

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Council of Neighborhood Associations

The Voice of Condo, Civic, and Homeowner Associations of Pasco County

Summer time is still in full swing, but that doesn't stop us from moving forward.

"Batten down the Hatches" Local, state, and national elections are coming up. CONA has provided an Election Information page for convenience online at www.conapasco.org. The Council of Neighborhood Associations will be hosting a **"Candidates Meet and Greet"** on **Thursday, August 18, 2016 at 9:30 a.m. at the Gulf Harbor's Civic Center**. Refreshments will be served so **NO EXCUSES!** This is the chance to personally meet those that want to make Pasco County and the State of Florida great.

CONA Upcoming Events:

All meetings are held at the Gulf Harbor's Civic Center at 4610 Floramar Terrace, New Port Richey, FL 34652. For questions please contact one of the CONA Directors.

This term, CONA is trying something different to accommodate all the Members that cannot make a morning midweek meeting. **The first Member's Meeting will be held Tuesday, September 20th at 6:30 p.m.** This is the only scheduled evening meeting at this time. The Board will consider other evening meetings. Member's feedback is encouraged. Please contact one of the CONA Directors.



The **October Program** will be held **Wednesday, October 12th at 9:30 a.m.** This is the **2nd Wednesday of this month which is NOT the normal 3rd Wednesday schedule. This will ONLY be for the month of October.**

CAI Suncoast:

Community Associations Institute (CAI) wants to increase the number of voters living in America's communities. **Complete your voter registration now to exercise your right to vote on Nov. 8!** If you haven't yet registered to vote, CAI has made it easy for you to do so now online at www.caionline.org/YourVoteCounts. Voter registration deadlines vary from state to state, so CAI encourages you to register today. It only takes a couple of minutes.

More than 67 million people live in community associations; these individuals can play an important role in

building their communities' political power. When these Americans exercise their right to vote, they're not only ensuring their voices are heard at the local, state and national levels, they also are helping to empower their individual communities.

Remember: If you don't vote, you're allowing others to speak for you. Every vote counts—and together, we can have a powerful impact and protect the interests of America's communities.

Share this message with your neighbors and encourage them to register to vote! www.caionline.org/YourVoteCounts.



WE'RE READY! ARE YOU?

From Brian Corley, Supervisor of Elections

“Let’s work together for a successful Primary Election on Tuesday, August 30, 2016. “ The following tips will help you prepare:

There are Three Ways to Vote!

- 1) Vote-by-Mail** - convenient, easy, no lines or waiting, no reason required, delivered to your door and the ability to track your ballot online. Ask for your ballot at <http://www.pascovotes.com/> or call 800-851-8754.
- 2) Early Voting** - Saturday, August 20 - Saturday, August 27 at 8 locations county-wide. Saturday and Sunday 9:00 - 5:00, Monday - Friday 10:00 - 6:00. See <http://www.pascovotes.com/> for locations and wait times.
- 3) On Election Day** - August 30th - Polls are open from 7:00 a.m. - 7:00 p.m.

Primary Election Fun Facts:

- By law, Florida is a closed primary state. Simply stated, a closed primary means that the candidate choices on your ballot will be only candidates that are the same party affiliation as your voter registration. In Florida, the parties elect their own candidates which go on to oppose the opposite party in the General Election.*
- Unlike many states, party changes on Election Day are statutorily prohibited in Florida.
- There is a U.S. Senate race for voters registered in the Libertarian Party of Florida - approximately 750 voters countywide.
- If you are registered without party affiliation, there is still a ballot for you! All voters will vote on the non-partisan county judge race.
- All voters will vote on the proposed constitutional amendment. Historically, these amendments do not appear on the ballot in the primary; however, the legislature has presented Amendment No. 4 about Solar Devices or Renewable Energy Source Devices being exempt from certain taxation.

***In General Elections ballots are not party specific. Voters are issued precinct-specific ballots according to state house and senate lines, local contests such as Community Development District races, and all candidates elected at large.*

Where Do I Vote on Election Day?

- Know your polling location in advance. This information was provided to you on your voter information card, but it is also available at <http://www.pascovotes.com/Precincts-Districts/Precinct-Finder> or by calling 800-851-8754.
- Due to legislative redistricting it was necessary to make some adjustments to precincts. As a result, some polling locations changed. All affected voters with up-to-date addresses on file were notified.

What Else Should I know?

- Review your sample ballot before voting.
- Take your photo and signature ID or you will be statutorily required to vote a provisional ballot. Your FL driver license or FL ID card meet this requirement, but there are other acceptable forms of identification. See [pascovotes.com](http://www.pascovotes.com) for a list of these.

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HURRICANE SEASON IS HERE

June 1 - Nov 30

Please be prepared by:

- obtain a 2016 Hurricane Guide
- know you flood zones
- locate the local public shelters
- prepare a plan for your pets