



FEDERATION
OF
MANATEE COUNTY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – **September 20, 2016 at 6:45 P.M.**

LOCATION – SYNOVUS BANK
2520 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida
Conference/Meeting Room – Enter through side door on 26th Street side

Please mark your calendar and attend with a friend to show support for your community and quality of life.

AGENDA

- GUEST SPEAKERS – School Board Candidates
- Reports and requests for assistance by homeowners and items of interest
- Reading of Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Progress Report on Health Care Advisory Board – Sandy Marshall
- Updates on Actions Taken

VICE PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our President, Jim Kaiser, will not return to Florida from up north until November. Accordingly, I am submitting this message in his absence. There is a lot happening this fall that will affect both Manatee County and our nation for years to come. The national election of a new president, I believe, has all of us confused at this point. What is not confusing is that we as eligible voters still have the right to vote in a free nation. This should never be taken granted, lest we lose this precious constitutional right, because of complacency for which many of our citizens have died to protect this right.

This year appears to be the year that who we elect for president will be as equally as important as who we elect to congress base on who can best work together with whoever is elected president.

Locally, both the school board and county commission races will have both immediate and long term impacts upon Manatee County and its residents. Also, the new revision of our present County Land Development Code and Land Use Enforcement Ordinance, likewise, will control our growth and land use for years to come.

Also our voting residents are being asked to approve or disapprove a ½ cent sales tax

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is the price
of Liberty."***

referendum for both our school district and Manatee County. Hovering over each referendum is the question of why both the school district and the county are not insisting on collecting 100% impact fees immediately instead of graduating a lower annual rate to 100% over the next 2 or 3 years.

Towards this end the Federation will do as it has done in the past and that is encourage all our members and residents to participate in deciding these quality of life issues of our county.

Lastly, our state legislative races in November are equally important for all the same reasons.

So the point is if we do not vote and participate in making the right decisions for each of us and our community, state and federal government, then we have no right to complain. So let's all do our part.

CANDIDATES NIGHT

At the meetings of September 20 and October 18, 2016, the Federation will host candidates who are running for office on the November 8th ballot.

On September 20, the Manatee County School District Candidates seeking county wide election to the School Board have been invited to attend to present themselves to our members and guests. The candidates are: Gina K. Messenger; Edward G. Viltz; Misty Martin Servia and Dave 'Watchdog' Miner.

On October 18, the County Commission Candidates have been invited to speak to our members and guests. The two candidates for one of the two at-large County Commissioner positions are: Betsy Benac (incumbent) and Jack Richardson, plus County Commission - District 3 candidates: Matthew J. Bower (NPA); David Zaccagnino (NPA); and Stephen Jonsson (REP).

All Federation members and guests are invited to attend both meetings for our Candidates Night. Come hear their messages and briefly ask questions. (ESM)

UPDATE ON NEW COUNTY URBAN CORRIDOR PLAN AND AMENDMENT TO COUNTY LAND DEVELOPMENT CODE (LDC)

On May 26, 2016, June 16, 2016 and August 30, 2016, the Federation sent letters to each member of the Board of Manatee County Commissioners (BOCC) requesting that both of these ordinances delete and/or add and clarify certain provisions to:

1. Protect existing residence and complying businesses in our county.
2. Delete stripping protection from both our County Commission and Planning Commission.
3. Retain and not delete requirement for "special approval" requiring sufficient notice and opportunity for the public to be informed, heard and protected regarding consistency and compatibility with existing residences and businesses.
4. Add requirements for developers to fairly contribute to the cost of new infrastructure and repair existing infrastructure, to be used by new growth.

5. Add requirements that before developments are approved a traffic mitigation plan be provided by the developer and share in the costs of such mitigation.

6. Require new developments establish a taxing district for each new development to pay for annual reoccurring expenses for services to their districts, instead of all the other residents in the county.

7. The county should insist and require both the county and residents control how county grows and no one else.

8. Establishing new urban corridors for growth should be done slowly. This is to assure the county doesn't make costly mistakes to be sure the corridors are developed in accordance with the quality of life the majority of existing residents and businesses want and no one else.

