



Orchid Cove Connection

January

2016

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Orchid Cove Board Meetings



January 14 – 4:00 pm at the
Preserve Community Center

February 9 – 4:00 pm at the
Preserve Community Center

February 24 – 5:00 pm at the
Preserve Community Center. Annual board meeting
and election of 2016-17 Board members.

Orchid Cove Pool Social – January ?? – 4:30 pm.
(date will be posted at the pool and mail center)

Events at the Preserve Community Center

- **February 3 – 6:00 pm. Wine/beer social.** Bring a **Washington State** wine (or beer) to share, and an appetizer or dessert to share.

Events at the Preserve Clubhouse

- **February 4 – 3:30 pm. Book Club** (the book is [One Amazing Thing](#) by Chitra Divakaruni).

Keep checking out events on your TV at Channel 196.

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ORCHID COVE BOARD NOTES

2016 Orchid Cove Budget

The budget for 2016 was approved at the 11/23/15 Board meeting. Association dues will increase by ~3.3%, to \$652/quarter. The bank sent out updated coupons or auto-payment notices in December.

2016 TMA Budget

The annual dues assessment for the Tara Master Association increased by ~3.85%, to \$460.65. Most of the increase is due to increased Comcast cable TV costs.

Rules and Regulations

At the 11/23/15 Board meeting, there was a discussion of the proposed rules and regulations. As a result, about half-a-dozen changes will be made and the revised document will be mailed once again to the membership. Adoption of the revised rules & regs will be taken up at a future Board meeting.

Maintenance Items

A number of maintenance activities will occur in early 2016:

- Roof washing
- Power washing of driveways, sidewalks, walkways, and parking curbs
- Tree trimming
- Pool area cleaning

Residents will receive advance notification of when these maintenance events will occur.

Yet to be decided is how to deal with lounge chair deterioration: re-strapping or replacement.

Pool deck maintenance – fixing cracks and repainting – was brought up by residents at the last Board meeting and will be discussed at an upcoming Board meeting.





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Investments

We hope to decide at the next Board meeting how to proceed with investment changes. Seeking advice from Argus Management's accountant, we will look again at one-year options on bank CD's with no penalty for early withdrawal.



Financial Summary

See the Argus Management/Orchid Cove website for the [complete 11/30/15 financial statement](#).

Assets	Nov. 30, 2015
Checking Account	\$122,402
Reserve Accounts	228,031
Other Assets	19,185
Total Assets	\$369,618

Income and Expenses, Oct. 1 - Nov. 30		
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$16,082	\$18,324
Expenses	16,082	16,405
Net Income		\$1,919

TMA Documents Revisions

A vote on the Amended and Restated Master Declaration of Covenants, Restrictions and Easements and Restated Bylaws of the Tara Master Association will take place at a Special Members Meeting on Jan. 15 at the Tara Golf & Country Club. Your copy of the proposed documents and a limited voting proxy were mailed to you in December by the TMA. The last informational town hall meeting was on Jan. 12 at Preserve Community Center. **PLEASE VOTE**, whether by mailing in your signed proxy or by attending the Jan. 15 meeting.

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

In 2015, the Association completed Phase 1 improvements. Phase 2 work, in 2016, will include:

- Tree trimming of the palms, oaks, hollies, and orchids.
- Replacement of crotons and hibiscus at select locations.

Depending on cost, several holly trees may be replaced with new trees. Tree replacement cost estimates are needed, as well as County approvals.

Annual mulching will be done with less mulch in order to use some of the budgeted funds on tree replacements.

This work will be done following roof cleaning. Phase 3 efforts will be scheduled as the landscape budget permits.

DID YOU KNOW?

[Road Construction on I-75](#) continues, to convert the University Parkway interchange to the new [diverging diamond](#) design. Sign-up [here](#) to receive **weekly FDOT updates** via your choice of email or text message.



Schedule:

- **Jan.:** Launch Acrow Bridge over University Parkway (a temporary I-75 bridge over University Parkway to allow demolition of the existing I-75 bridges)
- **Feb.:** Shift of I-75 traffic onto the Acrow Bridge

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Information on ***I-75 upgrades between Fruitville Road and University Parkway*** is available at the [FDOT website](#). Estimated completion: Summer, 2017.

Information on ***I-75 widening from University Parkway to SR 64*** (including reconstruction of the ***I-75/SR 70 interchange***) is also available, on [this page](#) of the FDOT website. Design is underway, scheduled for completion in the spring/summer of 2016. Construction is as-yet unfunded.



Let's Talk Trash!



Do you have some large or unusual trash items, stuff that won't fit in your trash can, or that you wonder: *will they pick up this stuff or not?*

Well, the answers to all your questions can be found online at the Manatee County Utilities Solid Waste Division [website](#). There, you will find the County's [Residential Guide for Garbage, Yard Waste and Recycling](#). It has special sections, for example, on paint, carpet, furniture, and appliances; on recycling, household hazardous waste, and electronics. You'll learn how to prepare your garbage, and what stuff you can take to the Lena Road Landfill or other sites. Happy trashing!

WELCOME, NEW RESIDENTS



Please welcome **Geri Bernadic**, who joined Orchid Cove in June. Her oldest son Paul Stevenson and his wife Susan live nearby in Cypress Strand, providing Geri with safe and pleasant feelings. Geri's other son Jack and his wife Yoriko live in West Palm Beach.

Geri retired from retailing as a buyer of bed linens in the Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana areas for the JL Hudson Co., now Macy's. She was a Michigander for 80 years; then moved to Sebring and now Orchid Cove. She wishes us all a Very Happy New Year!



COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The **Communications Committee** will be preparing an image and property description (currently blank) for the Orchid Cove home page of the Argus website. The Committee will also prepare an Orchid Cove page for Cable Channel 196, which will be able to list scheduled Orchid Cove Board meetings.



It's nice to get info on new residents (like Geri) to include in the newsletter. And we're always looking for new info on contractors or vendors you've used recently, to add to the [Orchid Cove Vendor List](#).

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Forward **any** good info you'd like to see published in the **Connection** to any member of the **Communications Committee**:

- Kim Loskota at KLoskota@comcast.net
- Jennifer Zigre at JZigre@yahoo.com
- Dave Loskota at DLoskota@comcast.net

Encourage your neighbors (owners **and** renters) to fill out and send in the [form to provide an email address](#) so we can email them the **Connection**.

And please, let us know how we're doing! We want this newsletter to be informative, timely, and enjoyable to read.

PHOTO CORNER

Beautiful Orchids



At the [Marie Selby Botanical Gardens](#), Sarasota.

Taken by **Kim Loskota**, with Dave Loskota and Kim & Beth Strub.

Happy
New Year!

LATE BREAKING NEWS

Valentine's Day Rock & Roll Pizza Night

February 14, 2016

6:00 pm - 10:00 pm

Tara Preserve
Community Center



\$5.00 for two slices of pizza; bring your own beverage

Please call ADA for reservations at 941-727-8802. Please leave your name, phone number, address, and how many people are coming.

Bring your dancing shoes!

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Links: [Orchid Cove Documents](#)

[Preferred Vendor List](#)

[Owner Information Form](#)

[Lease/Purchase Application Form](#)