



# The Orchid Cove Connection



## ORCHID COVE ANNUAL MEMBERS' MEETING



March 16, 2023  
5:00pm  
Preserve  
Community Center  
and Via ZOOM

On Feb. 21, members were emailed the [Second Notice](#) of this meeting, which will be immediately followed by an **Organizational Meeting of the new Board**. The notice included:

- A [Meeting Agenda](#) (for both meetings),
- A [Proxy](#),
- [Year End Financial Statement Request Form](#), and
- [Instructions for joining the meeting](#) by phone or via ZOOM on your smartphone, tablet, or computer.

**Members are strongly encouraged to attend** – in person at the Community Center if possible, or by ZOOM or phone. **It's easy!** A quorum of the Association Members must be present at the meeting– in person or by proxy – in order for business to be conducted.

**Repeating:** a quorum of owners is necessary for this meeting, so if you can't attend, **you must** return your proxy.

## Orchid Cove Board Election

For the three positions on the Board of Directors, only three individuals submitted their application to be a candidate:

- **Larry Hiither** (current Board Treasurer)
- **Jane Schneider** (current Board Secretary)
- **Philip Auciello**

All three will therefore automatically join the Board for a one-year term beginning March 16. There will **NOT** be an election. See the upcoming **April Connection** for more information on these three members.

*"These things I warmly wish for you: Someone to love,  
Some work to do, A bit o' sun, A bit o' cheer, And a  
guardian angel always near." -- Irish Blessing*

## MAINTENANCE MATTERS

- **Fire Extinguisher Recertification** – an annual requirement of the [East Manatee Fire Rescue District](#) – will be completed by [All Florida Fire Equipment](#), scheduled for **March 22**. Our Association pays for this service to ensure that **EVERYONE** has proper equipment in their unit, since a fire in one unit could easily spread to the other three units in the building.



Please place your fire extinguisher outside your front door by **7:30am on March 22**, so the contractor will have access to it. If you won't be home, you must make arrangements to have someone else set out your fire extinguisher and then put it away at the completion of inspection.

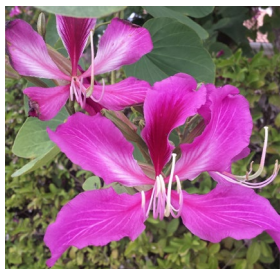
*If you do not comply and your extinguisher is not available for this inspection, **you** will be responsible to take it to a fire safety company and pay for the inspection/certification on your own.*

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- **Backflow Preventers Recertification.** [Casey's Plumbing Backflow](#) agreed to a 3-year contract of \$25/backflow device. The fireline backflows will be done by the County.





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- **Fire Sprinkler and Alarm Recertification.** [Piper Fire Protection](#) will do the annual inspection of the standpipes, alarms and sprinkler heads on **April 11**.



- **Mulch (\$2,505)** was installed in February throughout the neighborhood by [Ramco Mulch Solutions](#), using funds left over from the 2022 budget.



- **Sod (5 pallets – \$3,000 worth) is being replaced throughout the community** to remove unwanted Bermuda grass and to replace it with St. Augustine grass.



[Green Thumb](#) has already sprayed the infested areas to kill the Bermuda grass. After about two

weeks waiting for the grass to die, Green Thumb will remove the dead grass. They will then wait another two weeks to check for any weed germination and spray again if needed. Once there is no more germination, the new sod will be installed, hopefully in the middle of March. Another **\$1,675** will be spent on plants at Orchid Cove's entrance and the pool entrance.

- In early February, **Manatee County** finally picked up the two large piles of tree branches and shrub debris from overgrowth on the north side of the Preserve. At no cost to the Association, **Larry Hiither** and **Kim Strub** had earlier cut back many evasive Brazilian pepper plants that tend to hang over onto our property. Thanks, guys!

- The lock on a **Parcel Locker at the Mail Center** that was missing a key was replaced by **Larry Hiither** at a fraction of the cost we would have paid the USPS. Thanks much, Larry!



## RESCREENING LANAIS

Some of our lanai screens are showing their age and may need replacement, which is an individual owner's decision and expense. One of our members recently used [Superior Rescreening](#), a 22-yr-old Bradenton company, and was very happy with them. The following quote – for **lanai rescreening** only – was obtained for Orchid Cove owners and is good for 30 days (ending March 21).



- **First floor unit** \$515
- **Second floor unit** \$710

The price includes a 5-yr. limited warranty. If you're interested, please contact Superior Rescreening at **941-720-3781** and make you own arrangements for installation. Other windows can also be rescreened for an additional charge.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

On the [Orchid Cove website](#), see the complete financial statement for [December 2022](#) for more details.