Our members are requested to provide to Federation leadership any further ideas they have to pass on to our local officials. (ESM)

NEXTDOOR PROGRAM FOR NEIGHBORHOODS

The Manatee County Sheriff's Office has partnered with **Nextdoor** (www.nextdoor.com), the private social network for neighborhoods, to improve county-wide and neighbor-to-neighbor communications. With Nextdoor, Manatee County residents can create private neighborhood website to share information, including neighborhood public safety issues, community events and activities, local services, and even lost pets. The Sheriff's Office will be able to post information such as important news, services, programs, free events, and emergency notifications to Nextdoor websites within the county. Nextdoor is free for residents and the Sheriff's Office. Each Manatee County neighborhood has its own private Nextdoor neighborhood website, accessible only to residents of that neighborhood. Those interested in joining Nextdoor can visit www.nextdoor.com and enter their address.

SECRETARY'S CORNER

Below is a brief synopsis of our guest speaker at the May 17, 2016, Federation Membership Meeting and serves as a courtesy to our members unable to attend our meetings.

Guest Speaker was Sally Dionne, District Director for 16th District Congressman Vern Buchanan. U.S. Rep. Buchanan sits on the House Ways and Means Committee. He is Chair of Human Resources Subcommittee that will be center forum in upcoming reform to our national welfare system and our input is welcomed. He is Republican Co-chair of the Bipartisan Florida Congressional Delegation that discusses issues of special significance to Florida. Constituent communication is encouraged via email, Facebook, Twitter or YouTube.

Accomplishments: Florida's flood insurance rates were 1,000 percent increased, successful passage of a new law now limits increases to a maximum of 18 percent per year. Rep. Buchanan helped to significantly broaden the availability of private flood insurance for FL homeowners with the passage of the Flood Insurance Market Parity and Modernization Act H.R. 2901 (has passed House and headed to Senate). Passage will end Federal Government's near monopoly over flood insurance and allow private insurance as a viable option for Americans, and drive down costs.

Local issues being worked on: 1) Heroin epidemic in Manatee County; He sponsored an anti-drug bill which passed the House and addresses expanded interdiction, education prevention, substance abuse, and treatment programs. Senate passed a similar anti-drug bill. 2) Zika Virus is of major concern to Florida. Rep. Buchanan backed Obama Administration's request for emergency funding to combat this virus; the amount was reduced to \$1.1 Million slated for education prevention, vaccine development, diagnostics/tests, mosquito control.

Congressman Buchanan goals and works: To grow our economy, end Washington's dysfunction, passage of common sense policies, create jobs, balance the budget, strengthen national security; update the tax code, his signature issue is the Buchanan Balanced Budget Amendment introduced ten years ago that would require Congress to stop spending more money than it collects, and balance their budget. Our National debt stands at \$19 Trillion. (KLD)

MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS

Come to our meetings. Be part of the solution, not the problem. Join the FMCCA. Here are the dates of our scheduled meetings. Please mark your 2016 calendars accordingly.

- February 16 – Home Health - Rob Coseco, Tidewell
- March 15 – Public Safety - Jimmy Crutchfield & Paul Diccio
- April 19 – Clerk of Circuit Court & Comptroller - Angelina “Angel” Colonnese
- May 17 – Sally Dionne, District Direct for Congressman Vern Buchanan
- September 20 – School Board Candidates Night**
- October 18 – County Commission Candidates Night
- November 15 – TBA

Don't forget to check-out <http://ourmanatee.com>, the “Unofficial Manatee County Website”.

Federation of Manatee County Community Associations, Inc. – APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP
(Please Print)

Date: _____ Type of Application: (Check One) [] Individual [] Homeowners Association [] Neighborhood Organization

Name of Association or Organization: _____

Name of Contact Person: _____ Phone: _____

Mailing Address: _____

E-mail Address: _____

Name of Alternate Contact: _____ Phone: _____

Number of Households in your organization: _____

The Federation Annual Membership Dues are \$.50 (fifty cents) for each household and runs from January 1 through December 31. (Number of Households X \$.50 = Annual Dues.) Not to exceed \$100.00. Cost for independent or single membership is \$10.00. Please make your check payable to FMCCA and mail with this form to Victor I. Coveduck, Treasurer, 5203 Palmetto Point Drive, Palmetto, FL 34221.