



Orchid Cove Connection



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ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING/ELECTION

5:00 pm March 17
at the
Preserve Community
Center
And via ZOOM or Phone



The Annual Membership Meeting normally includes an election to fill all three positions on the Board of Directors. For the 2022-23 term, **only three members filed to run for election: Kim Strub, Larry Hiither, and Joseph Deutsch** – the current Board Directors. They will therefore be automatically elected to continue on the Board for another year.

[Notice of the meeting](#) (attached) was emailed on Feb. 18 and included an [agenda](#), [proxy](#), and [instructions](#) for joining the meeting by **phone** or via **ZOOM** on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.



Plan to attend, if possible (via phone, ZOOM or in-person): **a quorum of the Association Members must be present – in person or by proxy – at the meeting, in order for business to be conducted.**

Repeating: *a quorum of owners is necessary for this meeting, so if you can't attend, **remember** to return your [proxy](#).* If you have any questions, call our PCM Property Manager, Judie Littell.

TARA BOULEVARD ACCIDENT

Mid-afternoon on Feb. 6, Tara Boulevard at SR 70 was the scene of an auto accident. An SUV leveled the palm tree and then crashed into the TMA's brick wall/column at the SW corner of the intersection.

Dave & Kim Loskota were both able to speak with the driver, who was standing at the scene, uninjured due to deployment of multiple airbags. He said that as he was turning left from west-bound SR 70 onto Tara Blvd., he had a violent sneeze which apparently caused him to

black out momentarily. He said he came to, just as his airbags were inflating. That's all he remembers.



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RESIDENT ACCIDENT

While out walking, **Maurie Houlihan** (who, with his wife **Lynn**, lives at Unit 7510) had a nasty fall mid-January. Tripping over a curb, he fell on his head, suffering traumatic brain injuries.



Maurie is slowly recovering but will stay in rehab (where Lynn works as a nurse) for a few months, before coming home. His daughter **Sue** (who lives in

Chicago) visits him when possible – she and Lynn try hard to put some cheer in Maurie's days. And Lynn is trying hard to stay positive and upbeat. Although Maurie is one who enjoys solitude, he could definitely use thoughts and prayers from all of us!

Carry out a random act of kindness, with no expectation of reward, safe in the knowledge that, one day, someone *might* do the same for you.

-- Princess Diana

TREASURER'S REPORT

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

Assets		January 31, 2022
Checking Account		\$155,193
Money Market Account		55,301
Certificates of Deposit		342,306
Other Assets & Receivables		5,989
Total Assets		\$558,789
Income and Expenses		Jan 2022
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$9,398	\$9,398
Expenses	9,398	7,087
Jan 2022 Net Income		\$2,311

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. **Orchid Cove member Kim Loskota** filed to be a candidate. She currently chairs the **TMA Landscape Committee**. **John Leone** also filed for reelection to the Board. Kim and John were the only two candidates who timely filed to run for the two seats, so they will be automatically elected to the Board. **Congrats to Kim!** (And to John Leone, too).

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?

Here's your answer for **2022**, courtesy of Treasurer **Larry Hiither**.

How Your Association Dues Are Used

Your Dues: \$825/quarter = \$3,300/year

Budget Category	2022 Budget	% of Budget	Allocation of Dues:	
			Quarterly	Yearly
Reserves	\$45,655	29%	\$239	\$957
Insurance	\$26,764	17%	\$140	\$561
Landscape	\$23,500	15%	\$124	\$495
Management Fees	\$7,870	5%	\$41	\$165
General Mtnc./Repairs	\$7,000	4%	\$33	\$132
Electricity	\$5,000	3%	\$25	\$99
Pool Fuel	\$4,500	3%	\$25	\$99
Misc. Expenses less than \$3,000 each	\$38,137	24%	\$198	\$792
Totals	\$158,426	100%	\$825	\$3,300

MAINTENANCE MATTERS

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](#). Please place your fire



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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.**

Fire Sprinkler Inspection

An annual requirement, inspection of the fire sprinkler heads **inside each unit** (by [Piper Fire Protection](#)) will occur on **April 1 starting at 9:00am**. Access to each unit is required, so please make sure that you or someone else is there to let the inspectors in. The cost is \$1,800 plus any needed repairs, all covered under the Association's budget.

Landscaping

Orchid Cove's annual mulching was completed on February 10, at a cost of \$4,320 by **Ramco Mulch Solutions**. 90 cu. ft. of pine bark mulch was placed.



February pool party - plus Larry, the shadow man!

CDD MAINTENANCE AT ORCHID COVE

In mid-February, the **Tara CDD** had crews trim the trees and shrubs near the Orchid Cove ponds, preventing over-growth onto our property. The work was done at no cost to our Association.



ORCHID COVE POOL SOCIAL



C'mon over to the pool and have a good time with your neighbors!

**Wednesday, March 9
4:30pm**

Please bring a snack to share, along with your favorite beverage. And remember – **NO** glass in the pool area.

