



# The Orchid Lake Heron

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## **PRESIDENT'S THOUGHTS**

Welcome to a chilly and breezy December! As we recover from our Thanksgiving feasts and start looking ahead to the holidays, for many it's often a time of reflection and resolutions for the new year. As I look forward to 2022, there is one commitment I want to make to you as the President of the Orchid Lake Homeowners Association.

All Board meetings are open to the public and the dates of meetings will be posted on the website and at the mailboxes. In addition, any actions taken by the Board will be shared with residents and lot owners through our newsletter, mailings or on our website. By being transparent in all decisions made for the benefit of Orchid Lake, it's my hope that residents and lot owners will feel a part of our community.

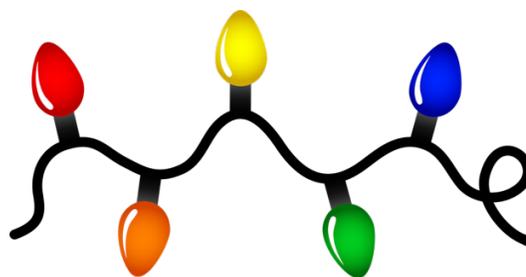
What I'm asking from you in return is to be open to the changes you will be seeing and be willing to step up and become involved in a committee, event or project. Currently, there are several committees (a brief description of the committees is included in this newsletter). The Community Involvement Committee is also planning several events for the upcoming year and will need volunteers to lead and work at these events. And, if

you have ideas for the benefit of the Orchid Lake community, please let a Board member know or email [OrchidLake1@gmail.com](mailto:OrchidLake1@gmail.com). Together, we can build the type of community that we all will enjoy.

Next year, Orchid Lake will be celebrating its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary as a Homeowners Association in October 2022. We're looking for ideas on ways to celebrate this milestone. You can submit your ideas by email to [OrchidLake1@gmail.com](mailto:OrchidLake1@gmail.com).

Finally, I want to wish everyone a joyous holiday season and Happy New Year!

*Debbie Blanchard*



## **NEW EMAIL FOR ORCHID LAKE**

It's now easier than ever to contact Orchid Lake. Rather than having to go to our website and fill out the Contact Form, you can now simply email [OrchidLake1@gmail.com](mailto:OrchidLake1@gmail.com). You're encouraged to share concerns, ideas for projects, etc.

However, don't stop visiting our website at [www.orchidlake.net](http://www.orchidlake.net). This is where you can find the latest information on activities, Board minutes, etc. Hope to hear from you soon!

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### WANT TO KNOW MORE?

If you're interested in learning more about the various committees that are forming, here's a brief description of each committee:

**Community Involvement Committee** is committed to finding ways to bring our community together for fun activities over the course of the year. If you don't have time to serve on the committee, there will be opportunities to be part of special projects throughout the year.

To get more information, or to volunteer for activities, email [olecic23065@gmail.com](mailto:olecic23065@gmail.com).

**Dam Committee's** purpose is to oversee the upkeep and maintenance of our dam and ensure the safety of the structure.

**Environmental Committee's** overall focus is to monitor and ensure the environmental health of the lake and its surroundings. Currently, the Committee is focused on removing invasive grasses from the lake and improving the quality of the lake for swimming and fishing.

To volunteer for the Dam or Environmental Committees, please contact [prentiss.dejesus@gmail.com](mailto:prentiss.dejesus@gmail.com).

**Roads Committee** is made up of volunteers willing to help with the maintenance of the roads throughout the lake. This involves filling potholes with gravel and maintaining the signage on our roads among other things.

To find out more or to volunteer, email [OrchidLake1@gmail.com](mailto:OrchidLake1@gmail.com).

**Workday Committee** is a committee that handles scheduling and planning for general maintenance workdays where residents and lot owners work together to beautify our common areas. Workdays are typically held on a Saturday morning and followed by lunch for everyone who participated.

If you're interested in volunteering to help plan workdays, please email [OrchidLake1@gmail.com](mailto:OrchidLake1@gmail.com).

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### YOUR OLE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Here is your slate of officers and directors of OLE through October, 2022. You are encouraged to contact Board members with any concerns or ideas for the betterment of our community.

**President:** Debbie Blanchard

**Vice President:** Corinne de Jesus

**Treasurer:** Richard Cromwell

**Secretary:** Hope Goza

**Directors:** Kathie Cavendish, Melanie Oslin, Brian Steel