Assets		December 31, 2022
Checking Account		\$75,670
Money Market Account		77,191
Certificates of Deposit (5)		440,941
Other Assets & Receivables		3,697
<b>Total Assets</b>		<b>\$597,499</b>
Income and Expenses		Jan-Dec, 2022
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$112,771	\$114,334
Expenses	112,771	106,546
<b>Jan-Dec 2022 Net Income</b>		<b>\$7,788</b>



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## RULES AND REGULATIONS

### Friendly Pool Gate Reminder

If you are the last person to leave the pool area, please make sure that the pool gate is locked. The pool gate should never be left unlocked if there is no one at the pool. "Why?", you may ask. Well, our pool facilities are private and may not be used by unaccompanied "guests." Unaccompanied non-residents could damage or steal pool furniture or, worse, there could be an accident or injury, for which the Association could be held accountable. **PLEASE, take care to lock the pool gate if you're the last one leaving. It's important.**



Individual sections of the [Rules and Regulations \(R&R\)](#) are regularly reviewed in the [Connection](#). This month, the subjects concern your front entry/stairs. Here's what the R&R say:

#### "Flowerpots/Ornaments"

Flowerpots and ornaments are only permitted on front porches or second floor landings, **not on stairs** or in mulch areas. No hanging plants are permitted to hang from poles in the ground or from any exterior part of any building. Plants must be of reasonable size, shape, and condition.

#### 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."

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.

"Here's to cheating, stealing, fighting, and drinking.  
If you cheat, may you cheat death.  
If you steal, may you steal a woman's heart.  
If you fight, may you fight for a brother.  
And if you drink, may you drink with me."

-- Irish Toast



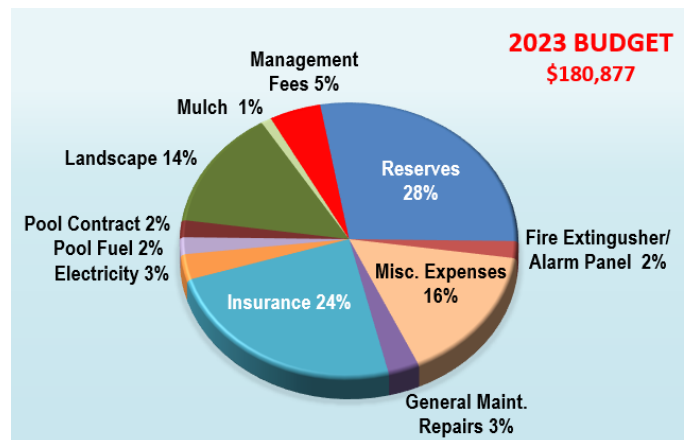
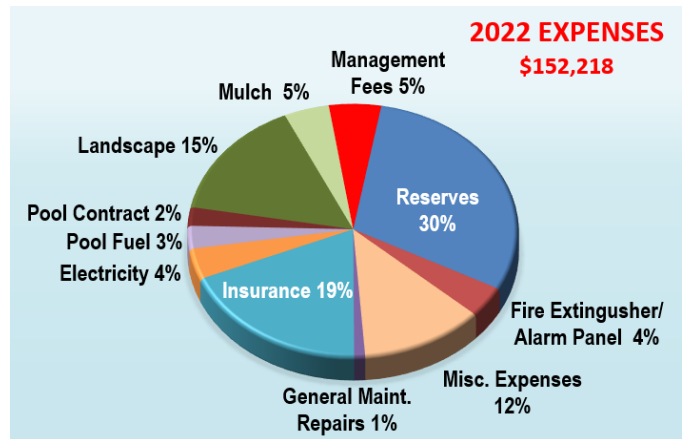
## ORCHID COVE UNITS FOR SALE

Orchid Cove units currently for sale (as of Mar. 2):

- **7640** \$334,500
- **7552** \$338,000 (under contract)

## WHERE DOES OUR MONEY GO?

Here's your answer – **comparing Orchid Cove's 2022 Expenses to the 2023 Budget** (data courtesy of Treasurer Larry Hiither).







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## WELCOME TO THE FUTURE

*By Greg Blanchard*

I learned earlier this month that the mighty **Amazon** – the online retailer, not the South American river – had selected me for a limited-time opportunity to buy one of the most difficult-to-find pieces of home entertainment technology in the world: a **Microsoft Xbox Series X video game console**. What a score! Prime delivery had it to my home in two days, to boot!



Alas, I was not happy for long. I experienced first-hand the bitter reality of the pace of modern technological advancement. Hooking the console up to my “media center,” **I discovered that my television – 60” of hi-def video glory – was inadequate for the gaming console** (which is in such limited supply that merely owning one meaningfully moves the US trade deficit). My choice of home entertainment technology had become a geopolitical statement.

