



# Orchid Cove Connection



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## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Upcoming Orchid Cove Board Meeting



**November 23 – 1:00 p.m. at the Preserve Community Center.**

At this meeting, the Board will adopt the 2016 calendar year Budget, and the Rules & Regulations. The rules & regs

will take effect 30 days later. Argus Management mailed the proposed Budget and Rules & Regulations to owners November 9<sup>th</sup>.

**Please attend this meeting!**

### Events at the Preserve Community Center

- **December 2 – 6:00 p.m. Wine (and beer) tasting**

### Events at the Preserve Clubhouse

- **December 3 – 3:30 p.m. Book Club** (the book is [Go Set a Watchman](#) by Harper Lee).

Keep checking out events on your TV at Channel 196 – dedicated to Tara Preserve.

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## ORCHID COVE BOARD NOTES

### Maintenance

Roof power washing will occur in early 2016. Regular scheduling of annual cleaning of driveways, sidewalks, windows and gutters will be determined, and residents will receive advance notification of when these annual maintenance events will occur.

### Landscape

The updated plants in the front entry are looking good. Watch for upcoming pruning of shrub hedges along buildings. The **Landscape Committee** will provide another phased plan of replacing older shrubs and trees that need attention. Trees also will be pruned in January or February.

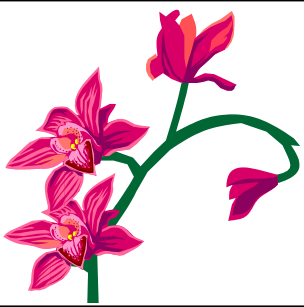
### Reminder

Please lock the pool gate when you leave the pool.

### Financial Summary

(see the Argus Management/Orchid Cove website for the [complete 9/30/15 financial statement](#))

Assets		
Fiscal Year Ended:	9/30/2014	9/30/2015
Checking Account	\$125,164	\$144,874
Reserve Accounts	204,943	224,581
Other Assets	1,185	1,182
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>331,292</b>	<b>\$370,637</b>
Income and Expenses		
Fiscal Year Oct. 2014 – Sept. 2015		
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$97,860	\$110,271
Expenses	97,860	96,267
<b>Net Income, Fiscal Year 2014-15</b>		<b>\$14,004</b>



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## DID YOU KNOW?

### Welcome, New Residents!

Please welcome **Karen Torrence** and her daughter **Sydney** as new renters in Orchid Cove. They have moved into unit 7630 from Martha's Vineyard in Massachusetts to enjoy the great Florida sunshine. Karen is a retired school teacher and Sydney is working on her post-graduate degree in Accounting. **Welcome to Orchid Cove!**

### TMA Documents Revisions

**Changes to the Tara Master Association Documents** (Declarations and Bylaws) have been proposed and should be coming up for a membership vote some time in 2016. To learn about the revisions, there will be two more informational town hall meetings:

- 1) **Dec. 16, 2-4 p.m.** at Tara Golf and Country Club, and
- 2) **Jan. 12, 3-5 p.m.** at Preserve Community Center

The most recent meeting was Nov. 12 at the Preserve Community Center. Quoting from the meeting handout:

*"Our TMA documents were originally written in 2001 & have only been revised during Developer control. They contain outdated statements that no longer comply with Florida State Law. References to the Developer are no longer relevant, as he has been gone from involvement in the TMA for 10 years.*

*"Therefore, the Board of Directors appointed a committee, the **Document Review Committee** (composed of equal numbers of Tara and Preserve residents), that has been working on updating & revising our governing documents since May 2013. The Board, TMA attorney, and the TMA's management company **ALL** recommend their adoption. They are being released for membership review."*

**Try to attend one of the two remaining informational meetings!** Your copy of the proposed documents and limited voting proxy will be mailed to you Dec. 1<sup>st</sup> by the TMA. Voting is scheduled for January 15.

### Tara Boulevard Median Improvements

On Nov. 11, the **concept plan** for the proposed **Tara Boulevard Median Improvements** was presented by its designer (the landscape architectural firm of [Stewart-Washmuth & Co.](#)) at a special Tara Master Association Board meeting. There were questions from the Board members and the audience, but the plan was generally favorably received.

Next step is Board approval, followed by completion of design, bidding, and contract award. Construction is expected to take about a month in mid-winter, 2016.

The Washingtonian palm trees (67) and all of the other existing plants will be taken down, except for the existing crape myrtle trees.

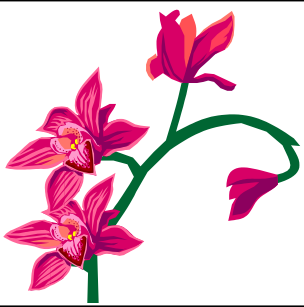
To reduce costs, the **Tara Landscape Committee** is trying to find a party interested in buying and removing the palm trees.

