

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Council of Neighborhood Associations

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

CONA Upcoming Events:

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.

November:

CONA November Program will be **November 16th**, our regular monthly meeting schedule, every third (3rd) Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. The guest of honor will be Dr. Whitney Elmore, Director of the Pasco County Extension Service. CONA is looking forward to a great crowd.

December:

CONA Christmas Appreciation Breakfast December 7th at 9:00 a.m. at the Heritage Springs Country Club. Always a wonderful breakfast, great camaraderie with our local and state officials, and of course, the DOOR PRIZES! **To purchase a ticket please go to www.conapasco.org and click on the BUY NOW button and pay by credit card, or see one of the CONA Directors or call 813-433-2016.**

CONA Board...

Is still recruiting a New Member!

The Council of Neighborhood Associations is looking for 1 more Director!! If you are interested in the position please speak with the CONA President, Dominick Scannavino **see contact information inside. To learn more about CONA and its history please go to www.conapasco.org.

Pasco County:

The West Pasco Art Guild's "Holiday Boutique" begins Saturday, November 12 from 10AM -3PM. The Boutique will showcase local artists paintings,



ceramics, jewelry and gift items. The reception will be held Saturday, December 10 from 1 -3PM. As always the public is invited, admission and refreshments are free. Regular hours are Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays from 9AM to 3PM, Tuesday evenings from 6-9PM and Saturdays 10AM to 3PM.

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Please check out this lovely organizations website for events and hours:
www.westpascoartguildandgallery.org.

From CAI...Government Affairs Do Our Candidates Know Our Communities?

Many hot button issues were discussed during last night's final presidential debate. The candidates shared the views on foreign policy, gun control, and campaign finance and immigration reform, but there are issues before our federal elected officials that were not discussed

and will impact more than 68 million Americans.

As a CAI member, a resident or a service provider of community associations, there are two issues that may directly impact you and our candidates deserve to know. Please take this opportunity to contact our federal candidates and tell them about some of the issues that are important to community associations across the nation.

Home Owner Tax Relief – HR 4696, the Helping Our Middle Income Earners Act (HOME Act), will allow an income tax deduction of up to \$5,000 for qualified association assessments. CAI supports the measure and encourages its passage.

Fairness in Disaster Relief – HR 3863, Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) policy specifically excludes community association roads from receiving federal assistance for debris cleanup. CAI advocates that community associations should be eligible and entitled to federal assistance in the wake of a disaster.



Pasco County Recycling

Upcycle Festival

The second annual Pasco Upcycle Festival event will be held on Saturday, November 12th from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. in Sims Park, located at 6431 Bank Street in New Port Richey. This event is a partnership between Keep Pasco Beautiful and Pasco County.

The purpose of the Pasco Upcycle Festival is to reduce waste by changing peoples' perceptions of what can be salvaged into not only something useful, but often times a work of art.

Come and enjoy upcycle crafts, farmers market and environmentally-friendly vendors. This year we have also added a pet adoption component, so keep an eye out for animal rescue groups and pet-themed vendors.

What Happens To Your Recycling

Many Pasco residents are surprised to hear that paper and cardboard products can go in the same container as all their regular recycling. How can this single stream of mixed recyclables be separated into one material or another? The process is complicated.

First, contamination and large, bulky items are removed by hand. Then, agitation is used to remove glass shards and small items such as bottle caps. Huge machines then "fluff" the stream, using air and more agitation to separate fiber (paper and cardboard) from everything else. A magnet pulls away any material that contains iron, mostly cans.

Usually, an air classifier will use a fan to push lighter goods like aluminum and plastic to a higher conveyor belt while allowing glass to fall to a lower conveyor.

An eddy current separator pushes aluminum out of the stream using an induction (reverse) magnet. Finally, an optical sorter uses infrared to separate different grades of plastic based on the spectrum of light they reflect. This way, more valuable plastic like #1 or #2 can be identified.

Gone are the days where separate bins for paper, plastic, and cans lined the streets; today, single-stream recycling is the norm, allowing curbside recycling to be as convenient as possible.

The Holidays Are Here!

