



Orchid Cove Connection



March
2021

ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTION

Orchid Cove's
Annual
Membership
Meeting is

scheduled for

**Tuesday, Mar. 16
at 6:30 pm via**

Zoom. *A quorum of residents is necessary for this meeting, so if you can't attend, **PLEASE** mail in your proxy.* The new board will have an organizational meeting immediately after the membership meeting.

At the members meeting, an election will be held to fill all three positions on the Board of Directors for the 2021-2022 one-year term. Only one person turned in a timely application to be a candidate – **Kim Strub** – and will automatically be elected. Two other Orchid Cove members will be appointed as Directors at the meeting. **A notice** of this meeting has been mailed by Progressive Community Management, along with an agenda and a proxy. **Again, if you can't attend, please mail back your signed proxy.**



But plan to attend if you can – it's easy with Zoom! You received a meeting agenda from the Property Manager with instructions and a [link](#) for joining the meeting via your smartphone, tablet, or computer.



you but also your neighbors in your building from a potential fire.

- **Fire Extinguishers Re-certification.**

This activity (required annually by the East Manatee Fire District) has been scheduled for **March 8** by [All Florida Fire Equipment](#). Our Association pays for this service to ensure **EVERYONE** has proper equipment in their unit.



Please place your fire extinguisher outside your front door by **8:00 am on March 8**, so the contractor will have access to it. It will be fully charged, re-certified, and its expiration date updated to March 2022.

If you do not comply and your extinguisher is not available for this inspection, you will be responsible to take it to a fire safety company and pay for the inspection/certification on your own.

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ORCHID COVE BOARD NOTES

Maintenance Items

- **Dryer duct & vent cleaning** is planned for **March 8** by [Vent Solutions](#). They will need access to all units. Please arrange for someone to be at your unit during that day. You may call our Property Manager, **Judie Littell** or our President, **Kim Strub** to ask one of them to be on-site to open your unit. **100% compliance is necessary to protect not just**

- The inside and outside **Fire Sprinklers**, the **Backflows** and the **Fire Alarm Monitoring Systems** will be inspected by [Quick Response Fire Protection](#) on **April 5 – 7**. They will access as many units as possible to check inside fire sprinklers heads, making sure they are not painted. **This annual inspection is required** by Manatee County and the East Manatee Fire District and is paid for by our Association.

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- **Seven of our ground-level units** had new hurricane windows and sliding glass doors installed. The owners seem very pleased with the work.



Landscaping

- On Feb. 9-10, our Orchid, Pine, Oak and Palm trees were trimmed by our vendor, **Clean Cut Tree Services**.
- In February, **invasive plants were trimmed** away from the Association's north and south property edges. The **Tara Preserve CDD** had its contractor, Sunrise Landscaping, cut back the CDD's invasive growth across our property line on the north side of Orchid Cove. On the south side, the **Preserve Golf Club's** maintenance crews trimmed the forest growth south of our south pond. All work was done at no cost to Orchid Cove.

A study in the Washington Post says that women have better verbal skills than men. I just want to say to the authors of that study: "Duh."

— **Conan O'Brien**

COMMUNITY EVENTS

Tara Master Association Annual Membership Meeting

- **March 25 – 9:00 am**
via Zoom: the annual membership meeting and board election.



Resource Property Management has mailed notice of the meeting, meeting agenda (with instructions for joining via Zoom), and a proxy to fill out and return if you can't attend the meeting via Zoom.

Tara CDD Board Meetings

Preserve Community Center – 9:00 am

- **March 23**
- **April 27**
- **May 25**
- **June 22**



TREASURER'S REPORT

On the [Orchid Cove website](#), see the [complete financial statement](#) as of **January 31, 2021** for more details.

Assets		Jan. 31, 2021
Checking Account		\$56,188
Money Market Account		94,817
Certificates of Deposit		341,316
Other Assets & Receivables		16,783
Total Assets		\$509,104
Income and Expenses		Jan. 31, 2021
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$9,191	\$9,291
Expenses	9,191	6,857
Jan. 2021 Net Income		\$2,434



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ANOTHER DAY IN PARADISE

By Greg Blanchard

Can't decide what you want to do today? It can happen to anyone. You've grown tired of sunning yourself at the pool, sipping cocktails on the lanai, and streaming the latest movies on Xfinity. "What do I want to do next?!"

Here're your neighbor Greg's therapies for the SW Florida doldrums....

