



PACA News

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Here's how to use wealth of information on www.MyPACA.org

By Steve White
Director of Communications

Websites, as most of you know, are a simple, inexpensive and user-friendly way to communicate and share information.

The "MyPACA.org" website is available for all members of our organization. The URL (also called address) is [HTTP://www.mypaca.org](http://www.mypaca.org).

This will bring you to the home page.

This article provides a tour of what is contained on the website. I think you will find a wealth of information that is valuable to all of our members.

There are three important areas on the home page.

• **The first is the Login Box.**

If you have already registered, you get the full menu when you sign in.

If you have not registered, just click on the "Create an Account" line. You will be prompted for a few pieces of information.

After you complete that form it may take a day or two to get activated. When that process is complete, you will receive an e-mail confirming your successful activation of your account. You can now access the entire site.

• **The second is Upcoming Events.**

This is where we list upcoming meetings and any other events sponsored by PACA. It is your best way of keeping track of who our speakers will be at upcoming monthly meetings.

• **The third is the Main Menu.**

It displays in one of two ways. If you sign in as a member, you will see the full Main Menu, granting access to the full site. Members who have not yet registered, as well as non-members, will see a limited Main Menu.

Here's a description of what will you find at each tab in the full Main Menu:

About us will display a page of information describing PACA's purpose.

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The Board of Directors has approved a schedule for meetings in calendar 2011.

The meetings will continue to be held at 7 p.m. on the second Thursday of the month at the Land O' Lakes Community Center on US 41, about three miles north of SR 54.

Besides members, PACA meetings are open to prospective members as well as to the general public.

Meeting dates are:

- January 13
- February 10
- March 10
- April 14
- May 12
- June 9
- July 14
- August 11
- September 8
- October 13
- November 10
- December 8



PACA Secretary Margie Bradley (left) presents a certificate to County Clerk Paula O'Neil, expressing our thanks for her presentation at the Dec. 9 meeting. Ms. O'Neil detailed the county's new procedures for auctioning property on the Internet instead of the courthouse steps, plus other issues of importance to PACA members.

Please help PACA keep us all in touch!

By Jim Flateau
PACA president

How can PACA better communicate with members and be of greater service to you?

Those are the questions the PACA Board members are asking as we enter the new year. Those questions help us to remain focused on meeting the needs of our growing membership, which now stands at 81 community organizations and 37 individual members.

Certainly, one of PACA's best means of communication is www.MyPACA.org, which is why we are featuring our website in this edition.

Communications Director Steve White does a great job of donating his time and expertise in maintaining one of the best association websites that you will find in the Tampa region.

Because it is so rich in content, we thought the new year was the right time to highlight it in the newsletter, for the many members who may not yet be familiar with navigating its extensive content.

Please note PACA members must register on the site in order to access its full range of features and content. Once you do, you will be amazed at the extent of information we have gathered in one site for your use. We also welcome your ideas on how it can be expanded.

Please help keep our mailing lists current!

Another key means of communication is email. When members first joined, each provided a list of email addresses for key personnel. Over the years, emails change, as do the people volunteering in your communities.

We ask every member to email Steve with their current email addresses so that we can keep our list up-to-date.

We want to use the list to send information to members, as well as to circulate agendas for our monthly meetings.

It's also important that we maintain a "snail mail" list of members. That helps us send out accurate and timely membership invoices, as well as any other information useful to you. Address updates should be sent to Treasurer Jerry Lynn at jlynn@mypaca.org.

Your ideas help other members

Members have suggested we come up with a way, through the website, so that they can email all other members.

Its been suggested that would be an important way for members to inquire about vendors, for example – to get input on the quality of their work in other communities before hiring them in their own.

That's a good idea. We'd like to hear member feedback on the issue. That suggestion leads to another member idea.

We need your help to update the Vendor Chart at item 12 on the Useful Information page. That chart tells other members who the companies are that serve each community, including management firms, landscape and pond vendors and other contractors.

By going to the list, you will be able to find out who already employs a vendor you may be considering hiring. Talking with them might provide some advance information on a vendor, before taking "pot luck" in hiring them blind.

Your ideas needed for PACA News

Have any ideas on subjects you'd like to see addressed in the newsletter? Are there positive things happening in your community that we should feature in future editions?

Please contact me via email at jflateau@mypaca.org with any suggestions or ideas that you have. You provide the ideas; we'll help you with the writing!

Welcome to new members!

PACA welcomed two new members to our ranks since the last edition of the PACA News:

- Briar Patch Village HOA in New Port Richey, represented by President Betty Abshire, Vice President Lothar Reichert, Secretary Vincent Chiarello and Treasurer Chet Kowalczyk.

- Collier Place HOA in Land O' Lakes, represented by President Richard Skrodzki, Secretary George Iwan, Treasurer Joan Staut and Directors Jerry Phillips and Michelle McCarthy.

