



# Orchid Cove Connection



## COMMUNITY EVENTS

### Upcoming Orchid Cove Board Meetings

Preserve Community Center,  
6:00 pm

- January 15
- February 19 (annual meeting)



### Orchid Cove Pool Social

New helpers are needed for this event – contact  
Colleen Kleysen at [ckleysen@shaw.ca](mailto:ckleysen@shaw.ca)

- Sunday, January 13 – 4:30 pm at the pool

Come and socialize with your neighbors! Bring some appetizer or dessert to share and a beverage of your choice (remember, no glass containers allowed in the pool area). Notice will be posted on the bulletin boards.

### Tara Preserve Social Group



First Wednesday, Monthly  
Preserve Community Center  
Feb. 6 – 6:00 pm

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, and a bottle of your favorite beverage – **this is no**

**longer just a wine-lovers group.** Plastic cups will be available or bring your own glass. All are invited!

### Book Club

First Thursday, Monthly – 3:30 pm  
Tara Preserve Golf Clubhouse



- Feb. 7 – [Last Woman Standing](#) by Thelma Adams. Rated 3.8 out of 5 stars.
- Mar. 7 – [The Alice Network](#) by

Kate Quinn. Rated 4.7 out of 5 stars.

For further information, contact Barbara Pfaff at 908-230-1159 or [babsswim@comcast.net](mailto:babsswim@comcast.net)

### Preserve Golf Club Holiday Dinner

January 19 – Tara Preserve Golf Club Clubhouse  
6:00-9:00 pm

(January 16 reservation deadline – call 941-756-2944)

- Pulled pork, black-eyed peas, cabbage, corn bread, & dessert
- Live entertainment by Kaptain Kirk
- Raffles & prizes
- \$19/person (cash at the door)

### Tara CDD Board Meetings

Preserve Community  
Center – 9:00 am

Jan 22	Feb 26
Mar 26	Apr 23



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

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### 2018 RECAP – PRESIDENT'S COMMENTS

By Kim Loskota

2018 wasn't nearly as busy as 2017, but a lot still happened. Thanks again to our residents for their patience during some of the projects and to our vendors for helping us maintain Orchid Cove as a great place to live.

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Here's a monthly recap of the noteworthy community happenings in 2018.

**January** – Annual mulch installation.

**February** – Two condos were purchased by new homeowners.

**March** – Dryer vent cleaning was completed in all units; annual fire alarm inspection was completed. Kim Loskota, Patti Balogh and Yuliana Westover were elected to the Board of Directors.

**April** – Switched property management company to Progressive Community Management; switched banking to Cadence bank; backflows were inspected and repaired as needed.

**May** – One roof leak was repaired.

**August** – New spotlight was installed for front entry sign; fan and two overhead lights were installed in the pool seating area; new pump for pool filter installed; palm trees received second trimming to prepare for hurricane season; dead palm tree (due to lightning strike) was removed in front of unit 7512.

**October** – Driveways, walkways, sidewalks and parking curbs were power-washed.

**November** – Gutters were installed on the remaining three sides of the pool pump-house roof; four roof leaks were repaired.

**December** – One roof leak was repaired.

## ORCHID COVE BOARD NOTES

### Roof Leaks

A quote from [Tornado Construction of Florida](#) formerly **Reliant Roofing** was approved for repair of yet another roof leak in one of our units. The work also included replacement of water-damaged ceiling drywall.

## Upcoming Annual Meeting & Board Elections

**It's coming! – February 19** – the most exciting Board meeting of the year, as an election will take place to name the Board members for 2019-20. Since Board members are all elected for one-year terms, all three seats will be on the ballot.

If you want to run for a seat, you must complete the form mailed to you by Progressive Community Management and return it by January 10 (you're encouraged to return an "information sheet" on yourself as well). No experience is required. **If you're interested in serving on the Board, please volunteer to run for election!**



## TREASURER'S REPORT

See the complete [financial statement](#) as of **November 30, 2018** on our website for more details.

Assets	Nov 30, 2018
Checking Account	\$148,505
Money Market Account	70,836
Certificates of Deposit	182,026
Other Assets & Receivables	17,854
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>\$419,221</b>

Income and Expenses	Jan – Nov, 2018	
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$93,874	\$94,854
Expenses	93,874	84,807
<b>Jan – Nov Net Income</b>		<b>\$10,047</b>





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## 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 again highlighting **Landscaping**. The R&R reads as follows:

**KNOW THE  
RULES!**



### "Landscaping

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCE MAY PLANTS AND MATERIAL PROVIDED BY THE DEVELOPER OR LANDSCAPE COMPANY BE REMOVED OR CHANGED WITHOUT BOARD APPROVAL."

