

## **WHY SHOULD I BECOME A VOTING MEMBER OF THE H.O.A. ????**

The Sunlake Homeowners Association, Inc. was established in 1984 as a “not-for-profit corporation” under the laws of the State of Florida, with original goals to “promote, protect and preserve the rights and privileges of the residents of Sunlake Estates”. In 1984 the Sunlake Homeowners Association (HOA) had as their primary focus, to promote friendly social interactions between residents and to provide a forum for residents, of like interests, to meet and enjoy their passion.

As an additional advantage of incorporating under Florida law, the HOA Board was given the authority to act in a liaison function between the residents and the Community owner on matters of collective interests to the residents. On occasion since 1984 that liaison function authority has allowed the HOA to intervene on matters which have resulted in an agreement by Community owners to modify their original plans.

The latest version of Florida law, Chapter 723, “The Florida Mobile Home Act”, requires that in order to exercise various rights and privileges on behalf of the residents there must be an official HOA.

There are a number of significant issues the HOA Board of Directors are involved with which include lot classifications, lot rental amounts, continued supply and maintenance of amenities that the Community owner is required to provide and possible legal intervention to ensure that residents’ rights are protected.

The importance of having a viable resident advocate and a fully committed HOA Board of Directors, for the benefit of those who live here, cannot be overstated. That representation though does come with a financial cost and that is why it is extremely important that all residents of Sunlake Estates become paid members of the HOA.

The costs to maintain the Association are minimal, and include liability insurance, bank and web site fees, professional fees associated with legal advice when determining if Community owners should be held liable for certain decisions they may make, fees associated with any State mandated mediation of unresolved issues between residents and Community owners and ongoing printing and postage costs.

The added advantage of a paid membership bestows the right to elect, to the HOA Board, those people you feel will best reflect your interests and allows you to be elected to fill one of those Board positions if you so choose.

Your current Board of Directors cannot stress enough the need for a strong viable HOA that will continue to advocate on your behalf and hold accountable current and future Community owners to the standards expected of those that may have a significant impact on your life.

Please consider submitting the application on the back of this page.

# Sunlake Estates Home Owner's Association Membership Application

Visit us at: [sunlakeestateshoa.com](http://sunlakeestateshoa.com)

Please print out this application, complete, and drop off at 1100 Lake Drive **with your check** payable to Sunlake Estates HOA.

**New membership fee: \$20.00**

**Membership renewal fee: \$15.00**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Certificate Number** \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunlake Address:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Lot #** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_ **email:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\*Snowbirds** : Please provide your northern/summer contact information in case we need to reach you with important information while you are away:

**Northern/summer Street address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**City/State/Zip:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Phone:** \_\_\_\_\_

If any of the information you provided above is different from last year, please check here: \_\_\_\_\_

**I declare I am the authorized "designated Member" to vote.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**I agree my notice of the Annual Meeting and my notice of the next Board of Directors' meeting may be delivered to me by Park delivery in lieu of Certified or Regular Mail.**

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Signature** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_