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#### HOA MEETINGS

The Board meets the second Thursday of every month at 6:30 p.m. virtually.

#### ♦ 11 March 2021 (Annual Meeting)

- ♦ 08 April 2021
- ♦ 13 May 2021

The virtual link will be sent via email.

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### **Other HOA Roles and Responsibilities**

There are some collective responsibilities a homeowner association board of directors must fulfill. In addition to the specific tasks that come with their job titles, the HOA board of directors as a whole must carry out the following HOA board member duties:

#### 1. Follow Governing Documents

Every homeowners association, no matter which state they're in, has a set of governing documents. These include the association's bylaws, articles of incorporation, and CC&Rs. Such documents contain guidelines on how the board should run the community. They also typically consist of provisions regarding what the board can and can't do. These governing documents, second only to the laws of the land, hold the highest authority in an HOA. They dictate the rules and regulations within an association, which both the board and the community members must follow. As the community leaders, the HOA board must make sure to follow the stipulations laid out in the governing documents. They must follow the processes and procedures stated in these documents. Failure to do so can be considered a breach of fiduciary responsibility of HOA board members. Of course, it goes without saying that the HOA board must also follow federal, state, and local laws.

#### 2. Enforce Rules

An association's CC&Rs and operating rules direct what homeowners can and can't do in the community. The CC&Rs also inform how to compute and collect assessments. Board members have a duty to enforce these covenants and rules to allow for smooth operations. For instance, if a homeowner fails to pay their dues, the HOA board can impose fines or place a lien on their property to encourage payment. Of course, make sure to still adhere to your governing documents when enforcing such rules. As such, the board must always practice uniform enforcement of rules and covenants. Follow precedence and stay away from conflicts of interest.

#### 3. Maintain Common Areas

One of the primary HOA board duties is to maintain the community. This means hiring vendors to keep common areas in tiptop shape. Each year this board develops a plan to tackle these rrequirements in order of priority. In addition, the board must perform regular inspections of all common areas. The board doesn't necessarily need to conduct the inspection themselves. In fact, it's infinitely better to outsource the job to a professional like Sentry Management who can spot even the tiniest of vulnerabilities. By scheduling regular inspections, you can make sure all areas remain safe and in good condition.

#### 4. Handle Funds

Managing the association's financials also falls under the list of HOA board duties. Board members work together to prepare the annual budget for the coming year. To do this, the board anticipates upcoming expenses, taking things like services and insurance. The board must also look at the previous year's actual expenses and obtain proposals from vendors and don't forget to account for the reserve fund, as well. An association's reserves are there to cover future large-scale replacements or repairs. A portion of the collected assessments goes to the reserve fund to maintain a healthy level.

From there, the board must then calculate how much to charge homeowners in dues. Once you have a number in mind, you must notify all homeowners of the amount. The board also takes charge of collecting these assessments, including any late fees residents may incur. For delinquent homeowners, the board can partner with an HOA collections agency, a management company, or handle the issue themselves.

The Twin Rivers HOA Board will be making changes to the Association Rules this year so pleae get engaged and assist us in this endeavor.

#### **Archecture Review Committee Corner**

#### **Getting Your Yard In Shape for Spring:**

If your lawn is looking worse for the wear with bald and brown spots and pesky weeds growing throughout, it may be to start over and establish a new lush lawn. Use a grass removal tool to help remove the old lawn, prepare the soil and re-seed or re-sod your yard

Clean Up. The first thing you should do once it starts getting warm is clean up any leaves, branches, and other debris that fell over the winter months.

Trim shrubs (Shrubs should not be more than 6 ft. tall when planted along property lines, fences, and wall. If planting around home to keep roots from getting to big and causing problems its good to keep them no higher than 38 inches.)



#### Fertilize, Mulch and Plant. ...

Inspect Your Trees, Fence, and Yard. ...

#### Consider Improvements. ...

Your Lawn. If you received a violation letter regarding re-soding your lawn now is the time to prep your lawn One easy method is to apply an herbicide for grasses on your lawn. Multiple applications may be necessary for new sod.

#### Resodding your Lawn:

- 1. Removing and killing your existing grass is the first step. One easy method is to apply an herbicide for grasses on your lawn. Multiple applications may be necessary.
- 2. If you want to replant sooner and are willing to do more physical work, consider using a grass removal machine such as a sod cutter or tiller. You can also use a tiller as a grass removal tool. After breaking up the grass, you may want to apply an herbicide as well with this method as tilling can propagate unwanted weeds and grass.
- 2. Due to our Florida weather we recommend waiting until March to re-sod, as that is usually the start of our rain season.
- 3. You will need to ensure a new lawn is watered daily for the first 30 days to ensure the root system has been established in your lawn.

