



Orchid Cove Connection



ORCHID COVE BOARD MEETINGS

Future Board meetings are scheduled as follows:

6:00 pm, [PCM office](#)

- August 24

6:00 pm, Preserve
Community Center

- October 23
- November 15



NEW ORCHID COVE WEBSITE

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Our new website, orchidcovecondos.com, is up and running **and** up-to-date! Check it out.

Under [ANNOUNCEMENTS](#), you can see the latest happenings of interest to our community. Items are added as soon as we hear about 'em, so let us know as soon as **you** hear about something. We'll post it right away. If it's an event with a date, we'll also post it on the [Calendar](#). Let's make this the most "with-it" HOA website!

Under the [OWNERS](#) page (to access, use the password [orca](#)), you'll find:

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Try the other major page headings, too (although the **BOARD MEMBERS** page is only for board members).

This new website is totally controlled by Orchid Cove and we do all the postings. If you'd like to request that something be posted, please contact **Dave Loskota**, Communications Committee; or **Kim Loskota**, Board President.

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Book Club

First Thursday, Monthly – 3:30 pm
Preserve Community Center



- August 2 – [Rules of Civility](#) by Amor Towles. *Rated at 4.3 out of 5 stars.*
- September 6 – [Circling the Sun](#) by Paula McLain. *Rated at 4.4 out of 5 stars.*
- October 4 – [Before We Were Yours](#) by Lisa Wingate. *Rated 4.5 out of 5 stars.*
- November 1 – [Educated](#) by Tara Westover. *Rated 4.8 out of 5 stars.*

For further information, contact Barbara Pfaff at 908-230-1159 or babsswim@comcast.net

Tara CDD Board Meetings

Preserve Community Center – 9:00 am

- August 28
- September 25

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Tara Preserve Wine Social

September 5 – First Wednesday, Monthly – 6:00 pm
Preserve Community Center

Bring a bottle of your favorite wine (or beer/soda/water if you don't drink wine – all are invited!) and an appetizer or dessert to share. Plastic cups will be available or bring your own glass.



Preserve Golf Club Happy Hour

August 11 - Preserve Golf Club Clubhouse 6:00-9:00 pm
(August 4 Reservation deadline – call 941-756-2944)

Magic Night – All-You-Can-Eat Crab Legs, and Comedic Family Magic and Mentalism Show – \$29.95

- Keep checking out events on your TV at **Channel 196**, dedicated to The Preserve.

ORCHID COVE BOARD NOTES

July 19 Board Meeting



BOARD MEETING

- **Delinquencies**

A few owners are late paying the Association's quarterly assessments. Considering the change in banks by the Association, those owners will be given until September before delinquency notices are mailed. By then, it is expected that those owners will have made their payments, to the correct bank – **Cadence Bank**.

Refer to PCM's April 10 welcome letter to owners which included information on paying Association quarterly assessments to Cadence. Do **NOT** send payments to **Centennial Bank**. Call **Judie Littell** if you have any questions.

- **Quotes for miscellaneous work**

Judie Littell is working on obtaining quotes for: 1) gutters on the pool house, 2) replacement of the electrical box at the entrance to Orchid Cove & installation of two ceiling fans at the pool house, and 3) repair of uneven concrete walkways.

- **Keys to Units**

Progressive Community Management does not yet have **all** of the owners' keys or emergency contact info. PCM will again mail a Key Collection Letter to the delinquent owners.

- **Rules Update**

The Board will propose a change in our rules & regulations about what can be used for **Screen Doors** and **Hurricane Shutters** to include the **Phantom Retractable Screen Door** and the **Astro Guard Hurricane Fabric**, which some owners have expressed interest in purchasing. An owners' vote is necessary to approve the proposed rules change.

- **Updated ARC form**

The Board voted to approve the new [Architectural Change \(ARC\) form](#), which has now been posted on our website. Judie Littell will send the new ARC form to those residents who have made changes (new screen doors) without having submitted an ARC form.

Hurricane Preparedness

There still have been no volunteers for the **Hurricane**

Preparedness

Committee

a new committee proposed at the last Board meeting. If you're interested (even just a little bit), please contact a Board member.

What will the committee do? We imagine that it could help our community and our members to:

1. Be better informed about and more timely prepared for a hurricane, and
2. Be better prepared for and more adept at dealing with the aftermath of a storm.

There's a lot of published information available – see the many links we've posted on our website under [Hurricane Preparedness](#) on the **OWNERS** page.





