officials and department heads from cities and government agencies large and small. They'll be joined by leading smart cities experts from private industry, academia, trade associations and civic groups. We hope you'll join us too! [Register now >>](#)

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Chicago

6.8: Major Cities of Europe Conference

Hamburg

6.24: Smart Cities Now

Nice, France

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