Whether resodding your yard or performing major landscaping changes contact your ARC Committee to determine if there are any rules that need to be addressed, or if you have received a violation you can get the violation removed once the HOA has determined you meet the requirements of the rules.

## Where to Eat in Oviedo - Here is a List

If you are at all like my family during this pandemic we have been supporting our local eateries. Thanks to Mayor Sladeck here is a list of places to eat or get food here in Oviedo. See how many you can support!

CAFE OVIEDO 945 CITY PLAZA WAY S1011407-542-5716 ANTHONY'S PIZZA 1811 E BROADWAY ST 407-542-0509 BROKEN EGG CAFÉ 1079 ALAFAYA TRAIL S1223 321-765-7083 ARBY'S 4951 LOCKWOOD BLVD S1201 407-366-3430 ARCADE MONSTERS 15 ALAFAYA WDS BLD S111 407-542-4499 ASIAN EXPRESS 1530 OVIEDO MALL BLD 407-542-7250 BACKSTREET PIZZA 1949 W CR 419 STE 1261 407-542-1199 BEEF O'BRADY'S 1817 E BROADWAY ST 407-366-2333 BENTO 15 ALAFAYA WOODS BLVD, S107 689-999-4423 BERNIE'S GOURMET 1875 W CR 419 STE 400 407-977-0010 BERRY FLD FR YOGURT 1505 OVIEDO MALL BLD 321-282-3481 **BOLAY 1079 ALAFAYA TRL STE 1203** 407-588-4588 **BONFIRES** 1340 ALAFAYA TRL 407-366-4073 BRKFAST CLUB/OVIEDO 1977ALAFAYA TRL S1001407-542-1521 BURGER FI 25 W MITCHELL HAMMOCK RD S1101 407-604-5001 BURGER KING #7847 1197 ALAFAYA TRL 407-366-3339 407-542-3682 BURGERIM 1351 ALAFAYA TRL STE 1001 CAFE PANUZZOS I1003 LOCKWOOD BLVD 407-977-2116 CHICK-FIL-A 32 E MITCHELL HAMMOCK RD 407-365-7657 **OVIEDO MALL** 407-977-5698 CHICK-FII -A CHICKEN SALAD CHICK 946 W MIT HAMK RD (407) 792-2111 1015 LOCKWOOD BLVD 407-971-3988 CHINA ONE CHIPOTLE MEX GRILL 327 E MIT HAMK RD S1021 407-365-7274 CLEAN JUICE 945 CITY PLAZA WAY S1071 407-542-5816 CUCINELLA'S BRK OVEN PIZZA 254 N DIVI ST 407-890-9000 889 W MITL HAMMOCK RD 407-542-5238 **CULVERS CUPPASTA** 1510 OVIEDO MALL BLVD 407-542-1546 DAIRY QUEEN GRILL/CHILL 960 W MIT HAMK RD 407-542-7726 945 CITY PLAZA WAY S1001407-900-9882 DE LA VEGA DISTRICT EAT/PLAY 1395 OVIEDO MALL BLVD 407-542-3536 DOMINO'S 1795 E BROADWAY ST 407-971-9663 DRAGON CITY 2200 WINTER SPNGS BLV S115 407-359-8085 DUNKIN DONUTS 865 W MITL HAMK RD S1021 47-542-8944 FIREHOUSE SUBS 1016 LOCKWOOD BLV S140 407-359-0045 FIRST WATCH REST 25 W MIT HAMK RD S1121 407-901-6070 FLIPPERS PIZZA 45 W MITL HAMK RD S1361 407-890-9001 FROGGERS GRILL/BAR 27 ALAFAYA WDS BLV 407-359-8388 GINO'S PIZZA/PASTA 43 ALAFAYA WODS BLV 407-366-1000 HABANEROS MEX GRILL #5 829 EYRIE DR 407-365-7877 HINODE SUSHI 1016 LOCKWOOD BLV S160 407-542-1686 HONG KONG RICE BOX 7 ALAFAYA WDS BLV S4000 407-542-407-359-0888

