



Orchid Cove Connection



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UPCOMING ORCHID COVE BOARD MEETINGS

5:00pm via ZOOM **and** at the
Preserve Community Center

- February 17
- March 17



The March meeting will be the **Annual Membership Meeting with an election** to fill all three positions on the Board of Directors for the 2022-23 one-year term. Members received first notification of this meeting by email on Dec. 14, 2021. You will also receive a second written notice two weeks prior to the meeting. **Send in your proxies, and please plan to attend!**

If you're interested in serving on the Board, please **volunteer to run for election:**

- 1) Complete the attached [Candidate application form](#) (which was emailed to all),
- 2) Complete an **information sheet** on yourself, and
- 3) **Return both** to Progressive Community Management on or before **February 5.**

If you have any questions, call our **PCM Property Manager, Judie Littell.**

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TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Assets	December 31, 2021	
Checking Account		\$139,789
Money Market Account		51,492
Certificates of Deposit		342,306
Other Assets & Receivables		4,050
Total Assets		\$537,637
Income and Expenses	Jan – Dec 2021	
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$110,288	\$110,839
Expenses	110,288	99,472
Jan – Dec 2021 Net Income		\$11,367

THAT'S GARBAGE!

No, we're not talking politics. We're actually **Trash** talkin' (well, not in *that* sense). We just want to discuss household waste/rubbish/junk/garbage, OK?

Garbage pickup has been sporadic lately, to describe it politely. Sometimes, the trash truck doesn't get here until a day (or two) AFTER the scheduled day. That means you **MUST** bring your garbage container (or bag) back inside overnight.

Otherwise, the critters around here (mainly the **raccoons**) will get into your trash and make one hellava mess! So don't

ever set it out or leave it out overnight. We don't wanna have to talk trash again!



My mother always used to say: "The older you get, the better you get, unless you're a banana."

-- Betty White

Happy
Valentine's Day



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MAINTENANCE STUFF

Mulch

Orchid Cove's annual mulching will take place on February 10, to be done at a cost of \$4,320 by **Ramco**



Mulch Solutions. 90 cu. ft. of pine bark mulch will be placed, starting at the fronts of the buildings and moving to the backs as far as the product will go.

Fire Extinguishers Recertification

As annually required, this recertification of Fire Extinguishers for each unit will take place on **March 23**, by [All Florida Fire Equipment](#). Our Association pays for this service to ensure that **EVERYONE** has proper equipment in their unit, since a **fire in your unit could easily spread to the other three units in your building**. Please place your fire extinguisher outside your front door by **8:00am on March 23**, so the contractor will have access to it.



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.

ORCHID COVE 2021 YEAR IN REVIEW

By Kim Strub, President

January

- The term of Orchid Cove's annually renewed insurance policy was modified to match our annual budget term: January through December.
- The sidewalks and driveways were power washed by **Joseph Deutsch** and **Larry Hiither**, who volunteered at no cost to the Association.
- We had oak trees and palm trees trimmed by **Clean Cut Tree Service**.

March

- Annual fire extinguisher re-certification was completed.
- Dryer vent cleaning was done by **Vent Solutions**.

April

As annually required, we re-certified our backflow, fire sprinkler and fire alarm panels. This inspection resulted in many costly repairs, as our infrastructure is starting to show its age.

May

A new wind mitigation inspection was done by **AEG Home Inspections**.

June -September

- **Joseph Deutsch** volunteered again to clean and seal driveways for cost of materials only.
- A second palm tree trimming was completed by our landscaping contractor **Green Thumb** as part of our maintenance contract.

October

- Our landscaper, **Green Thumb**, finished adding a pallet of sod and planted several annuals by the front entrance sign. They also removed several sad-looking holly trees and replaced some of them with areca palms.
- **Joe and Debbie Deutsch** and **Kim Strub** also filled roadway cracks for the cost of materials, thereby saving \$6,000 on our roadbed sealcoating project.

November

Marsh Orchid Circle asphalt crack repair and roadbed sealcoating was completed for \$3,823. This work was originally planned for early 2022, but excess maintenance funds in the 2021 budget allowed the project to be done early.

December

Larry Hiither and **Joseph Deutsch** decorated the front entrance sign for Christmas. Good Job guys!

As required by Florida State statutes, all three board members became board-certified within 90 days after election. We attended the free Zoom educational

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seminar put on by Kevin Wells, Esq. and the law office of Well, Olah and Cochran, P.A.

We also continued our education by attending CA Day and several Lunch and Learn seminars hosted at no cost by local vendors.