**I needed a TV upgrade.** I realize that I’m living Brad Paisley’s “Welcome to the Future,” complete with the personal computer, microwave oven, Internet, billionaires in space, and Chinese “weather” balloons.

**But all I want to do is to slaughter mutants** in an imaginary dystopian future in which the world ignored global climate change, pandemics, and autocratic warlords (can’t happen, right?). **And watch sports**, of course – the other good use for the modern home



media center. What gloomy winter night in Minnesota is not relieved by the heart-pounding action of a **curling match** in super hi-def? Just ask **Dave & Kim Loskota!**

Enter the second great American institution of the 21<sup>st</sup> Century: **BestBuy** – the local retailer/enabler of juvenile urges in adults that really should know better. I left there in pretty good shape – with a nice addition to my

media center that’s eminently capable of gaming and sports. It had data bandwidth requirements (barely) possible with a copper cable. Quantum mechanics are not prominent in the specifications, and it does not claim to be a sentient organism with rights (just a matter of time, though).

You know, many of today’s consumer electronics products are “**Internet enabled**,” which means they can probably be accessed world-wide. **Here’s something fun to try:** go around the house and say (in Mandarin Chinese) to every connected device with a microphone, “**Call President Xi**,” and see if you get any answers. I think I heard my shaver muttering in a Slavic language the other day.

WELCOME TO THE **FUTURE**

## TARA MASTER ASSOCIATION MEETINGS



**Next Meeting:**  
**March 23**  
**9:00am**  
**Preserve**  
**Community Center**

**The last Board meeting was February 23** at the Preserve Community Center. A number of items were discussed. Among them:

- At the **Documents Committee** recommendation, Tara Preserve resident **Charlie Vandenbosch** was hired as a part-time **documents digitization contractor** to scan/index TMA documents on an on-going basis. Documents will be stored on Google Drive, and will eventually be made available online to TMA members.
- The **Landscape Committee** presented options for replacing the monument light fixtures at the TMA’s entrance on Tara Blvd. A proposal will be solicited from **Miller Electric**, Bradenton. A new committee member was also appointed – **Patty Bonagiano**.
- You may have noticed a downed light pole in the median on Tara Blvd. In a tragic, deadly accident, it was struck by a vehicle on Feb. 21. Pole replacement will take more than a month.

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## Annual Membership Meeting & Election



The TMA mailed [First Notice](#) of this meeting & election, to be held on **March 23 at 9:00am at the Preserve Community Center**. There's one vacancy on the Board, so one Director will be elected for a three-year term.

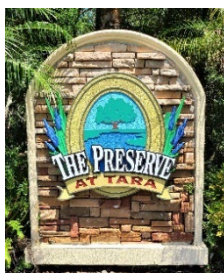
### Two candidates have filed to run for this position:

- [Doug Zandstra](#) – a CPA who currently chairs the **TMA Finance Committee** and is highly regarded by current board members, and
- **Joseph Petxoto** - who did **NOT** submit a candidate Information Sheet. The TMA has subsequently been unable to contact him.

## TARA CDD UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Preserve Community Center – 9:30am

- **March 28**
- **April 25**
- **May 23**
- **June 27**
- **July 25**



## BOOK CLUB MEETINGS



The [Tara Preserve Book Club](#) meets at the **Preserve Community Center on the third Tuesday of the month at 4:30pm**. The dates and

books for upcoming meetings are:

- **Mar. 21 – [The Maidens](#)**, by **Alex Michaelides**  
★★★★☆ (rated 4.1 out of 5)
- **Apr. 18 – [The Dry](#)**, by **Jane Harper**  
★★★★☆ (rated 4.4 out of 5)
- **May 16 – [The Cuban Affair](#)**, by **Nelson DeMille**  
★★★★☆ (rated 4.2 out of 5)

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

## NEW RECOMMENDED VENDOR

**Dave & Kim Luskota** recently had their master bathroom shower re-tiled by [Double A Remodeling, Inc.](#) who recommended [Ocean Glass Inc.](#) to measure, provide, and install a **new glass door**.



*"They did a very good job, for a reasonable price, deserving a rating of ★★★★★. We'd use **Ocean Glass** again."*

– Dave & Kim

If anyone else has recently used a vendor which they'd like to recommend, please forward pertinent information to Dave Luskota – [DLuskota@comcast.net](mailto:DLuskota@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](#) on our website.

