

# COMMUNITY NEWS

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**Welcome back!** The Council of Neighborhood Associations is excited to be back in action. We have been busy this summer, setting up the new term's programs and events. We are focused on membership; building our team!

We have a NEW website. The new site has been built around YOU! Our goal is to provide you with the necessary resources and tools to better your quality of living within a community association. Please go to [www.conapasco.org](http://www.conapasco.org) and click on IN THE NEWS. This will take you to our NEWS Blog. This page will give you a list of upcoming events and meetings in Pasco County, notices and important Government information and links. Leave us a comment or ask us a question and we would be glad to communicate with you and find you the answer.

The September CONA Meeting will be held at the usual time and place: Gulf Harbor's Civic Center at 9:30AM on Wednesday, Sept. 16, 2015. The program will be a Legal Q&A. The Guest Speaker will be Attorney James De Furio, from the Law Offices of James R. De Furio, P.A., Community Association Lawyers.

BRING A FRIEND OR A NEIGHBOR! THIS IS A GREAT WAY TO GET INVOLVED WITHIN YOUR COMMUNITY ASSOCIATION. We have a great lineup of speakers and programs this term, you don't want to miss out.

The picture above has been provided by the West Pasco Historical Society. The image is of Enchantment Park, now known as Sims Park. This photo appeared in a March 1916 brochure for the Port Richey Co., with the caption, "One of the entrances to Enchantment Park." Photo courtesy of the New Port Richey Public Library (2156).

## CAI Suncoast Chapter Upcoming Event:

Program: Budgeting

Speakers: Matt Kuisle, P.E., PRA, RS – Reserve Advisors, Percy J. Legendre, CPA – Bashor & Legendre, LLP, CPAs, and Jaime Soderland, PCAM – Management & Associates

Where: \*\*PASCO COUNTY\*\*

Spartan Manor – 6121 Massachusetts Ave, New Port Richey

When: Wednesday, September 30, 2015

Registration: 8:30 am – 9:00am

Program: 9:00am – 10:00am

Cost: \$10 per person - Continental Breakfast Included. Remember, Board Members can expense through their Association

\*\* registration form included in this newsletter

## PASCO COUNTY FLOOD RECOVERY CENTER

**PROVIDES HELP TO RESIDENTS.** The FRC is located at 8620 Glen Wilson Boulevard, New Port Richey, FL and is open from 8am to 5pm, Monday-Friday. Flood affected residents may receive help with resources, cleanup and replacement of essential items related to flooding.

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# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun.	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Sat.
		1	2	3	4 M.O.M.s Friday Night Market	5 Dade City Cruise-In
6 Market On The Bayou at Gill Dawg	7	8 CONA BOARD MEETING	9	10	11 M.O.M.s	12
13	14	15	16 CONA MEMBER'S MEETING	17	18 M.O.M.s	19 Festival of Lights ROCKTEMBER Fall Festival
20 Market On The Bayou at Gill Dawg	21	22	23	24	25 M.O.M.s	26
27	28	29	30			PET APPRECIATION TRACTOR SUPPLY ST.ROAD 54



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## No More Blue Bags - Or Any Bags

A significant change has recently gone into effect for Pasco County's Curbside Recycling Program. As of October 1<sup>st</sup>, recyclables will only be accepted if loose in a properly tagged container. No bags of any kind will be accepted. Bags create problems for our Recycling Processor, and they become contamination in the recycling stream.

But, recycling using your own container has never been easier! Purchase your own or use an existing container. You can use a bin, a can, or a cart. Call your trash hauler or the Recycling Department for a recycling sticker. Put everything loose in the same recycling container. Don't separate or bag items. Place your recycling at the curb the night before your recycling pick up day.

**Do This**



**Not That**





## **Hurricane Preparedness - Hazards** by NOAA, The National Hurricane Center

A better understanding of tropical cyclones and hurricane-hazards will help to make a more informed decision on your risk and what actions to take.

The major hazards associated with hurricanes are:

- storm surge and storm tide
- heavy rainfall and inland flooding
- high winds
- rip currents
- tornadoes

### **Storm Surge & Storm Tide**

Storm surge and large waves produced by hurricanes pose the greatest threat to life and property along the coast.

Storm Surge is an abnormal rise of water generated by a storm's winds. Storm surge can reach heights well over 20 feet and can span hundreds of miles of coastline.

Storm Tide is the water level rise during a storm due to the combination of storm surge and the astronomical tide.

The destructive power of storm surge and large battering waves can result in loss of life, buildings destroyed, beach and dune erosion and road and bridge damage along the coast. Storm surge can travel several miles inland. In estuaries and bayous, salt water intrusion endangers public health and the environment.

### **Heavy Rainfall & Inland Flooding**

Tropical cyclones often produce widespread, torrential rains in excess of 6 inches, which may result in deadly and destructive floods. In fact, flooding is the major threat from tropical cyclones for people living inland. Flash flooding, defined as a rapid rise in water levels, can occur quickly due to intense rainfall. Longer term flooding on rivers and streams can persist for several days after the storm. When approaching water on a roadway, always remember Turn Around Don't Drown.

Rainfall amounts are not directly related to the strength of tropical cyclones but rather to the speed and size of the storm, as well as the geography of the area.

Slower moving and larger storms produce more rainfall. In addition, mountainous terrain enhances rainfall from a tropical cyclone.

### **High Winds**

Tropical storm-force winds are strong enough to be dangerous to those caught in them. For this reason, emergency managers plan on having their evacuations complete and their personnel sheltered before the onset of tropical storm-force winds, not hurricane-force winds. Hurricane-force winds, 74 mph or more, can destroy buildings and mobile homes. Debris, such as signs, roofing material, siding and small items left outside become flying missiles during hurricanes. Winds can stay above hurricane strength well inland. In 2004, Hurricane Charley made landfall at Punta Gorda on the southwest Florida coast and produced major damage well inland across central Florida with gusts of more than 100 mph.

Atlantic and Eastern Pacific hurricanes are classified into five categories according to the Saffir-Simpson Hurricane Wind Scale, which estimates potential property damage according to the hurricane's sustained wind speed.

### **Rip Currents**

The strong winds of a tropical cyclone can cause dangerous waves that pose a significant hazard to mariners and coastal residents and visitors. When the waves break along the coast, they can produce deadly rip currents- even at large distances from the storm.

Rip currents are channeled currents of water flowing away from shore, usually extending past the line of breaking waves, that can pull even the strongest swimmers away from shore.

In 2008, despite the fact that Hurricane Bertha was more than a 1,000 miles offshore, the storm resulted in rip currents that killed three people along the New Jersey coast and required 1,500 lifeguard rescues in Ocean City, Maryland, over a 1 week period.

In 2009, all six deaths in the United States directly attributable to tropical cyclones occurred as the result of drowning from large waves or strong rip currents.

### **Tornadoes**

Hurricanes and tropical storms can also produce tornadoes. These tornadoes most often occur in thunderstorms embedded in rain bands well away from the center of the hurricane; however, they can also occur near the eyewall. Usually, tornadoes produced by tropical cyclones are relatively weak and short-lived, but they still pose a significant threat.

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