Yearning for the Great Outdoors?

Manatee County has many incredible parks and preserves. The popular favorite is [Robinson Preserve](#) in West Bradenton. Robinson Preserve is noted for its **observation tower** with expansive views of Sarasota



and Tampa Bay, hiking trails, and a real, wild Florida outdoor experience.

Retail Therapy (with Benefits)

What lifts someone out of the doldrums faster than a new wardrobe! Check out the many fine stores in the [University Town Center Mall](#). Anchor tenants are



[Macy's](#), [Saks Fifth Avenue](#), and [Dillard's](#); but [Anthropologie](#), [Brooks Brothers](#) and [Vineyard Vines](#) will also welcome you. And, gentlemen, I'll suggest that anything from [Louis Vuitton](#) or [Mayors](#) will be appreciated. Top off the shopping with a visit to one of the UTC's many excellent dining options. If the weather is fine, don't neglect the outside seating. Valet parking is available at the west entrance by [Seasons 52](#).

Life's a Beach!

Especially on the Gulf Coast of Florida. Plan a day at the beach. [Manatee](#) and [Coquina](#) Public Beaches are especially friendly. Don't head home too early, either!



Dining and shopping opportunities abound in our island communities. Get up and out of house early to avoid the rush. Oh, and take a "selfie" of you at the beach to share with your northern friends.

When You're Ready to Travel

Launch your getaway through the [Sarasota Bradenton International Airport](#). Domestic air travel has rebounded, and the number of [non-stop destinations](#) from SRQ has exploded. Leave the car in the garage and take an Uber to the terminal. Go ahead and book First Class seats – I won't tell anyone.

I love being married. It's so great to find that one special person you want to annoy for the rest of your life.

—*Rita Rudner*



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XFINITY TV STREAMING OPTIONS

By Kim Strub

TV watching has some complicated options these days. Several streaming options available through Xfinity X1 service include, but are not limited to, **HBO MAX, Peacock, CBS All Access, Tubi, IMDb-TV, Pluto, and Hulu**. Some are free; some are not. Just speak the name of the option into your remote.

Other streaming options available through Xfinity include, but are not limited to, **Netflix, Amazon Prime Video, Disney Plus, Apple TV, Discovery Plus, and MLB Network**. Again, just speak the name of the option into your remote. I hope you can find something to watch!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Hey, neighbors, check out our [Orchid Cove website](#) for the current community info.



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

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

OTHER COMMITTEES

Other committees previously established by the Board include:

- Maintenance Committee
- Pool Committee
- Welcome Committee
- Hurricane Preparedness Committee

If you would like to help your community by serving on one of these committees, please contact one of the board members or **Judie Littell**, our Property Manager. Thanks for answering the call to duty!

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 vendor name and phone no. (and contact person info if available).
- Briefly describe what the vendor did for you and when, how you rate their services and cost (0 – 5 stars), and whether you'd use them again.
- Your recommendation will be included in the next **Connection** and added to [Orchid Cove's Recommended Vendors List](#).

PHOTO CORNER

From Kim Loskota



Roseate Spoonbill

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From Kim & Beth Strub



Great Blue Heron



What a bloom!



Little Blue Heron with fish



Bobcat



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Guess what kind of bird?



Guess where?



Orchid Cove Board Members 2020-2021

President – Kim Strub

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Orchid Cove Owner/Tenant Information Form

This information is needed to make sure that you receive all correspondence from Progressive Community Management, Inc. and the Board of Directors on Orchid Cove Condominium Association matters. It will also be used in the case of an emergency (plumbing, electrical, fire, water, and mold).

You may **return the information** via any of the following:

Email: JLittell@PCMFLA.com

Fax: 941-923-7000 Attn: Judie

Mail: Judie Littell
Progressive Community Management
3701 South Osprey Ave
Sarasota FL 34239

Owner Name(s) _____

Property Address _____

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Email Address _____

By providing my email address, I hereby agree to receive communications electronically from the Orchid Cove Board or its Property Manager on Orchid Cove matters.

Alternate Address (if you live in another state or country part of the year):

Home Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

If the occupants at the Orchid Cove address are renters, please provide their name(s), phone number, and email address below. Please send us an updated lease if it has expired.

Tenant Name(s) _____ Unit No. _____

Tenant Phone _____ Tenant Email _____

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Emergency Contact Information:

Name _____ Phone No. _____

Signature _____ Date _____

Printed Name _____

