

COMMUNITY NEWS

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HAPPY NEW YEAR 2016! How exciting, we have arrived in the *FUTURE*. One year past Marty McFly and his venture on the "hover board" CONA is looking forward to the future; 2016 is filled with events for the members. Please encourage your Pasco County friends and neighbors to *BLAST OFF* into the new year and join this great organization!

CONA UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

January 20, 2016 – "The Impact of Foreclosures and Abandoned Properties on Communities"
Speaking on this topic will be Mike Wells, Sr. Pasco County Property Appraiser.

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 or become a CONA Member and \$15 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

Central Florida Syrup Tasting Contest

Sugar cane syrup recipe contest, pancake breakfast, cane tossing, greased pole climbing, iron skillet tossing, log sawing competition, syrup sopping contest and a kids zone. Saturday, January 9, 2016 at 8:00 AM.

Pioneer Florida Museum and Village 15602 Pioneer Museum Rd, Dade City, Florida 33523 Tickets Available www.pioneerfloridamuseum.org

Annual Kumquat Festival

There are over 400 vendors. Visitors can enjoy all kinds of tasty kumquat treats, from kumquat pie to kumquat cookies, smoothies, ice cream, marmalade and even kumquat salsa. Dade City's Annual Kumquat Festival® visitors can listen to local entertainment, get their face painted, look at antique cars and shop for arts and crafts. Admission is FREE, transportation from the satellite parking areas is FREE, city owned public parking downtown is FREE. January 30 from 9am-5pm.

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January 2016

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
					1 NEW YEARS EVE!	2
3	4	5	6 Epiphany	7	8	9 Central FL Syrup Tasting Contest
10	11	12 CONA Board Meeting 9:00 AM	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20 CONA Member's Meeting 9:30 AM	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 Kumquat Festival Dade City from 9am-5pm
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January is National Mentoring Month, Glaucoma Awareness, Cervical Health Awareness, National Blood Donor Month
 Birthstone is Garnet / The flower of the month is a Carnation
 Fruit & Veggies for the month, Tangerines, Dried Cranberries, Sun Dried Tomatoes, Raisins, Yucca, Water Chestnut

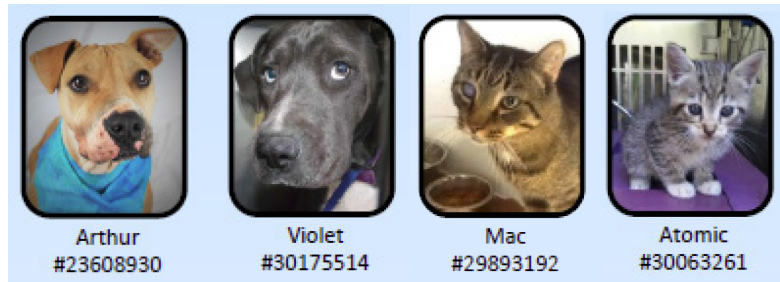


PASCO HAS A NEW FACE

Pasco County is taking the stance on encouraging people to look at the Nature Coast as a beautiful, safe, family friendly place to call home. If you were at the Appreciation Breakfast on December 9, than you heard Mr. Glen Armstrong talk about major changes for Pasco County such as brightening up U.S. HWY 19. Starting with cleaning it up and changing the name so people do not associate the infamous highway as a “death trap”, and more like the old U.S. Route 66 reference in Disney Pixar’s “Cars”. With this exhilarating plan underway, the County Commissioners have given us a “New Face”; an inspiring logo describing the admirable features of Pasco County. With this new branding initiative, the residents will have a fresh perception and give future residents the hope of a long-lasting foundation for their families and quality of life.

PASCO COUNTY HAS A MOBILE APP!

Be sure to visit your mobile device app store to download the NEW Pasco County mobile app “MyPasco”. This is a great tool for everything you need to know about your county. You can easily report an issue to Code Enforcement, Animal Services, Public Works and any other general request. There are special announcements and press releases, how to volunteer in Pasco County, National Weather Service alerts, hurricane tracking, parks and rec reservations, traffic info, find a library, Calendar of Events, job openings, how to adopt a new pet, and many other great features! There is also an interactive map that allows you to look up property lines, flood zones and layer information. Be sure to download this great app today!



ADOPT A PET TODAY - Call 813-929-1212

Please remember to always look to the Pasco County Animal Services for a new member to your family. They are overwhelmed with animals. They have a beautiful selection of BFFs (best fur friends forever). From Arthur and Violet to Mac and spunky little Atomic, please look to the shelter first. This will be one of the best decisions of your life.

PASCO COUNTY PRESS RELEASE

Board approves \$300,000 for stormwater infrastructure
~Monies to help improve stormwater systems impacted by 2015 flood events~

PASCO COUNTY--- The Board of County Commissioners (BCC) approved \$300,000 to be used to improve stormwater infrastructure in Pasco County. The BCC approved the monies on December 1, 2015 and work is currently underway.

Video of the cleanup can be seen at the video links below. Video shows work being done downstream from Trinity Oaks, Thousand Oaks subdivisions which flooded during the 2015 Flood Event. This stormwater work is expected to improve water flow.

- <https://youtu.be/DNH9gU6Eiqw>
- <https://youtu.be/2Zvb7vBRNHk>
- <https://youtu.be/GuqgVJqm18g>

The approval extends a contract with WLW Construction, Inc. to continue drainage maintenance work throughout Pasco County. The contractor will be directed to work on specific projects by Pasco County Public Works starting with the Oak Ridge Canal at Seven Springs Blvd which is currently underway. The Public Works Department has contracted major ditch reclamation projects since 2007. These projects restore existing ditches and canals that deteriorated due to lack of maintenance. Once restored, these water conveyance systems are then added to the County’s maintenance lists.

Since 2007 the Public Works Department has spent over \$6.3 million dollars with contractors to restore 130 miles of ditches and canals. Next year, ditch maintenance work will be transitioned to an internal Public Works Crew to improve the cost effectiveness of restoring these waterways.

Pasco County Public Works will continue to hold public workshops with neighborhoods affected by the severe flooding to identify and prioritize improvements to the stormwater infrastructure county-wide.

Work will include drainage improvements in the following watersheds: Bear Creek, Pithlachascotee, Cypress Creek, Double Hammock, Duck Lake, Duck Slough, Lower Coastal, Pinellas-Anclote (East), Pinellas-Anclote (West), and Port Richey which experienced heavy flooding during the July/August 2015 flooding event.

The work is expected to continue for the next 180 days. Citizens who would like more information about watersheds that experienced flooding in 2015 to use the following link: <http://www.pascocountyfl.net/Index.aspx?NID=2272>

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