I also attended a workshop with members of other condominium association boards in the area. We often have the same maintenance issues and expenses. Working together to share best practices helps associations save money. Sharing vendor information and hopefully combining large, similar projects to get more competitive bids can also save money.

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Tara Preserve Book Club will meet next on **February 15 at the Preserve Golf Clubhouse, 4:30pm**. The book to be discussed is:



- [The Gown](#), by Jennifer Robson
★★★★★ (4.6 out of 5)

For the **March 15 meeting**, the book will be:

- [Under the Whispering Door](#), by TJ Klune
★★★★★ (4.5 out of 5)

Food and beverages will be available for purchase. Due to Covid, wearing facemasks is encouraged. For more information, contact **Barbara Pfaff** at 908-230-1159 or babsswim@comcast.net.

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 **Building Changes**. The R&R read as follows:

"Building Changes"

No unit owner shall paint or change the appearance of any portion of the exterior of the unit building without Board approval.

All interior window coverings must have a neutral or white/off white color or lining as seen from exterior so as not to change the exterior color appearance thereof. Window film will be permitted providing the existing specifications on file have been followed and an Architectural Review Form has been submitted and approved prior to purchase and installation."

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 the Documents Committee, Judie, or a Board member.

ORCHID COVE POOL SOCIAL

So far, we've had two since re-starting these fun events:

- **December 15**
- **January 26**

The next one is:

- **February 9, 4:00pm**

Please observe a few precautions:

- No sharing of food (or drinks),
- All should maintain *some* "social distance," and
- No glass containers.



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's name and phone no. (and contact person 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](#).





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PHOTO CORNER

December Pool Social

By Larry Hiither



Moonlight

By Dave Loskota



Beaming across the bay from Sarasota to Longboat Key



Fearless young hawk, standing tall, disregarding us golfers

TARA MASTER ASSOCIATION (TMA)

The TMA annual membership meeting and election will be held on March 24.

There are two vacancies on the Board of Directors, each for a three-year term.

Attached is a notice of that meeting, with an application to be a candidate for the Board election (if you want to run). Along with an information sheet, it must be returned by **February 12**.



TARA CDD FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS

Preserve Community
Center – 9:30am

- February 22
- March 22
- April 26
- May 24





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RECIPE CORNER

Joan's Famous Goulash

From Dave Loskota

Serves 4-6

Preparation time: 20 minutes

Ingredients

- 1 cup elbow macaroni
- 1 medium onion
- 1 lb. hamburger
- 1½ tsp. salt
- ¼ - ½ tsp. pepper (to taste)
- ½ - ¾ tsp. chili powder (to taste)
- 1 (16 oz.) can baked beans
- 1 (10 oz.) can Campbell's tomato soup

Instructions

Brown hamburger, pour off the grease, and transfer to a casserole dish. Dice and fry onion in oil; add to hamburger. Add macaroni to boiling water, cook for 7 minutes and drain. Add to hamburger, along with all the rest of the ingredients. Mix thoroughly with a spoon, cover and bake for 45 minutes at 350 degrees.

In the alternative, microwave on high for 15- 20 minutes, stirring 2 -3 times. Eat with peanut butter bread!

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We're always looking for resident input to include in the Connection. How about one of **your** favorite recipes? Please send your contribution to either of us:

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



I drive way too fast to worry about cholesterol.
-- Steven Wright

TARA PRESERVE GOLF CLUB EVENTS

The Preserve Golf Club has scheduled regular events at the clubhouse:

- **Happy Hour:** every Monday, 4 – 7pm.
Food and drink specials each week.
- **Zumba:** every Wednesday, starts at 9:30am
- **Painting Class:** every Thursday, starts at 9:00am
- **Yoga:** every Friday, starts at 10:00am
- **Book Club:** third Tuesday of the month, 4:30 – 5:30pm



Orchid Cove Board Members 2021 – 2022

President – Kim Strub

orchidcovepresident@gmail.com

712-899-2869

Joseph Deutsch – Secretary

orchidcoveseecretary@gmail.com

941-799-0489

Larry Hiither – Treasurer

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Progressive Community Management

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Judie Littell, Orchid Cove Property Manager

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ORCHID COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION
NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE
FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

THE ANNUAL MEETING & BOARD ELECTION will be held at the following date, time and place.

March 17, 2022
5:00 PM
The Tara Preserve Community Center
7340 Tara Preserve Lane, Bradenton, FL 34203
& Via Zoom Conference Platform

If you wish to have your name included on the ballot, this form must be completed and received by the Association in accordance with the instructions contained in the enclosed letter on or before **February 5, 2022** with your information sheet if you choose to provide one.