Thanksgiving Facts You Might Not Know

In 1953, Swanson overestimated the number frozen turkeys that it would sell on Thanksgiving by 26 tons. The company decided to slice up the extra meat and repackage it--creating the first ever TV dinner.[1]

Pilgrims did not wear buckled hats or dress only in black and white. Buckles did not come into fashion until later in the 17th century, and the pilgrims usually saved their formal black and white colors for Sunday.[11]

The song "Jingle Bells" was originally written as a Thanksgiving song.[12]

The famous pilgrim celebration at Plymouth Colony Massachusetts in 1621 is traditionally regarded as the first American Thanksgiving. However, there are actually 12 claims to where the "first" Thanksgiving took place: two in Texas, two in Florida, one in Maine, two in Virginia, and five in Massachusetts.[5]

Every Thanksgiving, a group of Native Americans and their supporters gather on Cole's Hill in Plymouth to commemorate a National Day of Mourning. The flyer for the event in 2006 reads, in part, "Participants in National Day of Mourning honor Native ancestors and the struggles of Native peoples to survive today." [5]

Since Abraham Lincoln proclaimed a national Thanksgiving holiday in 1863, Thanksgiving has been observed annually. However, various earlier presidents--including George Washington, John Adams, and James Madison--all urged Americans to observe various periods of thanksgiving.[3]

Now a Thanksgiving dinner staple, cran-

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berries were actually used by Native Americans to treat arrow wounds and to dye clothes.[5]

Americans eat roughly 535 million pounds of turkey on Thanksgiving.[14]

The Friday after Thanksgiving is called Black Friday largely because stores hope the busy shopping day will take them out of the red and into positive profits. Black Friday has been a tradition since the 1930s.[6]

Thanksgiving is often considered the site of the first cultural war because it contains both a narrative of the birth of freedom and democracy as well as an account of racism, mistreatment of Native Americans, and conflict.[7]

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Are our Elections Secure?

This is a question I am being asked often these days, and unfortunately, premature speculation on the topic is one of

the unfortunate takeaways of the 2016 election cycle. Engaging in risky theorization will only result in further erosion of voter confidence; and quite frankly, is insulting to me, my staff, and our well-trained team of poll workers who step up to serve and administer stellar elections.

On November 8, 2016, we will have an election that will determine the next President of the United States. Our nation has a long history of smooth transitions from one President to the next, and I'm confident that this tradition will continue. It is my hope that ALL voters read the following letter written by Chris Chambless, my colleague and President of the Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections, who says it best:

Dear Florida Voter, Recently there have been several stories regarding potential vulnerabilities of US voting systems to cyber attacks. This issue is a matter of national security, however it is important to note that there is no indication from federal law enforcement (security agencies, U.S. Dept. of Justice) to state election officials that any credible threat currently exists when it comes to the issue of hacking elections. While the security of voting systems is a top priority for election professionals across the state of Florida, recent enhancements to Florida voting systems have dramatically reduced exposures to hacking elections.

At the core of the security of Florida voting systems is the fact that we are a paper ballot state. Florida law mandates that "all voting" be by mark-sense ballot (with the temporary exception of voters with disabilities who may use DRE (Touch Screen) voting until 2020). Should any disruption or corruption in the transmission of vote totals occur, we can always refer to the original paper ballot.

Electronic voting systems are not Internet based and do not connect to each other on line (Closed Network). Prior to each election, a public Logic and Accuracy test is conducted of each voting tabulator and tabulation system to ensure that they are working and tabulating properly. The individual thumb drives that record the votes from the precincts,

early voting sites and vote by mail central count tabulators are digitally signed and secured. They cannot be replaced by any commercial off the shelf (COTS) thumb drive to subvert the local process of counting ballots.

Precinct tabulated results are transmitted to our office in brief encrypted burst. Outside attackers would need to overcome multiple layers of encryption which if successful, would result in corrupting, slowing or stopping the transmission of unofficial results to our office. In the unlikely event that were to happen the encrypted memory sticks could simply be imported into the results accumulation system, making the final unofficial result slower but not compromised. The final accumulations that are transmitted to the State as our unofficial results are then written to yet another memory device that are finally uploaded and transmitted to the Division of Elections on another completely separate system and network via a secure upload system which makes the likelihood that an outside attacker could subvert this process even more remote.

The final step to securing the voting process is the fact that within a week of the election, a precinct by precinct review is performed where the precinct totals tape is compared to the unofficial results transmitted on election night to verify a match and any deviations are researched and noted. Once this is completed the official result is reported.

In summary, recognizing that Florida is a paper based state, which utilizes the latest state of the art electronic voting systems that are not connected to the Internet, but rather operate in a closed network leaving the likelihood of a successful breach improbable.

Rest assured that Florida's election professionals place a high priority on the security of election administration, and will remain ever vigilant in identifying and reporting any future vulnerability to the elections process.

Chris H. Chambless
President, Florida State Association of Supervisors of Elections

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