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's highlighted R&Rs read as follows:

KNOW THE RULES!



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Front Porches and Steps

Doormats must be placed in front of the door, not at the bottom of the stairs, on the stairs, or on the sidewalk. Hoses must be returned to the garage promptly after use (not left lying around). Hose reels are not permitted.

Garage Doors

For your own safety, garage doors should be kept in a closed position when not in use. Maintenance and repair of garage doors are the responsibility of the unit owner.

Garage Sales

Garage sales are not permitted except for a yearly Board-approved community sale.

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.

GETTING "EMERGENCY" READY

An **emergency** is defined as "a serious, unexpected, and often dangerous situation requiring immediate action."

However, an emergency doesn't necessarily mean a disaster. For example: your child needs a copy of his birth certificate to register for school; or you need a copy of the title to your automobile (a "pink slip") when a brand new "set of wheels" catches your eye.

So, if you don't already have important papers together in a safe place, maybe this is a good month to buy a small, fireproof box and gather those papers together, which might include:

- Wills, social security cards, passports, birth certificates, divorce and custody decrees; immigration documents.
- Property deeds, mortgage company address and phone number; homeowners and life insurance policies and phone numbers; copies of health insurance cards and phone numbers.



- Inoculation records, health records; doctors' and dentists' names, addresses and phone numbers.
- Auto ownership papers, auto insurance policies and phone numbers, drivers' and auto license numbers.
- Credit card numbers, addresses and phone numbers for your accounts.
- A listing of your login information for **ALL** your online accounts, such as Social Security, Medicare, credit cards, health insurance, doctor & dental clinics, emails, Microsoft, Apple, Google, etc.:
 - ✓ Account name and website link (URL)
 - ✓ Login ID/username
 - ✓ Password and added security Q&A(Attached is an **Account Login Information** template showing an example of records retention).
- Stock and securities certificates, address and phone number of broker; bank account numbers, bank address and phone number.
- A current copy of your employment resume, as well as a list of previous home addresses and dates of residence.
- An extra copy of your address book, complete with phone numbers and addresses of friends, relatives, and professional resources.



You'll be surprised at how useful it will be to have this information in order and accessible. **And your family might need it if an emergency involves YOU.**

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

We're always looking for resident input to include in the Connection.



CONNECT
SHARE
COLLABORATE

How about sharing one of **your** favorite recipes? Or an interesting photo? Please email your contribution to either of us:

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



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TARA CDD FUTURE BOARD MEETINGS



Preserve Community Center – 9:30am

- March 22
- April 26
- May 24
- June 28
- July 26

BOOK CLUB MEETING

The Tara Preserve Book Club will now resume meeting at the Tara Preserve Community Center, the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm. The dates/books for upcoming meetings are:



- March 15
Under the Whispering Door, by TJ Klune
★★★★☆ (4.5 out of 5)
- April 19
Apples Never Fall, by Laine Moriarty
★★★★☆ (4.2 out of 5)

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

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

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](#).

WILDLIFE PHOTO CORNER

The Eagle has landed!

By Kim Loskota



I always cook with wine. Sometimes, I even add it to the food.

-- W.C. Fields



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'Coons at the 8th Tee Box

By Dave Loskota



Always forgive your enemies; nothing annoys them so much.

-- Oscar Wilde



Whatever women do, they must do twice as well as men to be thought half as good. Luckily, this is not difficult.

-- Charlotte Whitton

Orchid Cove Board Members 2021 – 2022

President – Kim Strub

orchidcovepresident@gmail.com

712-899-2869

Joseph Deutsch – Secretary

orchidcovesecretary@gmail.com

941-799-0489

Larry Hiither – Treasurer

orchidcovetreasurer@gmail.com

513-252-3812

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Progressive Community Management

3701 South Osprey Ave

Sarasota FL 34239-6848

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Judie Littell, Orchid Cove Property Manager

JLittell@PCMFLA.com

941-921-5393 Ext. 1135

Fax: 941-923-7000



"A Leader in Association Management"

Members of Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.:


The Annual Members' Meeting will be held on March 17, 2022, at 5:00 PM at the Tara Preserve Community Center, 7340 Tara Preserve Lane, Bradenton, Florida 34203. The meeting will also be offered via Zoom Conference Platform.

There are three (3) current positions on the Board of Directors. Three (3) individuals submitted an intent to be candidate for the Board of Directors and gave written notice to the Association not less than forty (40) days before the Election. The following individuals, Joseph Deutsch, Larry Hiither and Kim Strub, will serve on the Board of Directors for a one (1) year term. There **will not** be an election.

Enclosed are a Meeting Notice, Agenda, Proxy, and a Year End Financial Statement Request Form. Also enclosed are the Zoom instructions for the meeting.

A quorum of the Association Members must be present in person or by proxy, at the meeting, in order for the business to be conducted. It is therefore VERY IMPORTANT that you either attend or return a proxy via email to jlittell@pcmfla.com, or mail it to PCM at the address on the bottom of this letter.

