



To University Park Lot Owners and Residents –

It's October and elections are in the air! In addition to local and state government contests separate elections within the University Park community are on tap for the **University Park Recreation District (UPRD) a.k.a. the Country Club** and the University Park Community Association (UPCAI). This communication describes the candidate nomination and election process for the **UPRD Board of Supervisors only**.

Two RD Board Supervisor positions for four-year terms are open for election this year. For those calling UP home please consider becoming a candidate. If you have an interest in self-nomination or nominating someone else, please review the Call for Candidates on page 2.

#### **KEY DATES FOR THE 2022 RD ELECTION**

**October 12 – November 3** - Voter registration process for Lot Owners and Residents.

**October 24 by 5PM** – Final date for Candidate nominations.

**October 28, and other dates to be determined** – Candidates' Forums (live and virtual).

**November 4** – Ballots and Proxies distributed (voting begins).

**December 6** – Final election date with poll closing at 12:00 noon. Immediately following ballot verification by the Election Chair the results will be announced.

#### **LOT OWNERS AND RESIDENTS – UPDATE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION**

Distribution and collection of ballots will be handled by mail or personal delivery, with other additional relevant communications handled through electronic means. It is essential for all Lot Owners and Residents to take responsibility for ensuring that your contact information with the RD and Country Club is up to date.

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

For more information contact John Bondur, Election Chair at his email address ([jkbondur@comcast.net](mailto:jkbondur@comcast.net)). Volunteers working with the Election Chair and District Manager on the election process include Jim Corrigan; Todd Emmerson; Marc Loundy; Dale Otterman; Marcia Selep.

## **CALL FOR CANDIDATES – 2022 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ELECTION**

University Park Lot Owners and Residents are encouraged to run for election to two Supervisor positions on the UPRD Board. The election is pursuant to the Manatee County Board of Supervisors Ordinance 18-29 (the "Charter"), Florida's Sunshine Laws and other State and County statutes.

### **REQUIREMENTS FOR CANDIDATES**

Candidate information as described on the Candidate Nomination form presented herein on page 3 must be received by the District Manager by 5 PM on October 24, 2022. The information will be posted at <https://universityparkrd.com> as it is received through the election date.

Candidates' Forums conducted in person, virtually, or both will soon be scheduled at various times between October 25 and November 7 to ensure voters have an opportunity to meet and interact with the candidates. Candidate participation is encouraged but not required.

Successful candidates (those elected) must annually complete a financial disclosure statement, Florida Form 1, and other ethics requirements available for review at <http://ethics.state.fl.us/Research/EthicsLaws.aspx>.

### **TERMS FOR BOARD POSITIONS**

The 2022 election will determine the persons to fill two Supervisor positions each for four-year terms. The two candidates receiving the most votes will be elected.

### **BOARD SUPERVISOR RESPONSIBILITIES**

The Board of Supervisors meets regularly to determine and oversee policies and strategies to operate, maintain and enhance the Country Club and its properties.

Supervisors should:

- Be familiar with Florida Sunshine Laws outlining how and when they may communicate with each other on RD business.
- Make the effort to learn and commit to the Mission, Vision and Core Values of the Club, and the financial structure of a successful Club and the Recreation District.
- Understand the RD Charter and the policies under which the Board operates.
- Take a holistic approach to represent all UP Lot Owners and Residents and provide unbiased input on matters brought before the Board after listening to differing points of view.
- District Counsel will provide a brief overview of the roles for the new Board Supervisors upon election.

## **CANDIDATE NOMINATION FORMAT**

Please include a head and shoulder photo (either B&W or color; medium resolution). The photo and candidate information listed below will be posted on the RD website.

(Candidate Name) is hereby nominated as a candidate for the 2022 University Park Recreation District Board of Supervisors election.

University Park Address

Phone Numbers (indicate home/cell/or both)

Email Address

### **FOR THE FOLLOWING INFORMATION PLEASE LIMIT THE TEXT LENGTH TO NO MORE THAN 500 WORDS RESPONDING TO THESE ITEMS:**

- Candidate's personal description and pertinent background
- Qualities and pertinent experiences you will bring to service as an RD Supervisor, including historical active involvement in University Park Country Club, UPRD, and the UP community.
- An expression of your understanding of the requisite investment of time required to fulfill the Supervisor's role and commitment to serve the full term.
- What priorities do you envision for the RD in the near term and over the next four years, and beyond?
- In assessing the current and future needs of the Recreation District what steps do you see as necessary?

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### **PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION SO IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5PM ON OCTOBER 24, 2022, TO:**

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