

# COMMUNITY NEWS

The Council of Neighborhood Association  
"The Voice of Condo, Civic, and Homeowner Associations of Pasco County"

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*The Month of May is bitter sweet.* As summer approaches another term for CONA must come to end. This has been a memorable time with many accomplishments. We continue to mourn the loss of our dear friend Herb and send prayers of a speedy recovery to our friend Sally.

We look forward to a new term with continuous progress. The elections have us all in a chaotic state, but remember we all share the same earth and the same God. The important thing is to help each other, be thankful, and smile.

## THE BOARD CERTIFICATION COURSE:

The course was a success, with lots of hopeful questions and answers. It is encouraging to see the amount of caring volunteers that attended, and became certified.

CONA would like to thank the sponsors for their generous donations: Barrett Insurance, Inc. Creative Management, Disaster Restoration Specialists, Luke Brother's Landscape Services Management and Associates, PSA Landscape Management, & Scarr Insurance Group

## CONA UPCOMING EVENTS:

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

**May 18, 2016 – "What's Going on up there in Tallahassee?!"** Guest Speaker will be State Representative Amanda Murphy.

The Council of Neighborhood Associations is holding a **CANDIDATE'S MEET & GREET** August 18th at 9:30 a.m. at the Gulf Harbor's Civic Center. A list of Candidates attending will be posted to our website [www.conapasco.org](http://www.conapasco.org) once compiled. \*\*Please sign up for e-mail notifications online so that you are up to date with all CONA events, notices and important updates and information that is sent out.

## September 20th Member's Meeting

This month's meeting has been changed to an evening meeting. Wed, September 20, 2016 at 6:30 p.m. at the Gulf Harbor's Civic Center. Refreshments will be served.

## THE WEST PASCO ART GUILD

Please be sure to check out their website [www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org](http://www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org) to see the upcoming schedule for the new year.

## PASCO COUNTY

Be sure to check out Animal Services. They are celebrating National Pet Month! They are encouraging responsible pet owners to come out and find a new addition to their family. Please help these wonderful animals find their "fur-ever" home.

## THE PICTURE ABOVE ^

This photo appeared in the 1915 Port Richey Co. brochure.

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## How We Can Create A Strong Community

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A hive of bees is a perfect example of a community working together in harmony and for the common good of all its members. After all, a bee living alone can barely survive, let alone prosper. But in a hive made up of hundreds of other bees, each taking responsibility for the various jobs necessary for the survival of the community, the lone bee not only survives, it contributes mightily to the success of the hive. The secret of the bee's success in living together in a close-knit community is that each bee not only understands the interrelationships that exist between it and the rest of the members of its community, but is willing to accept some of the responsibility for the hive's prosperity by expanding their role in the community whenever necessary.

As homeowners, we too can choose to recognize the interrelationships that exist between ourselves and our neighbors and how those interrelationships have a direct impact on our quality of life. We can also choose to take some of the responsibility upon ourselves to contribute to improving those relationships and in the process improve our community. In order for our community association to continue to protect, preserve and enhance our community assets and our property values, each member of our community has to acknowledge their role in our community and, at times, be willing to expand their role to take on some added responsibility.

For example: We all must obey our governing documents, we agreed to do that when we closed escrow. By obeying community rules and regulations, we contribute to our community and accept the role of a rule abiding member. Each year we conduct an Annual Meeting at which time we elect our Board of Directors, although we don't have to participate in the election process, choosing to do so contributes to the success of our community. Our role as a rule abiding member expands to include that of a voting member. We also have the opportunity to attend our Board of Directors meetings in order to better understand the business decisions made by the Board. When we choose to attend those meetings, our role as a rule abiding, voting member now expands to include that of a participating member. And when we choose to serve on community committees or the Board of Directors, we accept another role and become a rule abiding, voting, participating and contributing member.

So, let's all work at recognizing what roles we can choose to accept in our community and, like the bee, work together at making our community the best place to live that it can be!

## The History of Memorial Day

[www.usmemorialday.org](http://www.usmemorialday.org)

Memorial Day, originally called Decoration Day, is a day of remembrance for those who have died in service of the United



States of America. Over two dozen cities and towns claim to be the birthplace of Memorial Day. While Waterloo N.Y. was officially declared the birthplace of Memorial Day by President Lyndon Johnson in May 1966, it's difficult to prove conclusively the origins of the day.




Regardless of the exact date or location of its origins, one thing is clear – Memorial Day was borne out of the Civil War and a desire to honor our dead. It was officially proclaimed on 5 May 1868 by General John Logan, national commander of the Grand Army of the Republic, in his General Order No. 11. "The 30th of May, 1868, is designated for the purpose of strewing with flowers, or otherwise decorating the graves of comrades who died in defense of their country during the late rebellion, and whose bodies now lie in almost every city, village and hamlet churchyard in the land," he proclaimed. The date of Decoration Day, as he called it, was chosen because it wasn't the anniversary of any particular battle.

On the first Decoration Day, General James Garfield made a speech at Arlington National Cemetery, and 5,000 participants decorated the graves of the 20,000 Union and Confederate soldiers buried there.

The first state to officially recognize the holiday was New York in 1873. By 1890 it was recognized by all of the northern states. The South refused to acknowledge the day, honoring their dead on separate days until after World War I (when the holiday changed from honoring just those who died fighting in the Civil War to honoring Americans who died fighting in any war).

It is now observed in almost every state on the last Monday in May with Congressional passage of the National Holiday Act of 1971 (P.L. 90 – 363). This helped ensure a three day weekend for Federal holidays, though several southern states have an additional separate day for honoring the Confederate war dead: January 19th in Texas; April 26th in Alabama, Florida, Georgia, and Mississippi; May 10th in South Carolina; and June 3rd (Jefferson Davis' birthday) in Louisiana and Tennessee.



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ORTHODOX EASTER MAY DAY			STAR WAR'S DAY!	CINCO DE MAYO!!		DERBY DAY 
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY! 		CONA BOARD MEETING 9:00 AM				
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
			CONA MEMBER'S MEETING 9:30 AM STATE REP. AMANDA MURPHY			ARMED FORCES DAY
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				
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