



The Orchid Cove Connection

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ORCHID COVE UPCOMING MEETINGS

➤ Next Board Meeting:

January 17, 2024

5:00pm

Preserve Community Center & ZOOM



• Annual Members Meeting: March 21, 2024

Annual Members' Meeting

At this meeting, Board elections will be held for all three positions, for a one-year term. Please plan to attend. Get it on your calendar **NOW!**

ORCHID COVE POOL SOCIAL



Orchid Cove Pool Social

January 20

4:00 pm to ??

Pool Area

Meet & greet your neighbors!

Bring an appetizer or dessert to share, along with your favorite beverage.

(Please, no glass items allowed in the pool area)

ORCHID COVE MAINTENANCE MATTERS

❖ Tree Trimming

Both our oak and orchid trees need trimming. Bids were received for each:

- \$4,125 Oak trees only
- \$1,600 Orchid trees only
- \$5,700 Both oak & orchid trees

The Board will discuss and decide what to do at its January meeting.

❖ Roof Replacement Update

Our roofing consultant, **Crain Consulting, Inc.** dropped off samples (by the pool house) of the replacement roofing tile on December 19 so members could take a look at 'em.

Owner **Rob Crain** is expecting the following timing for upcoming events:

- Project specifications will be ready for Board review in January.
- The interview process for prospective contractors will get underway in January.
- Actual roof construction will likely begin in the Fall of 2024.

The Board expects to meet with the PCM (our property management company) owner sometime in January to discuss roof financing options.

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❖ Mulch

A discussion on mulch between Board and Landscape Committee members concluded on two points:

- We need more mulch, and
- It should be installed not later than January.

Our Property Manager **Judie Littell** will get quotes now, for the same color/type: pine bark. On a sidenote, **Greg Blanchard** will check out malfunctioning of the entry uplights.

"May all your troubles last as long as your New Year's resolutions."

-- Joey Adams



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❖ Tree Removal

Earlier in December, the large dead oak tree on the south side of the main entrance, along Wingspan Way, was removed (below), along with a dead scrub pine behind units 7530-7532.



❖ Pool Cleaning

The Board has been considering replacing our current pool cleaning contractor, [Pools by Lowell](#), and solicited a bid from [Sunshine Pools of Bradenton](#). Other condo associations have recently switched to Sunshine Pools. However, their bid was \$50/month more, and their maintenance costs would be more, too. For the time being, the Board decided to continue using **Pools by Lowell**.

❖ Orchid Cove Insurance Update

Our policies are due to expire on January 19. Insurance companies have lately delayed offering quotes on a new policy until less than a week before the expiration date. Our current agent, **Jim Cirrillo**, and **Erica Davis** (agent at another company) have recently expressed “optimism” concerning insurance quotes. Judie Littell is planning to also get a quote from **Brown & Brown**.



❖ Power washing



Power-washing of building exteriors, driveways and walks was completed by [All Seasons](#) over a two-day span in December – and a good job was done! We were told that the cleaning solution used is not harmful to plants.

TREASURER'S REPORT

On the [Orchid Cove website](#), see the complete financial statement for [November 2023](#) for more details.

Assets		November 30, 2023
Checking Account		\$155,968
Money Market Account		71,130
Certificates of Deposit (5)		641,253
Receivables & Other Assets		12,543
Total Assets		\$880,894
Income and Expenses		Jan-Nov 2023
	Budget	Actual
Income	\$119,148	\$129,483
Expenses	119,148	122,648
Jan-Nov 2023 Net Income		\$6,835

My New Year's resolution is to be more positive and less sarcastic. Like I won't screw that up right away.



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Upcoming Orchid Cove Board Elections

At the **Orchid Cove Annual Membership Meeting** – now scheduled for **March 21, 2024 at the Tara Preserve Community Center** – an election will be held to fill all



three positions on the Board of Directors. Board members serve a one-year term. You will receive **written notice** of this meeting at least 60 days

prior to the meeting from Progressive Community Management (PCM), along with the **form to complete** if you want to be a candidate. No experience is required. **If you're interested in serving on the Board, PLEASE volunteer to run for election! Completed forms must be returned to PCM by the February date in the notice.**

And be sure to return an **information sheet** on yourself as well. Call **Judie Littell at PCM @ 941-921-5393 Ext. 1135** if you want the form early or have any questions.

RULES AND REGULATIONS

Individual sections of the [Rules and Regulations \(R&R\)](#) are regularly reviewed in the **Connection**.