This regulation was last highlighted in November 2018, only two months ago. **Please take note that NO ADDITIONAL PLANTS may be planted or set out by residents, either.** Everything outside our buildings is common ground, landscaped and maintained only by the Association and its landscape contractor. Our buildings are **NOT** single-family-homes.

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.

## SR 70/TARA BOULEVARD DEVELOPMENT

### III-BB Update – 10+ Acre Lot on the SW Corner of Tara Blvd. & SR 70 Intersection

*(The following was received in a Jan. 2 email from the TMA Community Affairs Committee)*

## URGENT

### IMPORTANT TO TARA OWNERS

### **YOUR HELP NEEDED – TARA LAND USE AND FLOODING**

Over the next few days, please plan to attend one of four community informational meetings to advise owners on the Tara developer's intentions for use of the ten-acre parcel at the SW corner of SR 70 & Tara

Boulevard - **THE ENTRANCE TO OUR COMMUNITY**. In 2010, our Tara community successfully opposed their attempt to build a gas station or a drug store on that corner. The County Commission voted 6-1 against any change. The parcel has NEVER been platted or zoned for commercial use.

**NOW**, the developer is back again seeking to place commercial buildings on portions of the 8 acres of **jurisdictional wetlands**. These meetings are to advise owners about details of our community's opposition to-date and to answer your questions. Members may attend all/any meeting on these dates, in any Tara location.

The **Informational Meeting** dates are:

- **Preserve Community Center 5:00 p.m. on Friday, January 4<sup>th</sup>**
- **Preserve Community Center 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

OR

- **Tara Golf and Country Club 2:00 p.m. on January 7<sup>th</sup> in the back of the Scarlett Dining Room.**
- **Tara Golf and Country Club 10:00 a.m. on January 11<sup>th</sup> in the back of the Scarlett Dining Room.**

**Our issue comes before the Manatee County Commissioners on February 7<sup>th</sup>.**  
**Please come and help us.**

**Your Community Affairs Committee**

## DID YOU KNOW?

### Trash Pickup Cleanup

Garbage disposal can occasionally present a problem or two. For example, what might happen when you place your garbage at the curb the night before pickup? Well, once in a while, an animal might get into it, rummaging for food. If some of the trash spills out of the bag or the trash container, it may or may not be totally picked up by the County's trash hauler. If there's anything left on the street, sidewalk, or grass – like chicken bones, for example – it's the resident's responsibility to clean it up. Not a big job, or one that is often required. But when there's a spill, please remember to take care of it.





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## Schedule of Upcoming Renewals

- **Fire Sprinkler** inspection (April)
- **Fire Extinguishers** re-certification (March)
- **Back-flow Preventers** inspection (March)

Actual dates have not yet been set.

## Annual Pet Registration

Orchid Cove Rules & Regs require pet registration every year – here's the excerpt:

### "Pets/Wildlife"

All pets must be registered with the property management **every year** (January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year).

A unit owner or tenant, with the approval of the Board of Directors, may have two (2) small (40 lbs. or less) domesticated dogs or cats or other household pets. No reptiles, rodents, poultry, amphibians, exotic pets or livestock are permitted."

Send your pet(s) info to Judie Littell, Property Manager  
[JLittell@PCMFLA.com](mailto:JLittell@PCMFLA.com).

## I-75 at SR 70: RAMP CHANGES

*(partial excerpt of an email from FDOT on 1/4/19)*

**I-75 Northbound Exit 217B:** On Wednesday, January 9, 2019 at 11 pm, motorists are advised that I-75 northbound Exit 217 B/SR 70 westbound will be permanently closed. Starting 5 am, Thursday, January 10, 2019, all traffic wishing to exit at SR 70 will use Exit 217 to travel SR 70 eastbound and westbound.

**SR 70 Eastbound Traffic Shift:** On Friday, January 11, 2019, motorists are advised of travel lanes shifts on SR 70 eastbound. Eastbound travel lanes will be shifted to the north side of the roadway to allow for I-75 bridge demolition work. The shift will remain in place until Monday, January 14, 2019. Motorists are urged to use caution and pay close attention while driving throughout the project limits.



## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



We're **always** looking for news of interest to the community. Please, send your contribution to a member of the Communications Committee:

- Dave Loskota, chair [DLoskota@comcast.net](mailto:DLoskota@comcast.net)
- Kim Loskota, Board liaison [KLoskota@comcast.net](mailto:KLoskota@comcast.net)

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

Everything is changing. People are taking the comedians seriously and the politicians as a joke.

-- Will Rogers

## Orchid Cove Board Members 2018-19

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