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Pasco Clerk outlines moving property foreclosure sales from the courthouse steps to an Internet website

Moving property foreclosure sales from the courthouse steps to an Internet website was a major change last year for Pasco County, especially in an era of record foreclosures.

Pasco Clerk & Comptroller Paula O'Neil will provide an update on the county's experience with the change when she addresses the December 9 meeting of the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations (PACA).

The public is invited to attend. The meeting begins at 7 p.m. on Thursday, December 9, at the Land O' Lakes Community Center, located at 5401 Land O' Lakes Blvd. (US 41), three miles north of SR 54.

Ms. O'Neil says she will provide "an update on foreclosures and the foreclosure process in Pasco County." She explained this will include an update on how the computerized online foreclosure program is working out since it was launched last year. She also plans to discuss foreclosure "call center" activity, as well as providing an update on homesteaded foreclosures. Also under discussion will be a new program called "managed mediation" with Pasco County foreclosures.

After her remarks, Ms. O'Neil will answer questions from PACA members and the public.

Elected in 2008, Ms. O'Neil became the seventh person and first female to serve as Clerk of Circuit Court & County Comptroller. Prior to her election, she worked in various capacities in county government for more than 20 years. Ms. O'Neil, who holds a doctorate in philosophy in applied management and decision sciences, also served for ten years as an adjunct instructor at Pasco-Hernando Community College.

PACA president Jim Flateau said, "It is heartbreaking that the current economy is leading to so many people losing their homes. Every PACA member monitors sales and foreclosures in their communities, longing for the day when sale prices go up and foreclosures go down. Until then, it is important that the county takes the steps necessary to maintain its tax base and our assessment levels, to help us all weather this real estate crisis. Ms. O'Neil's presentation will explain how Pasco County is in the forefront of using modern technology and procedures to address an age-old problem."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include 82 of Pasco County's homeowner associations, community development districts and condominium associations. PACA assists members by educating them on common issues and finding solutions to shared problems. It also represents the interests of members before all levels of government.

For more information on PACA, contact Membership Director David Quinones at (813) 991-1505 or visit the PACA website at www.MyPACA.org. To suggest topics or speakers for PACA meetings, share your ideas with Program Director Wayne Mooney at (352) 467-9808.

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Media publicity for, and coverage of, this event is welcomed.

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