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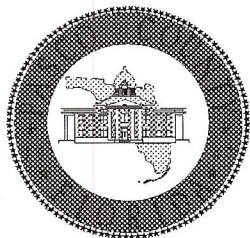
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Floodinfo@pascocountyfl.net

June 11, 2013

Dear Sir or Madam:

Pasco County participates in the National Flood Insurance Program (NFIP) which makes federally backed flood insurance available for all eligible buildings, whether they are in a high-risk area (special flood hazard area) or moderate-to-low risk area (non-special flood hazard area). The purchase of flood insurance to protect your property is an important decision. Flood insurance is the only insurance that covers direct losses caused by surface flooding, a lake or river flowing over its banks, storm surge from the Gulf of Mexico, and local drainage problems. Flood insurance is mandatory if the building is located in a high-risk area.

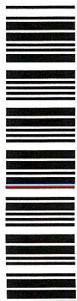
Even though the purchase of flood insurance is not mandatory within the moderate-to-low risk areas it is important that flood insurance be purchased. The rains associated with Tropical Storm Debby in June of 2012 showed us that the moderate-to-low risk areas do experience flooding but because the purchase of flood insurance is not mandatory within these areas many home and business owners had to repair their damaged structures without the assistance of insurance funds. The purchase of the low cost Preferred Risk Policy would have made a difference.

To help with making the best informed decision in regard to a property/building investment and protection of the same, Pasco County provides information on the entire Floodplain Management program and also provides Map Information Services. The Map Information Services offers guidance from staff who can advise you as to whether a property is in a high-risk area or a moderate-to-low risk area, which flood zone, the required base flood elevation and the mandatory flood insurance purchase requirements.

As part of the Map Information Services, all Flood Insurance Rate Maps, Letters of Map Revision, Letters of Map Amendments, and Elevation Certificates issued since November of 1981 are also available.

For an overview of the NFIP within Pasco County please contact the Stormwater Management Division at the telephone numbers listed above. The Map Information Services are provided at the following offices:

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 West Pasco Government Center
 8731 Citizens Drive, Suite 230
 New Port Richey, FL 34654-5598
 (727) 847-8126

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 David "Hap" Clark, Jr., Building
 4111 Land O'Lakes Boulevard
 Land O'Lakes, FL 34639
 (813) 929-2749

Central Permitting
 East Pasco Government Center
 14236-6th Street, Suite 203
 Dade City, FL 33525
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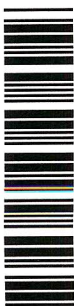
Map determinations are made either verbally, in person; by a written, emailed or faxed request that provides the county with the parcel identification number. There is a nominal fee of \$30.00 for written determinations for individual structures and \$50.00 for land to be developed.

Information on the entire NFIP is available on the county's website (www.pascocountyfl.net > Residents > Homeowners > Floodplain Management). Included on the website are the Flood Insurance Rate Maps, updated Digital Flood Insurance Rate Maps, development regulations including construction standards to be followed within special flood hazard areas along with mitigation methods and funding resources, the Map Information Services and a database of the Letters of Map Amendment and Flood Elevation Certificates. This website also contains links to many FEMA publications some of which are available in the Pasco County Library System.

How Will the New Flood Insurance Rate Maps Affect You?

The Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) has released updated, digital flood hazard maps for public review and comment prior to their final adoption. The maps show the extent to which areas throughout Pasco County are at risk for flooding. Used to help determine flood insurance and building requirements, the new maps replace maps that are up to 20 years old.

Residents and business owners can use the maps to obtain reliable information about their flood risk on a property-by-property basis. The maps also provide flood zone and elevation data to help community planners, engineers, builders and others decide where and how new structures, developments, and remodeling projects should be built. The maps can be viewed online at www.pascocountyfl.net > Residents > Homeowners > Floodplain Management > Flood Map Modernization. A series of Open House meetings are also being held to review the maps.



Join us at any of the following:

Open House
Wednesday, June 26, 2013
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
St. Leo University,
TECO Hall and Atrium,
33574 State Road 52,
St Leo, FL 33574

Open House
Thursday, June 27, 2013
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Zephyrhills High School,
6335 12th Street,
Zephyrhills, FL 33542

Open House
Wednesday, July 10, 2013
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Sunlake High School,
3023 Sunlake Boulevard,
Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

Open House
Thursday, July 11, 2013
4:00 pm to 6:30 pm
Wiregrass Ranch High School, 2909
Mansfield Boulevard, Wesley Chapel, FL
33543

Please share this information with others in your organization, encourage the purchase of flood insurance and please contact this office for any additional information or assistance.

Sincerely,



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LEED Green Associate
Project Manager