I, _____, hereby place my name in nomination as a
• please print •

Candidate for the Board of Directors. I understand that if I choose to provide an information sheet that I am responsible for the accuracy of any information contained therein.

I certify that I have read and understand to the best of my ability, the governing documents of the association and the Florida condominium laws and administrative code. Under the Florida Statutes, a person who has been suspended or removed by the division under this chapter, or who is delinquent in the payment of any fee or assessment is not eligible for board membership. A person who has been convicted of any felony in this state or in a United States District or Territorial Court, or who has been convicted of any offense in another jurisdiction that would be considered a felony if committed in this state, is not eligible for board membership unless such felon's civil rights have been restored for a period of no less than 5 years as of the date on which such person seeks election to the board. The validity of an action by the board is not affected if it is later determined that a member of the board is ineligible for board membership due to having been convicted of a felony. I certify that I am eligible for board membership

Unit Number: _____ Signature: _____

Email: _____ Phone: _____

Date: _____

☐ I am enclosing an information sheet

☐ I am not enclosing an information sheet



**FIRST NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING AND
ELECTION OF THE BOARD OF THE TARA MASTER ASSOCIATION, INC.
AND PROCEDURE FOR QUALIFYING FOR THE BOARD**

TO ALL MEMBERS:

On March 24, 2022 at 9:00 A.M. the Annual Meeting of the Membership of The Tara Master Association will be held at the Tara Preserve Community Center, 7340 Tara Preserve Lane, for the purpose of electing Directors and such other business as may lawfully be conducted. Subsequent to this "FIRST NOTICE," you will receive a "SECOND NOTICE OF THE ANNUAL MEETING", which Notice will specify the agenda and any other important information concerning the Annual Membership Meeting.

The purpose of this Notice is to advise you of the date, time and place of the Annual Membership Meeting and Election and to inform you of the process for qualifying for the Board.

Due to Covid-19, masks and social distancing will be mandatory at the meeting for the duration of the meeting. Anyone not wearing a mask will be asked to leave.

QUALIFYING FOR THE BOARD

There are two (2) vacancies on the Board of Directors. There will be two (2) Directors elected, for a three (3) year term.

On or before February 12, 2022 you must give written notice, either by mail, email, and fax or in person to the Association of your desire to run for the Board if you want to be included on the proxy/ballot. Address your Intent to the Association's mailing address C/O Resource Property Management, 2025 Lakewood Ranch Blvd., Suite 203, Bradenton, FL, 34211. The attached "NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE A CANDIDATE FOR THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS" may be used for that purpose. All Notices MUST include your signature.

With the Notice, you may submit an Information Sheet, no larger than 8 ½ inches by 11 inches, one side only, containing your qualifications and/or platform for office. Owners are encouraged, although not required, to include a photo on the Information Sheet. This information sheet must be submitted to the Association on or before February 17, 2022 by 5:00 P.M.

This notice was mailed, or hand delivered to all owners of record on or before January 23, 2022.

By order of the Board of Directors,

Gabrielle Shaffer, LCAM, CMCA

**NOTICE OF INTENT TO BE
A CANDIDATE FOR THE
BOARD OF DIRECTORS OF
TARA MASTER ASSOCIATION**

Please note that your **Notice of Intent to be a Candidate** for the Board of Directors must be received by Resource Property Management or the Association **no later than February 12, 2022** if you want to be included on the Proxy/Ballot. If you wish to provide an Information Sheet to be included in the mailing to the membership with the Second Notice of Annual Meeting, the **Information Sheet** must be received by **no later than February 17, 2022** by 5:00 P.M.

I, _____, hereby place my name in nomination as a candidate for the Board of Directors.

☐ I have enclosed my Information Sheet.

(Information sheet is no larger than 8 1/2" X 11" and is one sided)

☐ I have not enclosed my Information Sheet, and understand that I must have it delivered to the Association no later than **February 17, 2022**; otherwise the Information Sheet will not be distributed to the Unit Owners.

☐ I have enclosed a photo as part of my Information Sheet.

☐ I will not be submitting an Information Sheet to be distributed with the second mailing of the Annual Meeting.

I understand that I am responsible for the accuracy of the information contained in the Information Sheet. Neither the Association nor the Management Company will type, change or alter the Information Sheet in any way. Therefore, please submit it in the manner you wish it to be presented to the Membership.

Signed: _____ Date: _____
(Signature of candidate)

Printed Name of Candidate: _____

TMA Property Address: _____