Proposed replacement plantings include:

- Cabbage palm trees (100)
- Muhly grass under the cabbage palms



- Japanese blueberry trees (24)
- Additional crape myrtle trees (25)
- Asiatic jasmine at the noses (ends) of the boulevard sections



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Important design considerations include:

- Line-of-sight at all intersections for traffic safety
- Slower-growing palm tree
- Hardiness of plant selections (plants tender to cold temps were avoided)
- Low maintenance plants, to keep costs down
- Plant choice and layout to create a striking view
- Tree choices that will receive County approval

## Preserve Golf Course Improvements

The [Preserve Golf Club at Tara](#) has been undertaking some needed maintenance improvements this year. Just a few examples:



- Cleaned and painted course restrooms (including those at-the-turn) this summer
- In October, overseeded entire course
- Re-grading (continuing weekly) of the gravel cart paths
- Expanded restaurant menu
- Instituted Happy Hour at 4 p.m. daily

Coming later this year, the at-the-turn food/beverage stop under the clubhouse will re-open. And the restaurant's overall food menu will continue to be expanded, including sandwiches, wraps and other items.

All of these welcome improvements are coming under the direction of new General Manager **David Collumbell**. David's not exactly new – he had been the first General Manager when the course initially opened.

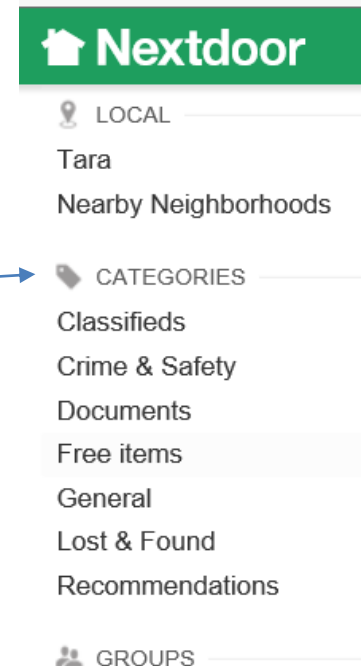
If you haven't golfed here in a while, give it a shot. It's still a great layout, with course and clubhouse conditions and services improving on a daily basis.

## Nextdoor Tara

So far, eight Orchid Cove residents have joined this new neighborhood website.



More than 81,000 neighborhoods across the country use **Nextdoor**. A free, private social network, [Nextdoor Tara](#) offers an easy way to communicate with neighbors in Tara and 10 other nearby neighborhoods.



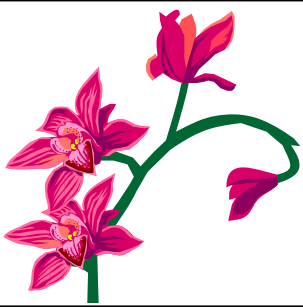
Members can post and reply to posts in a variety of categories:

Here are some examples of posted messages.

1) A post in the **"Free items"** category:



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2) A post in the “**General**” category:

**Preserve Community Building** 11 Sep

Kim Strub from Tara

The Preserve Community Building will be closed along with the pool to fix a plumbing leak until further notice. For more updates turn to channel 196.

Shared with Tara in General

3) A post under “**Crime & Safety**”:

**Skimmer at redbox** 13 Oct

Rose Pickwell from Tara

Hi neighbors. DO NOT rent a movie out of redbox at Walmart shopping center where the all-care medical center is!!! It has a skimmer in it and my debit card was hacked

Shared with Tara in Crime & Safety

Register free [at this website](#) and join **Nextdoor Tara**. You will then receive email notices of new posts to the website.

**Road Construction on I-75** continues, to convert the University Parkway interchange to the new **diverging diamond** design. The project is about 12% complete. Sign-up [here](#) to receive weekly updates via **email**.

**In the near future:**

**Nov./Dec.:** Delivery and assembly of **Acrow Bridge** (a temporary I-75 bridge over University Parkway to allow demolition of the existing I-75 bridges)

**Dec.:** Launch Acrow Bridge over University Parkway

**Jan. 2016:** Shift I-75 south-bound traffic onto the Acrow Bridge

**Feb. 2016:** Demolition of existing south-bound I-75 bridge

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 upgrades 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 of 2016. Construction is as-yet unfunded.

## Garbage/Recycling Pickup Reminder

There will be no residential garbage or recycling collection on:

- **Thursday, Nov. 26** for the Thanksgiving holiday
- **Friday, Dec. 25** for Christmas holiday
- **Friday, Jan. 1** for New Year’s holiday

All collections will be one day later the remainder of the week for each of these holidays. For more info, visit [www.mymanatee.org/garbage](http://www.mymanatee.org/garbage).

## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

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

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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.



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## PHOTO CORNER

### Beautiful Sunset

From **Maureen DeLucia**, taken nearby on 11/5/15.



*You can observe a lot by just watching.*

-- Yogi Berra, RIP 9/22/15



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