



FEDERATION
OF
MANATEE COUNTY
COMMUNITY ASSOCIATIONS, INC.

JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

Next Meeting – January 15, 2019 at 6:45 PM

LOCATION – First Baptist Church of Bradenton
1306 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida
(Corner of 14th Street & Manatee Avenue)

Meeting Room – Church Offices Building, enter using west back door

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

AGENDA

- GUEST SPEAKERS – Robin DiSabatino and the Chief of Environmental Safety
- Call to Order – Annual Business Meeting
- Election of Officers
 - a. Nominating Committee Report
 - b. Request for nominations from the floor
 - c. Vote or request motion for unanimous ballot
- Approval of Annual Minutes and Annual Treasurer's Report
- Reading of December 2018 Minutes and Treasurer's Report
- Reports and requests for assistance by homeowners and items of interest
- Information on the Comp Plan – Sandy Marshall

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE - HAPPY NEW YEAR 2019

What an interesting start to 2019. There seems to be a “wall” around decisions that are being considered to open our government operations. Hopefully by the time you read this some of those decisions will be made and we will begin to move forward. There are many emotional events that are contributing to the early issues affecting national and local politics for 2019. Your thoughts, opinions, support are part of the process to resolve the things that concern you. How can one provide input to key places to help with those decisions? The Federation can help.

‘The Federation of Manatee County Community Associations exists to stimulate voter presentations before governmental agencies and personnel by assisting in researching problems; to protect civic and property rights through surveillance of government agency activities; and by submission of the aims and wishes of the County’s community and civic organizations to government personnel.

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**“Eternal Vigilance
is the price
of Liberty.”**

In a wide sense, the Federation attempts to produce preventive actions rather than wait until a problem has been created and then spend wasteful time and effort trying to erase the problem and reverse the flow of events. To this purpose we call you also, for it is in your ranks that much skill and information reside which will enable us to achieve our common aims. But if we do not talk with one another, or exchange views, how shall we be successful?’

Recently while looking through our archived records, a letter from our 1975 FMCCA President Jack Hendon was discovered. The above introductory paragraphs included in this letter espouse precisely the same message we embrace as an organization today. Folks that is over 50 years with the same cornerstone of a mission, virtually unchanged. Few organizations can lay claim to those credentials.

Since 1964, the FMCCA continues to review city, county and state proposals affecting change that would adversely alter the development and quality of life in Manatee County. We believe that it is an important portion of our chartered responsibilities to continue with that effort.

At our recent board meeting we discussed the importance of better defining some resolutions for our organization for 2019. Here are our thoughts!

- Continue involvement in those political meetings that meet our criterion.
- Awareness of local State & National legislation that affects homeowner groups.
- Emphasize the use of our meetings open forum to facilitate homeowner’s participation for problem identification and proposals of solutions.
- Establish a strategy for increasing our membership.
- Monitor development and growth and insure that funding is upfront and identifiable to assure infrastructure is on par with development.

Your concerns are important and the FMCCA will continue to represent these concerns to the appropriate organizational leadership for consideration.

We would encourage your attendance to our meetings in order that we both benefit in further definition of our 2019 resolutions, and active response to identified issues. See you there!!!

SPEAKERS FOR OUR NEXT MEMBERSHIP MEETING

Robin DiSabatino and the Manatee County Chief of Environmental Safety (HAZMAT) will be our Guest Speakers at our January 15, 2019 regular membership meeting, at 1306 Manatee Avenue West, Bradenton, Florida, at 7:00p.m.

As you are aware, Robin had decided to not seek a new term as a County Commissioner. However, she still continues to work as an individual along with the rest of our community to protect and preserve the quality of life in Manatee County.

This is the reason that she and the above officer will be speaking and revealing to us a serious and dangerous environmental disaster existing at Port Manatee, just waiting to happen. It appears the public is not properly being made aware of this serious problem.

This is an important meeting you need to attend and bring a friend or your neighbors. (ESM)

DID YOU KNOW?

This article was written with citizen involvement and community action in mind. Ask questions, offer solutions, contact County Commissioners or School Board members, and support your neighbors -- even when the problem isn't in your neighborhood. Create change! (DA)

Did You Know:

- There are over 1500 registered homeowner and condo owner associations in Manatee County.
- Developers are charged Impact Fees to pay for infrastructure (roads, schools, pipelines, libraries, etc.) that are required ONLY because of new development, but 10% of their fee is paid with your tax dollars.
- When writing or e-mailing Manatee County Commissioners it is best to send your correspondence to all members, this keeps all Commissioners aware of problems and concerns residents have in other districts.
- If you have a problem with noise that is under the allowable sound level limit, it still could be considered a noise disturbance under the ordinance.
- Every Manatee County Library has Early Literacy and S.T.E.M. Kits available for check out in the children's area, each containing a variety of books and manipulatives for different age groups up to age nine.
- Crime prevention starts with you. If you see something, say something.

MANATEE COUNTY CITIZENS GROWTH OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

There has been a lot of discussion about a Citizens Growth Oversight Committee. This could potentially give residents more of a voice concerning development in Manatee County. Many Commissioners do not support an Oversight Committee with citizen involvement. If you feel that citizens should have more of a voice in the development in Manatee County, please write or e-mail **all** Commissioners. A link to e-mail all County Commissioners is available on the Manatee County website along with an address for regular mail. (DA)

RESOURCES AVAILABLE

Sign-up for The *Neighborhood Connections Newsletter* which is published monthly, by Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department. It outlines information that is of importance to Manatee County citizens and contains articles on coming events and other subjects.

To be added to this newsletter, have any questions or you would like to add your neighborhood happenings to the newsletter, please email neighborhoodconnections@mymanatee.org. Find out what's happening in Manatee County. Neighborhood Connections is connecting neighborhoods one link at a time.

In addition, Manatee County Neighborhood Services Department has joined Nextdoor.com. You can find it at <https://nextdoor.com>. Nextdoor is the private social network for your neighborhood community. Nextdoor is the best way to stay informed about what's going on in your neighborhood—whether it's finding a last-minute babysitter, planning a local event, or sharing safety tips. There are so many ways our neighbors can help us, we just need an easier way to connect with them.

SURVEY

If you would like to know more about Radon and how it affects your Florida home, please contact a Board Member. If we get a lot of response, we will research the subject for you. (CLA)

2019 MEETING DATES AND SPEAKERS

You do not need to be a member to attend our meetings. All home and condo owners are welcome guests. To be a part of the solution, not the problem, you can join the FMCCA. The meetings are free. We have over 50 years of community service. Bring your ideas and questions to our next meeting. We look forward to your participation.

January 15 – Robin DiSabatino and Chief of Environmental Safety

February 19 – TBA

September 17 - TBA

March 19 – TBA

October 15 – TBA

April 16 – TBA

November 19 - TBA

May 21– TBA

To be added to our Newsletter email list, send a message with your name, community and email address to fmccasupport@aol.com.

[Never depend upon institutions or government to solve any problem. All social movements are founded by, guided by, motivated and seen through by the passion of individuals.]

NOTICE – OUR NEW FISCAL YEAR BEGAN ON JANUARY 1, 2019. IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP. We cannot continue doing what we do for you unless we have your financial support. Your dues payment will enable us to continue printing, copying and sending our monthly newsletter. If you have any changes to your address, telephone number or email, please notify a board member. If you wish to be removed from our mailing or email list, please notify Carole Atkins, fmccasupport@aol.com. Whether you are a current member or a new one, please complete the below form and send it with your fee.

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: _____

Federation Annual Dues are \$.50 (fifty cents) for each household. (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.