This month, here's what the R&R say about **Facilities**:



"Facilities"

1. All units shall be used for single-family purposes only (**no businesses**) and only one family per unit shall be allowed, as family is defined in the Declaration. Maintenance of the premises, pest control and safety and security require that the Association have the appropriate information with respect to any occupants in the units. The telephone number of Progressive Community Management is (941) 921-5393. Its fax number is (941) 923-7000, and its location is 3701 South Osprey Ave, Sarasota FL 34239-6848.

"I'm a little bit older, a little bit wider, a little bit rounder, but still none the wiser."

— Robert Paul

2. Each unit shall be used for residential purposes only and **may not be used for any business or commercial purposes**. The facilities of the condominium are for the exclusive use of association members, tenants, authorized guests and guests accompanied by a member. Any damage to the common elements caused by any resident or his/her guests shall be repaired at the expense of the condominium unit's owners involved.



3. The total number of occupants per unit permitted to reside overnight shall not exceed six (6) adults.
4. Unless approved by the Board of Directors, no alteration of or improvement or addition to a unit shall be made, constructed, erected or installed which shall remove, in whole or in part, replace, reroute, or otherwise affect any column, bearing wall or partition, pipe duct, wire or conduit.

No structural changes may be made in any unit without the prior written consent of the Board of Directors."

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

"Pets/Wildlife"

All pets must be registered with the property management **every year** (January 1st 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 our PCM Property Manager, **Judie Littell**.

If you have any questions, contact Judy. If you have a suggestion for a new rule or revision to an existing rule, contact the [Documents Committee](#), Judie, or a Board member.





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BOOK CLUB MEETINGS



Tara Preserve Book Club
meets at the
Preserve Community Center
Third Tuesday of the month
4:30pm

The dates and books for upcoming meetings are:

- **January 16** – [This Tender Land](#), by William Kent Krueger ★★★★★ (rated 4.6 out of 5)
- **February 20** – [The Last Flight](#), by Julie Clark ★★★★★ (rated 4.4 out of 5)

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

ORCHID COVE HOMES FOR SALE

We've been told that Unit 7618 will be going on the market the first of the year.

TARA MASTER ASSOCIATION



Next Board Meeting:
January 18 – 10:00am
Preserve Community Center & ZOOM

TARA CDD UPCOMING BOARD MEETINGS

Preserve Community Center – 9:30am

- January 23
- February 27
- March 26
- April 23
- May 28
- June 25



"Good resolutions are simply checks that men draw on a bank where they have no account."
— Oscar Wilde

NEW YEAR'S PUN CORNER (GROAN!)

- What did Adam say to Eve on December 31? "It's New Year's, Eve!"
- What was Dr. Frankenstein's New Year's resolution? To make new friends.
- What was the optometrist's favorite New Year's celebration? 2020.
- What do snowmen like to do on New Year's Eve? Chill out!
- I don't know why we expect Times Square to put on a decent New Year's Eve show. They're always dropping the ball.
- Where do comedians hang out on New Year's Eve? By the punchline.
- My spouse still hasn't told me what my New Year's resolution is.
- Why should you raise your left leg before the ball drops at midnight? So you can start the New Year off on the right foot!
- Why shouldn't you shoplift a 2024 calendar? You'll get 12 months!
- I'M BACK!! Happy New Year, Americans!
-- Sincerely, Your Health Insurance Deductible
- Dracula passed out at midnight on New Year's Eve. There was a count down.
- What's the easiest way to keep your New Year's resolution to read more? Watch TV with subtitles.

COMMUNICATIONS COMMITTEE

Got info on a community event coming up? We'd love to post it on the [ANNOUNCEMENTS](#) page of our website. And check out the [News & Events page](#) on the TMA website, too!

Connect
Contribute
Collaborate
Communicate

Did you try a new Holidays dessert recipe that everyone loved? Send it to us and we'll include it in the next **Connection!**

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- Kim Loskota KLoskota@comcast.net



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GARBAGE & RECYCLING COLLECTION

All collections for the **first week in January** will be one day later than normal:

- Tuesday trash & recycling will be picked up on **Wednesday**, and
- Friday trash will be picked up on **Saturday**.

New Year's Resolution



Purr Less. Hiss More.

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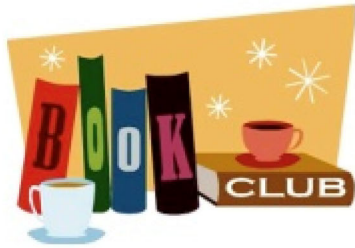
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Calling All Readers

Tara Preserve Book Club

Tara Preserve Community Center, Tara Preserve Lane

We are reading

For January 16, 2024, 4:30 PM

This Tender Land, by William Kent Krueger

All invited! Hope to see you!

Coming up

February 20, *The Last Flight*, by Julie Clark

March 19, *Tom Lake*, by Ann Patchett

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