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Sources include the National Hurricane Center, the Red Cross, the State of Florida, Manatee County, the Department of Homeland Security, and FPL. For example, the Florida Department of Health provides a [great planning guide](#) complete with checklists.

It would be great if the committee could put together succinct information **explicitly for Orchid Cove**. For example, what specifically should **our** residents use for an evacuation route?

Your Plan, Just Make It!

- >What you and your family will do.
 - >What to have on hand.
 - >What to take with you.
- >Where to go, if necessary.
 - >A pet plan.

It's important for the Board to be able to communicate with our residents, especially in the event an evacuation is necessary. The Board will attempt to prepare a short list of information to give to our residents.

Hurricane season runs from June through November annually. **Make arrangements now** to have help, if necessary, in erecting/removing **your** hurricane shutters in case of a hurricane. And be sure to **remove everything from your lanai** if your unit is vacant during hurricane season.

RULES AND REGULATIONS REVIEW

Specific sections of the **Rules and Regulations (R&R)** will be reviewed in this and future editions of the **Connection**. This month, we're highlighting **Noise Disturbances** and **Nuisances**. The R&R read as follows:

"Noise Disturbances

Owners and occupants shall exercise care to minimize noise."



"Nuisances

Unit owners, their tenants and guests must abide by all federal, state and local laws and ordinances and must use the premises in a manner that does not create a nuisance or disturbance to other unit owners or occupants **or** in such a way as to be injurious to the reputation of the property or is illegal."

If you have any questions, contact our **PCM Property Manager, Judie Littell**. If you have a suggestion for a new rule or revision to an existing rule, contact Judie or a Board member.

TREASURER'S REPORT

See the complete [financial statement as of June 30](#) on our website for more details.

Assets	June 30, 2018
Checking Account	\$162,010
Money Market Account	57,709
Certificates of Deposit	181,375
Other Assets & Receivables	4,898
Total Assets	\$405,992

Income and Expenses	Jan – June, 2018	
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$51,204	\$51,853
Expenses	51,204	43,662
Jan – June Net Income		\$8,191

DID YOU KNOW?

E-Scrap Disposal

A [flyer](#) in the July Manatee County Utilities bill provides instructions for **free disposal of E-scrap – August 4 at the Palmetto Fairgrounds, 9:00am to 3:00pm**. The address is 1303 17th St. W., Palmetto (enter off of 14th Avenue West across from Church on the Rock only). This information is also posted on the Calendar on our website.





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2018 General Election



The 2018 General Election has the potential for a 3-page ballot. Sign up today to **Vote by Mail** and avoid lines at our precinct. A [sign-up form](#) to fill out and send in was included in the July Utilities bill. Return the completed form per instructions. Per the flyer, your ballot will then be automatically mailed to you 30 days before every election.

SR 70/TARA BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT

III-BB Report – 10+ Acre Lot on the SW Corner of Tara Blvd. and SR 70

(From the TMA, 6/13/18)

“We would like to provide you with an update on the status of Tara's opposition to commercial use on the piece of land known as III-BB. As you will remember, since 2010, the Tara developer (Lake Lincoln, LLC) has been seeking rezoning of parts of the 10+ acres of land plus use of one acre of existing wetlands to include new entrance/exits from eastbound SR 70 and also from southbound Tara Boulevard. The Tara community has opposed this change since 2010. The County almost unanimously denied that initial request and then stood firm in litigation with the developer from 2011 to 2017. In June 2017, the County unexpectedly changed its position to seek a Settlement with the developer. Tara intervened right away and challenged the Settlement on the basis that nothing had changed to permit this rezoning. If it didn't meet the



County Comprehensive Plan in 2010, it still did not in 2017.

“From September 2017 to-date, Tara, through the TMA's Community Affairs (both Preserve and TGCC owners) team, has diligently opposed any Settlement that allowed this change in land use and the unsafe curb cuts so near Tara's main entrance. The Second Circuit Court judge has recently extended the time for both sides to present their final draft Orders for proposals on how he might rule. These are not available to us at this time. The next scheduled judicial event is a Status Hearing set for August 6, 2018 at 4:30 p.m. It is unclear if the Court will include just the attorneys or if we can attend. Status hearings are often done just between the judge and the attorneys by telephone and only 30 minutes is allotted for this hearing. The TMA, TGCC and Fairway Gardens II attorney remains Robert Lincoln, Esq. (no relationship to the developer, Lake Lincoln LLC, f/k/a Tara Manatee Inc.).

