



To University Park Lot Owners and Residents –

It's November and elections are in the air! In addition to local and state government contests this communication describes the candidate nomination and election process for the **University Park Recreation District (UPRD) a.k.a. the Country Club. Board of Supervisors.**

**Two** RD Board Supervisor positions for three-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 2026 RD ELECTION**

**On or before December 31, 2025** - Voter registration process for Lot Owners and Residents completed confirming the voter eligibility.

**December 17, 2025, by 5PM** – Final date for Candidate nominations. Application can be submitted to the District Manager via email at [carvalhov@pfm.com](mailto:carvalhov@pfm.com) or via U.S. Mail to Vivian Carvalho, PFM, 3501 Quadrangle Blvd., Suite 270, Orlando, FL 32817

**On or before January 30, 2026** - There will be (2) Candidate Forums inviting all the candidates to participate.

**January 9, 2026** – Ballots and Proxies distributed (voting begins).

**February 17, 2026** – 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 Don Ferris, Election Chair at his email address (dferrissalt@aol.com). Volunteers working with the Election Chair and District Manager on the election process.

## **CALL FOR CANDIDATES – 2026 BOARD OF SUPERVISOR ELECTION**

University Park 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 was amended in 2023 (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 December 17, 2025. The information will be posted at <https://universityparkrd.com> as it is received through the election date.

Candidates' Forums conducted in person will occur on or before January 30, 2026. These forums are scheduled 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 <https://ethics.state.fl.us/>.

### **TERMS FOR BOARD POSTIONS**

The 2026 election will determine the persons to fill two Supervisor positions each for three-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 2026 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  
TEXT 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?

**PLEASE SUBMIT INFORMATION SO IT IS RECEIVED NO LATER THAN 5PM  
ON DECEMBER 17, 2025, VIA MAIL OR VIA EMAIL TO:**

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