



COMMUNITY NEWS

THE COUNCIL OF NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATIONS

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

Celebrities at the Hacienda Hotel
circa 1927

CONA UPCOMING EVENTS:

All meetings are held at the Gulf Harbor’s Civic Center, the 3rd Wed. of each month at 9:30AM

February 17, 2016 – “Shut the Lights on Your Way Out”.....The aftermath of association collapse-- its causes, remedies, preventative measures and effects -- what EVERY board member should know. Guest speakers will be Jane Bolkin and Vince Peralta of Peyton Bolin.

March 16, 2016 – “The Water Fix” Issues with communities served by FGUA. The speaker will be Matthew Rihs, Community Service Representative FGUA.

April 20, 2016 – BIG EVENT!!! “Officers and Directors Certification Course” This event is FREE to CONA Members! Non-members may pay \$15 for the Certification and become a CONA Member for the year!!

May 18, 2016 – “What’s Going on up there in Tallahassee?!” Prospective Speaker will be State Representative Amanda Murphy.

CAI SUNCOAST UPCOMING EVENT:

2016 CA Day & Trade Show - The St. Petersburg Coliseum - Thursday, February 25, 2016
10:00 AM- 4:00 PM

THE WEST PASCO ART GUILD

Please be sure to check out thir website www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org to see the upcoming schedule for the new year.

DADE CITY

Pasco County Fair - Feb. 15 thru Feb. 21
at the Pasco County Fair Grounds. A long standing

and spectacularly safe, family oriented event. The first documented Pasco County fair was January 20-24, 1948. Schedule of events can be found by going to the Pasco County Fair Association’s Website.

Model Train Show - Mar. 19 from 9 AM to 4 PM at the Pioneer Florida Museum & Village. If you are a train enthusiast, make sure to put this event on your calendar. Model trains in action, train and hobby vendors, G-Scale Garden Railway and a 1913 Porter 10 Wheeler.

HUDSON

Crab & Shrimp Festival - Mar. 18 & 19 at SunWest Park. A festival filled with family fun at a tropical paradise setting makes it the ideal weekend destination event for the whole family. Feast On Savory Seafood, Live Island Music / Entertainment, Craft & Art Show, Boat Show, Interactive Kids Area & More!

PORT RICHEY

Pasco Waterfest - “Be An Island” Feb. 19 - 20 at Miller’s Bayou. Pasco Water Fest will exhibit local businesses and the unlimited outdoor activities West Pasco County has to offer. Featuring events like, Pithla-Poker Run Pub Crawl, Be an Island Boat Raft-Up and The Cotee River Charity Classic Fishing Tournament.

CHECK OUT THE IMAGE ABOVE ^

This picture was said to be taken in 1927 at the famous Hacienda Hotel in Downtown New Port Richey. The Celebrities shown here are Mrs. George R. Sims, Mrs. Raymond Hitchcock, Mrs. Thomas Meighan, Gene Sarazen, Mrs. Earl Benham, George R. Sims, Mrs. Gene Sarazen, Earl Benham. This photograph appeared in the New Port Richey Press on Feb. 3, 1928.

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**From the Desk of Mike Fasano, Tax Collector...
“Don’t Be Scammed by Overpricing!”**

One of the key functions of the tax collector’s office is to renew registrations and provide related services for automobile tags. Customers have the option to renew tags either in person, online or via regular mail. The bulk of the cost for this service goes to the state of Florida, with a small service fee allowed by statute to be retained by the tax collector.

In recent months there has been an increase in third-party vendors providing a similar service but who charge outrageous fees to do so. In addition to the customary renewal fee for a registration, the vendor charges what can only be called a predatory service fee that almost doubles the cost of a renewal. The worst vendor is arguably one called E-Tags Direct. This vendor has optimized search engine results so that it appears at or near the top of most searches for tag renewals in Florida, even above legitimate governmental entities.

There are ways to prevent yourself from becoming a victim of these unscrupulous companies. When you receive your tag renewal notice you may bring your payment into one of our five offices located in Pasco County and pay in person. You may mail your renewal in as per the directions on the renewal notice or you may use our secure website to pay for your tag renewal. Please visit www.pascotaxes.com and follow the links to the online payment options. If you decide to pay online please make sure the logo “Mike Fasano – Tax Collector – Pasco County, Florida” is visible at the top and “Powered by Grant Street – Software that Works” is visible in the lower right-hand corner. If you do not see these logos online then you are most likely on a third-party site. If you ever find yourself in that situation I would recommend you log off immediately.

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Please go to www.conapasco.org to view the current FL Legislative Update.

April 20 - Board Certification Course at the Gulf Harbor’s Civic Center. From 9:30 AM to 1:30 PM. FREE for CONA Members, \$15 for Non-Members. Become a Member with your \$15 entry fee!! WHAT A DEAL!! Seating is limited, call 813-433-2016 or email jscannavino@mgmt-assoc.com to register.

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Representative of FGUA. Stephen (Steve) Spratt, FGUA System Manager, and Flip Mellinger, Pasco County Assistant County Administrator for Utilities, have expressed an interest in attending the CONA meeting, and will make themselves available to discuss inquiries from Lindrick or other CONA members regarding any possible transition of the FGUA utilities to Pasco County. This will be a meeting NOT to miss! Bring a guest, and bring your questions.

“What Would Picasso Say?” will be the art show in February at the West Pasco Art Guild. It begins with an afternoon tea on February 13 from 2 to 4PM. The public is invited to this free event. The food is wonderful. The Guild is open from 9AM to 3PM on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday and Saturday 10AM to 4PM. We are located at 6206 Jefferson St at the corner of Missouri. For more information call 727-841-7732. Go to westpascoartguildandgallery and visit us on Facebook. We will also be opening the studio on Wednesday evenings beginning in February from 6 to 9 PM to make it easier for adult artists who cannot come to the Guild during daytime hours on a trial basis through April. This will be the same format for those interested in painting or drawing with other artists of various skill levels. Some informal instruction may be given.

Vision 54/56 Corridor Study
The MPO has begun studying potential highway and transit improvements on the SR 54/56 corridor from US 19 to Bruce B. Downs Blvd. This study has been divided into two phases.

The first phase includes a citizen led task force approach with the objective of recommending up to 6 viable and practicable options.

More information is available at the project website. www.vision54-56.com.



February 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 CONA BOARD MEMBERS MEETING	10	11	12	13
14	15 PASCO COUNTY FAIR 15 - 21	16	17 CONA MEETING 9:30 AT THE GULF HARBORS CIVIC CENTER	18	19 PASCO WATER FEST 19 & 20	20
21	22	23	24	25 CA DAY TRADESHOW AND SEMINARS 10 AM AT THE COLISEUM	26	27
28	29					

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