

THE HAMPTON HOA 2021 MEMBERSHIP REQUEST

The Hamptons Home Owners Association, Inc. (HOA) is a federally-registered 501(c) (4) organization. It was incorporated under Florida Statute 723 to assist you as a homeowner in negotiations with our community landowner, Sun Communities, Inc. That statute defines the HOA as 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, Inc. 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 residents 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 - just 4 cents a day.** Please complete the form below and mail to the following address: **Hampton Homeowners Association, Inc., 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 2021 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 2021** Phone Directory (**Please check one**) Landline **OR** Cell

Seasonal Address (non-Hamptons) if applicable: _____

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

Enclosed is **\$15.00** for 2021 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 Addresses (max of 2) _____ *******

The Hamptons HOA Board Efforts and Accomplishments and Why You Should Join

The Hamptons HOA Board is working for you and will continue to do so. **Some of you ask what does the HOA do or has done for the residents of The Hamptons?**

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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. 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).

2. The **HOA is your voice** when attempting to resolve 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 may also distribute local town/community information. The committee has recently generated a colorful new Homeowners Welcome Guide.

4. The HOA **manages an HOA Facebook Page (with Facebook Live for broadcasting meetings)** and a **Web Site (www.flhamptons.com)** to expedite communications of community concerns/events/safety alerts to all residents. The **HOA also maintains a master email communications list** (also used by local Hamptons management) – whereby residents are immediately notified of important issues.

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

6. **Deliveries** of the community news bulletin (**Hampton Herald**) are organized by the HOA. The HOA sponsors and manages the **weekly BINGO sessions** in the ballroom.

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

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

9. The HOA conducts an **Annual Member Meeting** (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.

10. The HOA sponsors/coordinates **recycling** for **aluminum** cans. Thus, generating funds for HOA use.

11. The HOA has previously successfully lobbied former and current 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)** installation of 2 pickle ball courts, **5)** shuffleboard courts resurfacing and some new benches, **6)** repairs to the golf cart path, **7)** construction of a second fenced-in pet area, and **8)** installation of two bocce courts and equipment shed. The HOA also purchased a radar speed sign and partnered with The Hamptons on an electronic sign board.

12. The HOA sponsors a community-wide party in the Spring 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.

13. 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.