## ST. PATRICK'S DAY PARTY

The **Preserve Golf Club** is hosting a **[St. Patrick's Day Happy Hour Celebration](#)**:

**Saturday, March 18  
5:00pm – 8:00pm**

There will be signature drinks and themed food (limited menu).  
Keep Calm and Wear **Green!**



*"As you slide down the banister of life, may the splinters never point in the wrong direction." – Irish Proverb*





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## ORCHID COVE POOL SOCIAL

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

Wednesday, March 15

4:00pm

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

The **February** social had one of the best turnouts so far!



## PHOTO CORNER

### Preserve Golf Course, at the 16th Tee-Box

By Dave Luskota



*This guy was just waiting for someone to tee off. Ho Hum.*



*But he definitely didn't like a ball being rolled to him. Snap!*

"When we drink, we get drunk.  
When we get drunk, we fall asleep.  
When we fall asleep, we commit no sin.  
When we commit no sin, we go to heaven.  
So, let's all get drunk, and go to heaven!"

-- Irish Toast





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## COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE



Please check out the [ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) page of our website – we regularly post timely items of interest to the community.

We're always looking for member input to include in the Connection, e.g., resident news, favorite recipes, interesting wildlife photos, etc. And, if you come across any neighborhood news in which the community might be interested, forward the info to one of us on the Communications Committee or let a Board member know.

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



*"Here's to a long life and a merry one.  
A quick death and an easy one.  
A pretty girl and an honest one.  
A cold pint - and another one!"*



-- Irish Toast

Can you believe...blank space??  
See, we could use more stuff from  
our membership, OK? (Thanks,  
Greg!)

## Orchid Cove Board Members 2022 – 2023

**President – Kim Strub**

[orchidcovepresident@gmail.com](mailto:orchidcovepresident@gmail.com)

712-899-2869

**Treasurer – Larry Hiither**

[orchidcovetreasurer@gmail.com](mailto:orchidcovetreasurer@gmail.com)

513-252-3812

**Secretary – Jane Schneider**

[orchidcovesecretary@gmail.com](mailto:orchidcovesecretary@gmail.com)

717-330-4985

**Website: [OrchidCoveCondos.com](http://OrchidCoveCondos.com)**

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## Progressive Community Management

3701 South Osprey Ave

Sarasota FL 34239-6848

**Website: [PCMFLA.com](http://PCMFLA.com)**

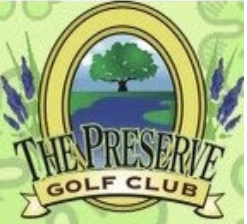
**Judie Littell, Orchid Cove Property Manager**

[JLittell@PCMFLA.com](mailto:JLittell@PCMFLA.com)

941-921-5393 Ext. 1135

Fax: 941-923-7000





**ST. PATRICK'S  
DAY  
HAPPY HOUR  
CELEBRATION**  
(NO TICKETS REQUIRED)

**SATURDAY, MARCH 18TH 2023  
5PM-8PM**

**THE PRESERVE GOLF CLUB AT TARA  
7310 TARA PRESERVE LANE  
BRADENTON, FL 34203**

**SIGNATURE DRINKS AND  
THEMED FOOD  
(LIMITED MENU)**







# Calling All Readers

Tara Preserve Book Club

Tara Preserve Community Center, Tara Preserve Lane

We are reading

*The Maidens* by Alex Michaelides

for March 21, 2023,

4:30 PM

*All invited! Hope to see you!*

Coming up:

*The Dry*, by Jane Harper, April 18

*The Cuban Affair* by Nelson DeMille, May 16



*For more information, call Barbara Pfaff at  
908-230-1159 Or email [babsswim@Comcast.net](mailto:babsswim@Comcast.net)*



*"A Leader in Association Management"*

February 20, 2023

Members of Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.:

The Annual Members' Meeting will be held on March 16, 2023, 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, Philip Auciello, Larry Hiither and Jane S. Schneider, 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](mailto: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](mailto:jlittell@pcmfla.com)

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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 16, 2023**  
**at 5:00 PM**

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

Website URL: Zoom.us  
Meeting ID: 823 1175 6467    Password: 429353  
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**



*"A Leader in Association Management"*

Members of

**Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.:**

The 2022 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.**

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REQUEST FOR THE FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF  
**Orchid Cove Condominium Association, Inc.**  
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2022

**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: \_\_\_\_\_

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**OR**

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

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Please PRINT NAME and MAILING ADDRESS

**OCC**



**ORCHID COVE CONDOMINIUM ASSOCIATION, INC.**

**A Corporation Not for Profit**

**GENERAL PROXY**

***2023 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 16, 2023 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

Meeting ID: 823 1175 6467 Password: 429353

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 \_\_\_\_\_, 2023 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 16, 2023 at 5:00 P.M.**

**Website URL: Zoom.us**

**Meeting ID: 823 1175 6467 Password: 429353**

**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.**