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CAIs Letter to FEMA

Thomas M. Skiba

On behalf of the 9.7 million residents of 48,000 community associations in Florida, we request the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) quickly approve private property debris removal programs for counties included in Presidential Emergency Declaration EM-3405 (and as may subsequently amended). It is the experience of Community Associations Institute (CAI) members that prompt authorization of debris removal from private property eliminates immediate threats to public health and safety, limits additional property damage, and significantly enhances recovery following catastrophic natural disasters.

Hurricane Michael is a life-threatening storm that will devastate coastal and inland communities ranging from the Florida Gulf Coast through Georgia and South Carolina. CAI members applaud the Trump Administration for making resources available to threatened communities in advance of Hurricane Michael's landfall.

FEMA's proactive response posture and partnership with State and local officials as well as local organizations will save lives and limit damage. CAI members in the forecasted Hurricane Michael impact area have expressed concern over the potential for delays and uncertainty in allowable federal reimbursements for debris removal from private roads. In community associations, private roads provide access to hospitals and serve as conduits to save lives, limit threats to public health, and prevent additional damage to property.

The U.S. Congress has recently stated that clear communication with community...

To read the rest of this letter, please visit our website!

October CONA Meeting

Our next members meeting will be on October 17, 2018. Our guest speaker will be a representative from Rabin Parker PA, and they will be covering topics such as the Marketable Records Title Act, new website legislation, and legal questions from the floor. This is one that you won't want to miss!

New Port Richey City Hall
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All meetings are held the third (3rd) Wednesday of each month at 9:30 am. We'd love to see you there!

High-Water Rescue Vehicles

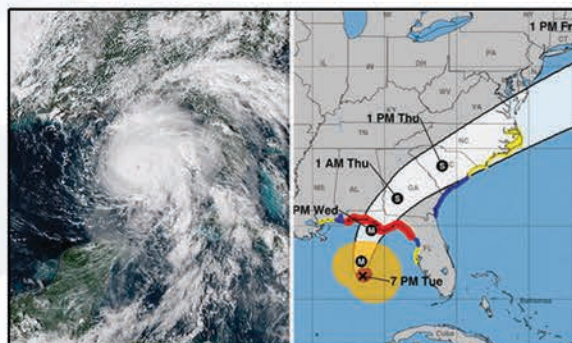
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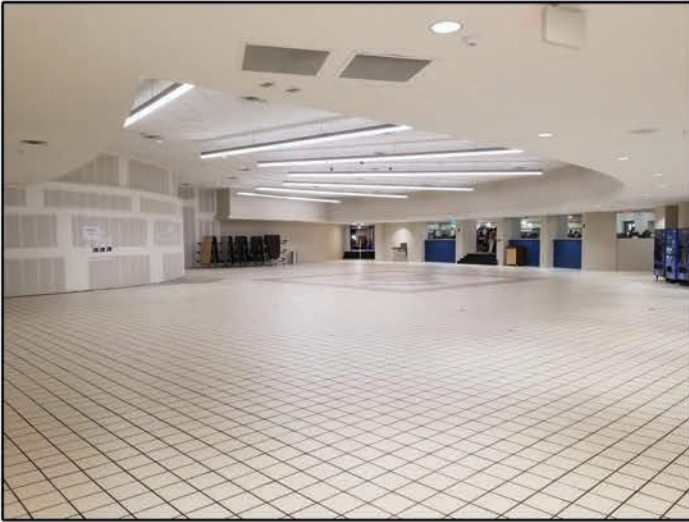
Pasco County crews readied their high-water rescue vehicles ahead of likely flooding due to Hurricane Michael's storm surge.

But officials say rescues can be avoided if people don't let their guard down and evacuate if their neighborhood is prone to flooding.

"When we come in to get you, you won't be able to grab all your personal belongings. It's going to be you, your family members, your pets," Pasco County Fire Rescue's Corey Dierdorff warned Tuesday.

To read more of this article, visit: <https://goo.gl/yn5Qyv>





Land O' Lakes High School

Jeffrey Solochek

The Pasco County school district's two-year, \$28.5 million renovation of Land O'Lakes High School has entered its third phase, and is on target for completion in summer 2019.

The new construction and redesign has created classroom space for an added 450 students, while also providing a more modern and airy feel for the nearly windowless buildings.

It features a new secure entry, more welcoming front offices, and upgrades to the cafeteria, commons and media center, among other changes, some of which remain under way. The effort also includes extra hallways to help students move more easily throughout.

The district spaced out the work after families protested plans to close the high school for the construction. Principal Ric Mellin said the effort has taken place seamlessly, and not disrupted education in any meaningful way.

Related coverage: Land O'Lakes High students will remain on campus during renovations

"I think we're spending our money wisely," said Tom Skiratko, vice chairman of the Penny for Pasco Oversight Committee, which toured the campus Tuesday...

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Upcoming CONA Events

November: Members Meeting

Due to Thanksgiving, our November meeting will be held on the 4th Thursday of the month rather than the 3rd. On November 28, we will have multiple guest speakers from Code Enforcement and Pasco County Sheriffs coming to speak to our membership about code enforcement concerns in our neighborhoods throughout the county. This event will also be live streamed on Facebook!

December: CONA Appreciation Breakfast

On Decemeber 13, CONA will be holding its annual Appreciation Breakfast at the Heritage Springs Country Club. Stay tuned for more updates as we get closer to the date of the event.

February: Rally in Tally

CONA is planning to go to Tallahassee during the second week of February to meet with lobbyists and representatives regarding short-term rental/AirBNB legislation. This is a hot topic that continues to garner heated debate throughout the county. The entire CONA board will be making the trip to have the voices of our association residents heard! If you would like to make the trip with us, please email info@conapasco.org.



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