

THE HAMPTON HOA 2019 MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

The Hamptons Home Owners Association, Inc. (HOA) is a Federally-registered 501(c)4 organization. It was incorporated under Florida Statute 723 in order to assist you as a homeowner in negotiations with our community landowner, Sun Communities, Inc. That statute means that the HOA is the legal representative in those negotiations for EVERYONE, whether or not you are a member of the Association. Sun Communities, Inc. does not have to negotiate with individuals, but they do have to negotiate with the HOA.

It is legal and appropriate for Sun Communities to ask about the number of HOA members and it is embarrassing to communicate a low percentage of member residents. It is to our collective long-term advantage to have as many HOA members as possible to strengthen and unify our bargaining stance.

Full-time and part-time homeowners should always maintain membership in their HOA, regardless of whether their house is for sale or not, and in good or challenging economic times. Your HOA works to maintain/improve the lifestyle environment in which you originally bought your home. If you choose to not be a member, you cannot attend or vote at the Annual Members Meeting and you potentially may not be allowed to speak at our general meetings. The HOA Board can and will make decisions affecting you.

HOMEOWNERS: please give serious thought to joining and helping us tackle issues that affect all of us. Your membership also changes the incorrect perception some have that HOA membership is not important. You alone can help the HOA to be strong and relevant by taking this small step of membership. The yearly fee is **only \$15 for membership - just 4 cents a day.** Please fill out the form below and mail to the following address: **Hampton Homeowners Association, PO Box 1761, Auburndale, FL 33823-1761.** You may also put the payment in the HOA mailbox on the door on the right side of the stage in the Clubhouse.

Hampton Homeowners Association 2019 Membership Application/Renewal

Name (1) _____ Check # _____ Date _____ Lot # _____

Name (2) _____ Name (3) _____

Florida Landline Phone # _____ Cell Phone # _____

Phone number to be listed in the HOA 2019 Phone Directory (Please check one) Landline **OR** Cell

Seasonal Address (non-Hamptons) if applicable: _____

Seasonal Phone (non-Hamptons) if applicable: Landline and/or cell _____

Enclosed is \$15.00 for 2019 Membership Dues: Renewal _____ New _____ Already Paid _____

Please list your E-mail address (even if you believe we already have it) so that we can keep our HOA database current and thus able to more expeditiously contact you in important matters. Be sure to set your email program to accept/allow messages from our HOA email address: hamptonhoa@tampabay.rr.com

Email Address: _____ **

The Hamptons HOA Board Efforts and Accomplishments

The Hamptons HOA Board is working for you and will continue to do so. **Some of you ask what does the HOA do for the residents of The Hamptons? And...why should you join the HOA?**

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1. Your HOA represents you in various meetings/negotiations (including Florida Statute 723 mandated statutory meetings) with Sun Communities' local and corporate management. The Community owner/manager does not manage or dictate operations of an HOA. The HOA continues to encourage community ownership to upgrade and maintain community amenities and common areas, and to ensure compliance with and enforcement of community rules and regulations.

2. The HOA is your voice when resolving issues with the local Sun Community management. The Board sponsors and staffs a Residents' Concerns/Issues Committee that meets with local management to discuss those resident issues.

3. The HOA sponsors a welcoming committee for new residents. They answer any questions you may have as a new Hamptons resident and the committee also distributes local town/community information. The committee has recently generated a new Homeowners Welcome Guide.

4. The HOA maintains a communications list – predominately email – whereby residents are immediately notified of important issues. Those communications may also include Safety TEAM communications, notices of community concerns/events, and notices from the HOA. The HOA prepares newsletters and maintains a web site to expedite communications to all Hamptons residents. The HOA works to ensure that every homeowner is knowledgeable of the rights and obligations/responsibilities of the landowner/community management and of the land renters (residents).

5. Your HOA prepares and provides free new telephone number/resident address directories to resident member households. The directory alone is worth the HOA membership fee of \$15.

6. The HOA provides representation at Federation of Manufactured Home Owners, Inc. (FMO) functions and training sessions.

7. Your HOA maintains records of its legal by-laws and updates and makes changes as needed. The HOA Board is elected democratically by its members and thus answers to its members.

8. The HOA conducts Annual Member meetings (and multiple Board of Directors meetings) in a spirit of transparency and cooperation. These meetings may lead to discussions of the provisions of Florida Statute 723 and the provisions of the signed leased-land prospectus.

9. The HOA sponsors and coordinates recycling for aluminum cans. Thus, generating funds for HOA use.

10. The HOA has previously successfully lobbied former corporate management for 1) the installation of security cameras at the front entrance gates, 2) an upgraded clubhouse sound system, 3) additional park benches for walkers, 4) tennis court resurfacing and installation of 2 pickle ball courts, 5) shuffleboard courts resurfacing and some new benches, 6) replacement of long sections of perimeter fencing, 7) repairs to the golf cart path, 8) construction of a fenced in pet area, and 9) installation of two bocce courts and equipment shed. The HOA also purchased a radar speed sign and partnered with Sun on an electronic sign board. The HOA maintains a Hamptons Community web site (www.flhamptons.com).

11. The HOA sponsors a community-wide party in early March and also social events after some Board meetings for our residents. Our HOA wishes to keep all residents "tuned" to our community's well being and a "togetherness" that will foster a united front to counter any potentially disruptive actions/forces.

12. If you have other issues you wish to discuss, please communicate with current HOA Board of Directors and attend our HOA Board meetings as a paid-up HOA member.