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Second Thursday of
Every Month
at 7pm
Land O'Lakes
Community Center
5401 Land O'Lakes
Boulevard
(US Highway 41)

Website

www.myPACA.org

Programs for this Quarter

January 13
Anthony Lopinto, Chief
Pasco Fire & Rescue

February 10
Heather Fiorentino
Schools Superintendent

March 10
Henry Wilson
Commissioner

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Agendas is a pull-down box providing access to separate agendas for meetings of both the Board of Directors and the General Membership.

Brochure and Application will open a printable copy of our promotional brochure and membership application.

Committee Memberships provides a table of organizational committees, members and contact information.

Community Websites is a listing of all the Internet addresses for our member communities (if provided). If yours is not on this list, send me an email with the URL to access it. Email me at SWhite@mypaca.org.

Contact Us is a table listing all board members, their areas of responsibility and contact information.

Florida Statutes is a list of Internet links to official websites containing information on state statutes that affect our members' organizations.

Media Releases includes all the releases we have circulated to the press to make the public aware of our meetings.

Membership has a page describing the different levels of membership in our organization.

Member Directory lists all class A and B members. If you don't find the name of one of our neighbor communities, feel free to invite them to join PACA. Or contact Membership Director Dave Quinones at DQuinones@mypaca.org.

Minutes is a pull-down box and will give you access to both

Board of Director and General Membership meeting minutes.

News Links offers a host of articles on subjects of importance to PACA members. They may be about member organizations. They can also be articles from the corporate or governmental perspective on issues that affect members.

Newsletters provides a link to each edition of the PACA News, providing an online archive.

PACA Documents is a list of the documents created and filed when this organization was formed.

Photos is a display of photos from our monthly meetings over the years. We try to use a wide variety of images to give the viewer some idea of the broad range of our speakers and activities.

Political Contact Info provides access to a variety of Web Pages covering elected officials and government-related operations.

President's Report summarizes monthly activities by PACA's President and committee chairs.

Useful Information is just that, whether it comes from outside speakers or within PACA ranks itself.

Web Admin Contacts is a list of contact information to be used if you are having problems with our website.

PACA News in brief

Street trees in Pasco

Members of PACA have been asking for help with street trees lifting their sidewalks. These trees, which the county required when the communities were on the drawing board, were to create a canopy over the roads giving shade and a small-town feeling to Pasco communities. The county is willing to listen to our complaints and solutions on this matter. PACA needs the names of communities that are having oak tree problems. If your community is having sidewalk tree problems, contact PACA Government Affairs Director Fred Krauer at fkrauer@mypaca.org.

Thank you, Commissioners!

PACA would like to thank members of the Pasco Board of County Commissioners for waiving the fees for our rental of the Land O' Lakes Recreation Center for our monthly meetings. PACA wants to work with the county and other entities to make Pasco an even greater place to live.

Pasco seeks input on land development code

County commissioners will hold a series of hearings seeking public input on updating Pasco's Land Development Code.

The code dictates all manner of issues in Pasco County, from acceptable landscaping to the distance between new homes and the number of parking spaces required at new malls.

This is the first overhaul of the code in 35 years. Many of the rules were enacted piecemeal during the recent housing boom.

The Board's goal is to streamline the document, eliminate contradictions, remove repetitions and make it more user-friendly. It seeks the public's input to attain those goals.

Here's a list of the hearings scheduled by the county:

Jan. 18, 9 a.m. - noon, commissioners' boardroom (first floor), 7530 Little Road, New Port Richey.

Jan. 26, 1:30 - 4:00 p.m., commissioners' boardroom (second floor), 37918 Meridian Ave., Dade City.

Jan. 31, 4-6 p.m., J. Ben Harrill Recreation Complex (a.k.a. Holiday Recreation Center), 2830 Gulf Trace Blvd., Holiday.

Feb. 2, 4-6 p.m., Hudson Regional Library, 8012 Library Road, Hudson.

Feb. 3, 4-6 p.m., Regency Park Library, 9701 Little Road, New Port Richey.

Feb. 7, 7-9:00 p.m., Land O'Lakes Community Center, 5401 Land O'Lakes Blvd., Land O'Lakes.

If PACA members have any issues that they cannot find a solution to and would like PACA to help, they can email PACA President Jim Flateau at JFlateau@mypaca.org or Government Affairs Chair Fred Krauer at FKrauer@mypaca.org.

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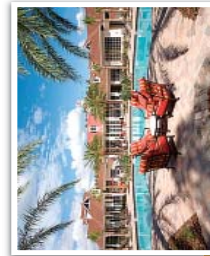
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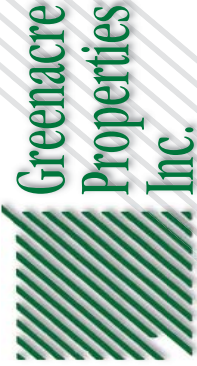
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