“We will keep you advised if any of this changes. If you have questions you may contact Bob Dallesandro (TGCC President), John Leone (TMA President), or Cathy Woolley (Chair - TMA Community Affairs at 860-305-0556).”

LANDSCAPE COMMITTEE

After a long and productive tenure, **Kim Strub** has resigned from the Landscape Committee, leaving **Greg Blanchard** as the only member at this time.



At the July 19 Board meeting, **Kim Loskota** mentioned that in the fall, we may want to meet with the president of Florida Lawn Pro to discuss the future of the palm trees in Orchid Cove, due to the problem of their roots continuing to lift segments of the concrete walks. To prepare for hurricane season, the palm trees are scheduled for trimming in August, which will become an annual occurrence.

Volunteers are encouraged to join the Landscape Committee. If interested, contact a Board member.



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RECIPE

Broccoli Salad with Honey Poppy-Seed Dressing

Contributed by Yuliana Westover

- 2 lb. fresh broccoli cut into 1-inch pieces
- ½ lb. bacon, fried and crumbled
- 2 c shredded mozzarella
- ½ red onion, chopped

Dressing:

- 1/3 c salad oil (olive oil is good)
- ¼ c honey
- 2 Tbs cider vinegar
- 2 tsp poppy seeds
- ½ tsp salt

In a screw-top jar, combine salad dressing ingredients. Cover and shake well. Store in fridge until ready to use. Pour over broccoli salad.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

The Committee has been intimately involved in creating [Orchid Cove's new website](#) and has subsequently posted all the information on it. As our exclusive website, we can post updates at-will and in a timely fashion. Progressive Community Management helped us get it set up and running. If you have content to suggest for the website, please contact a Communications Committee or Board member.

Can you offer some content for this newsletter?

We'd love to print it! Send your contribution to a member of the **Communications Committee**:

- Dave Loskota, chair DLoskota@comcast.net
- Kim Loskota, Board liaison KLoskota@comcast.net

If anyone would like to join the Communications Committee, please contact Dave or Kim.

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Contribute
Collaborate
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ORCHID COVE RECOMMENDED VENDORS

If anyone has recently used a vendor which they'd like to recommend, please forward pertinent information to **Dave Loskota** at DLoskota@comcast.net:

- The company name and phone no. (and contact person info if available).
- Briefly describe what the company did for you and when, how you rate their services and cost (0 – 5 stars), and whether you'd use them again.

The [Recommended Vendors list](#) will be updated on the **Orchid Cove website** whenever you offer new info on a **service provider** (either a new vendor or one that's already listed). Any new information will also be posted in the next **Connection** newsletter.

PHOTO CORNER

Fireworks and Sarasota Orchestra at Ed Smith Stadium

By Kim Strub



When they asked George Washington for his ID, he just took out a quarter.

-- Stephen Wright

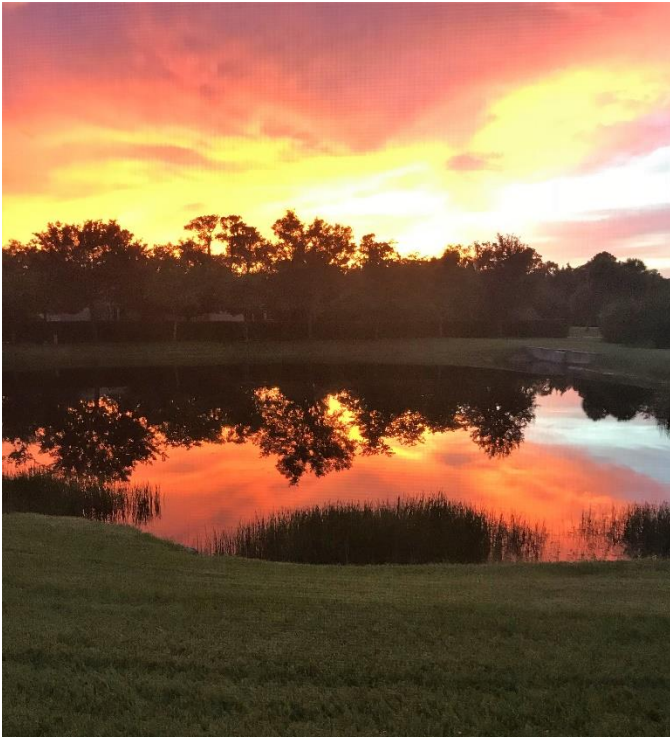


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Sunset reflections on the pond behind my home.

By Jennifer Zigre



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