



# COMMUNITY NEWS

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of Pasco County"

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**Happy November!** The last month of the Fall season for us and the last month of Spring for Australia.

## CONA UPCOMING EVENTS:

- November 18, 2015 – "Keeping It Legal" Representatives from both Code Enforcement and the Pasco County Sheriff's Department will be speaking. Set your reminder for the third Wednesday of this month, Nov. 18th at 9:30 AM at the Gulf Harbors Civic Center. Don't forget to come hungry for sweets and treats!
- December 9, 2015 – **The Council of Neighborhood Associations Appreciation Breakfast.** The event will be held at the Heritage Springs Country Club at 9AM. Tickets are \$15 and are on sale now! Please contact your CONA Directors to purchase.
- 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 – "What's This I Hear about Charter Government?" Prospective speakers will be Mike Fasano, Pasco County Tax Collector and State Representative Richard Corcoran.
- 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.

**THE GREAT AMERICAN SMOKEOUT!** Nov. 19th An informal holiday promoted by the American Cancer Society on the third Thursday of November each year. Smokers are encouraged to make a plan to quit, even if for one day. For more information go to [www.cancer.org](http://www.cancer.org).

## CAI SUNCOAST UPCOMING EVENT:

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

## THE CONA CHALLENGE!

**We challenge all members that attend the monthly meetings to bring one guest... your neighbor, friend, a community board member...! We will announce them at the meeting.**

## MEMORY LANE...

The picture above is not Pasco County this time, but it is an image of a memory that touches all of our hearts. New York City, 1934, Mickey Mouse makes his grand debut at the Macy's Day Parade!

The first Mickey Mouse balloon was a collaborative effort between Walt Disney and Macy's Tony Sarg, who years earlier applied the principles of marionette puppetry to invent the type of parade balloons we know today. This Mickey was easily one of the biggest that Disney had produced yet, hand-painted and measuring in at 40 feet tall (the star on his chest is a nod to the Macy's logo).

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# NOVEMBER 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
1 All Saints Day	2 All Soul's Day	3 Election Day	4 	5	6 Carnival – Our Lady Queen of Peace	7 "A Walk In Time" w/ the City Council
31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Greek Festival Nov 6-8		31 <sup>st</sup> Annual Greek Festival Nov 6-8				
8	9	10	11 Veteran's Day First Baptist Church NPR Celebration	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19 Great American Smokeout!	20	21
22	23	24	25	26  Happy Thanksgiving	27	28
29 Advent Begins		30	Celebration of Lights – Safety Town at the Concourse			
Thu, 11/26/15 at 5:00pm- Sat, 01/02/16 at 11:00pm						

## The Annual Council of Neighborhood Associations Christmas Appreciation Breakfast

December 9, 2015 at 9AM.

Heritage Springs Country Club  
11345 Robert Trent Jones Pkwy, Trinity, FL 34655

Tickets are \$15 and can be purchased from a CONA Director



## WEST PASCO ART GUILD HOLIDAY BOUTIQUE

Come to the fifteenth annual Holiday Boutique and Sale at the West Pasco Art Guild, Saturday, Nov. 14 from 10 AM to 4 PM. WPAG's Studio Workshop will have individual artists displaying a one-day sale of art, crafts, handmade jewelry, hand painted cards and other gift items by local artists and crafters. There will be an open house on the same day from 2 PM to 4 PM with refreshments served.

The occasion will be open to the public to purchase unique items. The Gallery will be open for additional shopping of original art, gifts, ceramics, printed cards and handmade jewelry from on Tuesday's, Wednesday's and Thursday's from 9 am to 3:30 PM and Saturday's 12:30 to 3:30 PM. This is a GREAT CHANCE to get some special art at reasonable prices. West Pasco Art Guild is located at the corner of 6206 Jefferson Street and Missouri Avenue in downtown New Port Richey. For more info about WPAG check us out at [www.westpascoartguild.org](http://www.westpascoartguild.org) or find us on Facebook. The phone number is 727-841-7732.

**PASCO COUNTY, FL** - Pasco County Public Transportation (PCPT) will honor Veterans with free rides on November 11, 2015 on all fixed route transit service.

To take advantage of this offer, PCPT asks Veterans to show proper identification, which includes:

- Military ID Card
- Valid VA Card
- DD 214
- "V" on Driver's License

"Pasco County wants to honor our Veterans by offering free rides on Veterans Day," said Pasco County Public Transportation Director, Philip Pumphrey. "The free rides are a small token of our appreciation of the sacrifice and commitment given by all those men and women who currently or previously served in the Armed Forces."

The Board of County Commissioners approved this initiative on April 20, 2013 as an annual event to be observed on or around Veterans Day.

Anyone needing more information about the event can call (727) 834-3322, (352) 521-4587 or (813) 235-6073. For more information about routes and schedules, please visit our website at the following link:  
<http://www.ridepcpt.com>

**REAL ESTATE MARKET KEEPS HEATING UP AS SALES, PRICES INCREASE, INVENTORY FALLS** - Florida's housing sector continued its momentum with more sales, rising median prices and a tight inventory of homes for sale in September, according to the latest housing data

released by Florida Realtors®. Closed sales of existing single-family homes statewide totaled 23,574 last month, up 13.4 percent over September 2014.

The statewide median sales price for single-family existing homes last month was \$199,900, up 11.1 percent from the previous year. The statewide median price for townhouse-condo properties in August was \$150,000, up 5.1 percent over the year-ago figure.

In the townhouse-condo market, statewide closed sales rose last month to 9,348, up 8.4 percent compared to September 2014. The closed sales data reflected fewer short sales in August: Short sales for townhouse-condo properties declined 43 percent while short sales for single-family homes dropped 36 percent.

"The Florida real estate market continues to hum along," said Florida Realtors chief economist Dr. John Tuccillo. "We're seeing increases in both sales and prices in virtually every metropolitan statistical area (MSA) and in both single-family homes and townhouses and condos. Inventory continues to decline and those declines have now reached homes at the \$250,000 level.

"However, with pending sales down, mortgage accessibility increasing and interest rates due to rise, we think the market will even out as we go forward into 2016."

Inventory continues to tighten, with a 4.4-months' supply in September for single-family homes and a 5.2-months' supply for townhouse-condo properties.



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**DON'T FORGET TO GO TO [WWW.CONAPASCO.COM](http://WWW.CONAPASCO.COM) FOR CURRENT WEST PASCO COUNTY EVENTS. LEAVE YOUR COMMENTS IF YOU HAVE ANY INFORMATION TO ADD TO THESE EVENTS.**

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