IHOP #36-137 15 ALAFAYA WDS BLV S101 407-359-0888
IRISH 31 65 W Mitchell Hammock Rd Ste 1501 407-627-0079
JEREMIAH'S ITALIAN ICE 1024 LOCKWOOD BLVD 407-542-0505
JERSEY MIKE SUBS 1797 E BROADWAY ST 407-542-3524
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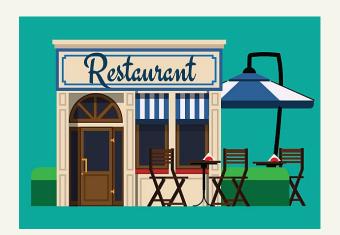
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TJ'S SEAFOOD SHACK 197 E MIT HAMK RD 407-365-3365
TOKYO TAPAS INC 1813 E BROADWAY ST 407-542-8780
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## 7 Habits of Highly Successful Boards

Being on the Board of a Condo or HOA is no easy task. Here are some of the best habits we have seen in the most successful board members we have worked with:

1.**Put Community Interests First** – The Board has a fiduciary responsibility to look out for the best interests of the community. This means keeping up with the physical property and changing times to make sure the community appeals to new buyers, which will maintain the property values of the community. Adding a new community



feature that might add great value to the community, but that may not interest or benefit you needs to be looked at for the overall good of the community; not what works for you personally.

- 2. **Seek Consensus** The best board members are experts at rallying support and knowing how a vote is going to go long before the board meeting. Even when board members don't agree on priorities, they have a professional working relationship with the other board members and understand the value of compromise.
- 3. **Invest in your Community** Remember the board has a duty to maintain the property values of the community, which means investing in the common areas and potentially making capital improvements. **Reserve FUNDS are SAVED to be spent**.
- 4. **Trust your Manager** Property Managers are licensed professionals typically with years of experience in their field. Good managers don't want to be micromanaged. If you cannot trust your manager, then you have the wrong manager.
- 5. **Over-communicate** The number one complaint we hear from frustrated owners that end up running for the board is: **Lack of Transparency**. Communicate with residents via monthly newsletters, community email blasts and manager's reports.
- 6. **Play by the Rules** Rules are not made to be broken in a Condo or HOA. It's important to lead by example and not be accused of selective enforcement. The board must follow the same rules as everyone else.
- 7. **Be a Good Neighbor** You are a board member, but you're also everyone's neighbor. Treat your neighbors the way you want to be treated. Try to de-escalate situations whenever possible.

Join us at one of our upcoming Condo or HOA Board Certification Courses to see the "7 Habits of Highly Successful Board Members" presentation where we go through the 7 habits in more detail. **Click here** to view our course schedule.

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This newsletter is published quarterly by the Twin Rivers Home Owners Association Board to provide it's members with community and HOA news.



#### NEWSLETTER FEEDBACK

The time and effort it takes to publish a quarterly newsletter is much easier when we get feedback from our community as to the quality and relevance of the newsletter. The Board of Directors want to use this newsletter as the cornerstone of our communications effort as we are working to make our website more robust and up to date and improve our Facebook presence with important information and issues affecting the Twin Rivers development. So please take a moment and tell us how we are doing at board@twinrivershoa.org. — Editor

#### ADULT RED VELVET HOT CHOCOLATE

#### **Ingredients:**

- 8 oz. chocolate chips 1 cup whole milk 1 teaspoon vanilla extract 4 drops of red food coloring (more if deeper color)
- 1 oz. vanilla or cream flavored vodka

#### Recipe

- 1. In a small sauce pot, on medium heat, add the chocolate chips.
- 2. Once they start to melt, start adding in the milk, while stirring with a silicone covered whisk. Stir until all melted and smooth.
- 3. Bring to a low boil, stirring often, and add vanilla or cream flavored vodka, red food coloring. Stir and cook for about a minute.
- 4. Serve it in a clear cappuccino cup and top it off with whipped cream and more chocolate chips.

#### TWIN RIVERS GOLF COURSE UPDATE

The Twin Rivers golf course is doing very well. The improvements made by the city and management team have increased its membership and drawn increased numbers of new players. The greens, fairways and tee boxes are in excellent condition. Cart paths have been rebuilt. The clearance of underbrush in several areas has increased speed of play. All of the golf carts have been replaced. These improvements have drawn new golfers, made the course profitable and provided the financial stability for continued improvements.

You should be proud of the City of Oviedo's decision to purchase the course. It has kept a key social venue for the citizens and stabilized your home values. You only have to look at property values around the closed Eastwood and Winter Springs golf courses to appreciate the impact that Twin Rivers golf course has had.

