



PACA Media Release

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Homeowners to discuss importance of storm water systems

Richard Gagen of CES Engineering will discuss the importance of community storm water runoff collection systems when he addresses the Pasco Alliance of Community Associations on Thursday, April 14.

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

Mr. Gagen is on-site project manager for CES Engineering, a Tampa-based consulting engineering and general contracting firm. He has extensive experience with the storm water runoff collection systems that lie beneath Pasco communities. Federal, state and county regulations are designed to channel and protect runoff as it makes its way into community lakes and ponds and then into the river watersheds across the county.

Mr. Gagen will discuss the proper inspection of those systems to maintain their operational efficiency, the best ways to rehab them, and the in's and out's of the permitting system administered by SWFWMD. After his remarks, Mr. Gagen will answer questions from PACA members and the public.

PACA president Jim Flateau said, "Storm water collection systems play a vital role in removing from our communities what would otherwise be flood waters rising into our homes. It is our obligation to ensure these waters eventually enter river watersheds as clean and efficiently as possible. Mr. Gagen's on-site, project management role with CES makes him an excellent resource in helping PACA members understand our responsibilities and obligations in the management and protection of these important systems."

PACA is a not-for-profit organization whose members include 76 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 Vice President/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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