COMMUNITY NEWS The Council of Neighborhood Associations

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

All good things must come to an end... or *take a break for the summer.* CONA ends its 2016/2017 term with the May 17th program. It has been an eventful term to say the least. We welcome all of the new Directors and members; CONA is thankful for the fresh ideas!

We wish you all a summer full of vacations and popsicles. CONA will meet again September 20th for a Legal Q&A.

CONA UPCOMING PROGRAM

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.

LEGISLATIVE UPDATE May 17, 2017 at 9:30 AM

CONA welcomes our panel of experts including CAI's Florida Legislative Alliance (FLA) Lobbyist, Travis Moore, CONA President & FLA Deligate, Dominick Scannavino, and Barry Scarr, President of Scarr Insurance & FLA Deligate, to talk about the recent Legislative Session.

By the time you are reading this, the 2017 Florida Legislation Session should be over. Join us and find out the answers to the following questions:

- Will there be criminal penalties for tampering with condo elections?
- Will your condo association have to create a mandatory website?
- Will the board members of your condo association be facing term limits?
- What is estoppel and how will the Legislature impact me by placing caps on it?
- What is MRTA and how does it impact my HOA?



You can learn the answers to these questions about 2017 legislation and more if you join us at our May meeting. Don't learn about these critical issues from your neighbor. Come to our meeting and hear from the experts.

SAVE THE DATE FOR WOOFSTOCK 2017

PCAS fundraiser to benefit the medical fund for sick/injured dogs and cats

LAND O' LAKES, FL -- Mark your Calendars! The Pasco County Animal Services Department (PCAS) is pleased to announce the third annual *WoofStock* on Saturday, May 20, 2017 from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. The fundraising event will be held at Florida Estate Winery, located at 25241 SR-52, Land O'Lakes, Florida, 34639.

WoofStock is a fun, family day filled with peace, dogs and music. Friends of Pasco County Animal Services is hosting the event to help continue to build a medical fund for sick and injured dogs and cats

that come into the shelter. Tickets will be available at the door for \$5.00. Children 10 and under are free.

Guests will enjoy live bands, vendors and wine tasting. Also this year, the PCAS veterinarian will be administering \$8.00 rabies shots and \$15.00 microchips. Bring your family and your pets. It's a great time for a great cause!

Pasco County Animal Services is inviting local vendors and food trucks to be part of this funfilled day. Fill out an application online at: http://bit.ly/2qcnlU9 or email aciesluk@pascocountyfl.net for more information.

Animal Services works hard to save the lives of Pasco County's homeless pets and to find them loving homes. **PCAS is a save 90% shelter** – our goal is to save at least 90% of the animals brought to the shelter. Growing a medical fund helps PCAS continue that mission.



PASCO COUNTY ROADS REPAIR PROJECT IS UNDERWAY Project will improve flood-damaged roads

As a protective measure, the Pasco County Public Works Department is resurfacing some County roads damaged by flooding over the past two years that are beginning to break down and lose the asphalt surface. County contractor Asphalt Paving Systems is performing this chip sealing work on various roads in the Holiday Hills, Cypress Knolls/ Lakewood Ranches/Lakewood Villas/ Richey Lakes, Bass Lake, Lake Worrell and Woodgate subdivisions.

The contractor started work Monday, April 24, 2017. All the resurfacing work is projected to be completed by the mid-June 2017.

The project consists of several steps, including:

Cleaning the edge of the roads, if necessary (this can produce dusty conditions)
Applying an asphalt-looking product to level the surface as much as possible

- Spraying liquid asphalt and spreading granite onto the road

Pushing the rock into the liquid asphalt (left to cure for approximately one week)Fog sealing (coating with more liquid asphalt) Residents are asked to drive slowly on these roads during the work, as there will be loose rocks on the road.

Without the chip sealing protective surface, the road base will become saturated during heavy rainfall and the roads may become impassable or have a severely reduced level of service for drivers traveling on them.

For questions during this road resurfacing project, please contact Pasco County Public Works at 727-847-8143 or via email at drawleigh@pascocountyfl.net.

WALK AROUND THE BLOCK

The third annual "Walk around the Block" bus tour took place April 21. Headed up by About 100 people took part in this event, including the Pasco County Commissioners, Sheriff's Deputies, local business CEOs, Colonial Hillas Civic Association, represented by their President, Kelly Miller, and organizations such as CONA represented by Dominick Scannavino, President of CONA (*imaged above*).