Sincerely,


Judith R. Littell, LCAM

Progressive Community Management, Inc.

Managing Agent for Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.

Email: jlittell@pcmfla.com

JRL:kr

Enclosures

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S E C O N D N O T I C E
ANNUAL MEETING
of
Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.

MARCH 17, 2022
at 5:00 PM

Tara Preserve Community Center
7340 Tara Preserve Lane
Bradenton, Florida 34203

Website URL: [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)
Meeting ID: 878 0112 8984
Password: 937990
Dial-In (Telephone) Information: (312) 626-6799

A G E N D A

ANNUAL MEETING OF OWNERS

- A. Call meeting to order
- B. Determination of a quorum
 - Report those present in person and those by proxy
- C. Proof of mailing of notice of Annual Meeting
- D. Approval of Minutes
- E. Reports
- F. New Business
- G. Announce Board Members
- H. Adjournment

ORGANIZATIONAL MEETING OF THE BOARD

- A. Call Meeting to Order
- B. Determination of a Quorum
- C. Proper Meeting Notice
- D. Approval of Minutes from Last Board Meeting
- E. Appointment of Directors
- F. Election of Officers
- G. Adjournment

ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS TO THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING
MAY BE POSTED AT LEAST 48 HOURS PRIOR TO THE MEETING
AS REQUIRED BY FLORIDA LAW

ORCHID COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.

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GENERAL PROXY

2022 ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that the undersigned owner(s) or their voting representative, hereby appoint _____ (or if left blank, hereby appoint the President, or in the absence of the President, the Secretary of the Association) as my Proxy Holder, with full powers of substitution, for all matters to come before the Annual Meeting of Members of the *Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.* on *March 17, 2022 at 5:00 P.M. at Tara Preserve Community Center, Tara Preserve Lane, Bradenton, FL 34203* and any adjournment or adjournments thereof.

As a result of the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic and recommendations in Executive Order 20-139 that all persons in the State of Florida follow appropriate social distancing and safety protocols issued by the CDC and that senior citizens and individuals with a significant underlying medical condition avoid crowds and take measures to limit the risk of exposure to COVID-19, the meeting will be conducted telephonically.

Website URL: [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 878 0112 8984

Password: 937990

Dial-In (Telephone) Information: (312) 626-6799

GENERAL POWERS

_____ I authorize and instruct my proxy holder to use his or her best judgment on all other matters which properly come before the meeting and for which a general power may be used.

Dated this _____ day of _____, 2022 Address _____

If unit is owned by more than one person, all owners must sign or Designate a Unit Representative.

Signature of Owner

Printed Name

Signature of Owner

Printed Name

THIS PROXY IS REVOCABLE BY THE UNIT OWNER AND IS VALID ONLY FOR THE MEETING FOR WHICH IT IS GIVEN AND ANY LAWFUL ADJOURNMENT. IN NO EVENT IS THE PROXY VALID FOR MORE THAN NINETY (90) DAYS FROM THE DATE OF THE ORIGINAL MEETING FOR WHICH IT WAS GIVEN.

Zoom Video Conference and Telephone Conference Instructions

March 17, 2022 at 5:00 P.M.

Website URL: [Zoom.us](https://zoom.us)

Meeting ID: 878 0112 8984

Password: 937990

Dial-In (Telephone) Information: (312) 626-6799

Option One: Appear Via Zoom Video:

- 1. Download the free Zoom App on your Smartphone or computer PRIOR to the scheduled meeting date. <https://www.zoom.us>**
- 2. On the date and time of the meeting, select “Join a Meeting” and then enter the Meeting ID and Password provided for the meeting.**
- 3. Once you connect to the meeting, there may be a check in process. Please wait.**

Option Two: Appear Via Zoom Audio (Phone)

No Camera, No Problem. The Zoom Platform allows you to appear by telephone if you do not have a camera or a computer.

On the date and time of the meeting, just call the number listed above. Then enter your Meeting ID and Password that has been provided for you. Once you connect, there may be a check in process. Please wait.



"A Leader in Association Management"

Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.:

The 2021 Year End Financial Statement will be available at no charge to any owner who requests one. Once available, this will be located on the owner's side of the Orchid Cove Website.

If you would like for PCM to send you a copy when it becomes available, please fill out the form at the bottom of the page and return this request to Progressive Community Management, Inc., **Return Completed request form to PCM by Mail or Fax.**

Fax #941-923-7000 or Mail to: 3701 South Osprey Avenue, Sarasota, FL 34239.

REQUEST FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF
Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2021

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT SENT TO YOU BY EMAIL
PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR EMAIL ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:**

OWNER'S NAME: _____

OWNER'S EMAIL ADDRESS: _____

OR

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT MAILED TO YOU, PLEASE PROVIDE YOUR
MAILING ADDRESS IN THE SPACE BELOW:**

Please PRINT NAME and MAILING ADDRESS

OCC

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