Proposed developments from Lennar could possibly increase property values for all homeowners in the area that borders S.R. 54 and U.S. 19. Crews are building a Race Track gas station in the area as well.

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PASCO COUNTY ANIMAL SERVICES Call Pasco County Animal Services Department to ADOPT:

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Land O' Lakes: (813) 929-1212 New Port Richey: (727) 834-3216 Dade City: (352) 521-5194 See the newest pets available on Pasco TV at 7:15 a.m. / p.m. Verizon 42 / Spectrum 643



New amenities are in the works. One hopeful project is the Anclote Costal Trail. This would allow folks to connect to another planned extension on the Fred Marquis Pinellas Trail.

Property development is great, but the owners of existing homes must fix up their residence to allow this redevelopment to work.

HOW TO LIVE WITH ALLIGATORS. YEP, YOU MUST BE IN FLORIDA! SW Florida: Wildlife officials give tips for living with alligators...

1.3 million gators live in Sunshine State By Daniel Dahm - Digital Manager Posted: 2:11 PM, April 12, 2017

The Florida Fish and Wildlife Conservation Commission on Wednesday issued a warning to residents about gators.

Alligators, which inhabit all 67 counties in Florida and can be found anywhere there is standing water, become more active in spring as temperatures rise, the FWC said.

Courtship also begins in early April, with mating season in May and June.

Although gator incidents with humans are rare, the FWC offered tips about how to avoid alligators.

"Reduce the chances of conflicts with alligators by swimming only in designated swimming areas during daylight hours," wildlife officials said. "Also, keep pets on a leash and away from the water."

The FWC also urges people to keep their distance if they see an alligator and to never feed alligators, which is dangerous and illegal.

The FWC offers a Statewide Nuisance Alligator Program to address complaints concerning specific alligators. The hotline number is 866-FWC-GATOR.

Wildlife officials said the American alligator is a conservation success story, with Florida having an estimated population of 1.3 million.

"They are an important part of Florida's ecosystem, but should be regarded with caution and respect," the FWC said.

PASCO COUNTY WATER RESTRICTIONS

Pasco County remains on one-day-aweek lawn watering restrictions by local ordinance. (Reclaimed customers remain on the twice a week schedule) There are no changes to the current restrictions. Customers are encouraged to use water efficiently.

To find out your Pasco County watering schedule for Potable Water, Reclaimed Water, Well/Surface Water, New Plant Material, and other water restrictions please go to <u>www.pascocountyfl.net</u> and hover on Resident and click on Homeowners and then click on Watering Restrictions.

OOOH BABY ITS HOT OUTSIDE... SUMMER FUN DRINKS TO KEEP YOU COOL!

1. PB Frappe: Purée 1/4 cup peanut butter with 1 cup milk. Pour some chocolate syrup into a glass; top with the peanut-butter milk. Slowly add seltzer and stir.

2. Vietnamese Iced Coffee: Pour 3 tablespoons sweetened condensed milk over ice; stir in 1 cup cooled strong coffee.

3. Honeydew Ice: Purée 1 cup each frozen honeydew melon and frozen diced cucumber with the juice of 1 lime and some sugar.

5. Peach-Ginger Iced Tea: Mash 6 canned peach halves with 1 1/2 cups of the juice, 1/3 cup sugar and 1 tablespoon grated ginger in a pitcher. Add ice and 6 cups cold English breakfast tea.

6. Pineapple Rummy: Fill a glass partway with sparkling cider and ice. Add a shot of dark rum and a few pineapple chunks.

7. Concord Cow: Scoop some vanilla ice cream into a glass. Mix equal parts concord grape juice and lemon-lime soda, then slowly pour over the ice cream.

8. Real-Man's Margarita: Salt the rim of a beer mug; fill with ice. Add Mexican beer, a squeeze of lime juice, a splash of tequila and hot sauce to taste

9. Cherry Cooler: Purée 1/2 pound pitted cherries, 1/2 cup sugar and 1 cup strong hibiscus tea. Serve over ice and garnish with cherries.

10. Agua Fresca: Purée 2 unpeeled cucumbers, the juice of 2 limes, 3 tablespoons sugar, 1 cup water and 1/4 serrano pepper; strain. Serve over ice.

12. Tequila Paloma: Pour a shot of tequila into an ice-filled glass; top with grapefruit soda.

13. Champagne Punch: Mix 1 bottle champagne, 2 cups seltzer, 1 cup peach nectar and 1/2 cup brandy in a punch bowl; add sliced peaches and berries.

