Solicitation for Community Input

As an Old Orchard community resident, you know by now that the process for refreshing the Board has begun with the September Board Meeting. Two new Board members will join us at the October Elections.

We want to get a head start in bringing the community together to a common vision and make some needed changes in the way we manage Board proceedings, communications, and implementing decisions. Based on the recent discussions in social media, we would like your input on the following topics:

1. What are some useful, practical, affordable, and economically sustainable OO community improvement ideas?
2. What, if any, changes in the current Bylaws should be made without unnecessarily burdening the residents, board members, property management, and the community budget? Or only procedural changes are needed to implement them?
3. What, if any, changes are needed to the Deed Restrictions to maintain/improve community looks and property value? Or only procedural changes are needed in their implementation?
4. How to improve communications between the Board and the residents?
5. In addition, as you may know, Austin Properties has given us notice of termination effective 30th Nov. 2018. Therefore, **it is imperative that we select and contract with a new property management company soon**, as it would take time to execute the contract and bring them onboard by Nov. 30th. If you know of any good property management company or metrics against which to evaluate them, please let us know.
6. Our community is full of talented individuals. If you can volunteer your time and expertise for various committees: Contract Evaluation, Project Inspections, Communications, Architectural Review Committee (ARC/ACC), Parking Enforcement, Finance, just to name a few. Please let us know if you would like to volunteer.

The OO Board is inviting concrete suggestions from you - OO residents - on these topics, and any other ideas for improvement. Please submit your ideas through the Old Orchard website. Separately, we are looking into a secure software that would maintain a database of the OO residences so that individualized communications, accounts, and transactions can be made.

Your ideas should be bulleted and concise without historization. Concise suggestions would help us tabulate these ideas and our work in terms of prioritization, allocation, and execution of the selected ideas. Please identify yourself: include householder name and address, (optional: phone number).

Please share this solicitation with your OO friends and neighbors who may not be currently the e-blast list, as well as remind them to register on the OO website so that every single household in Old Orchard can participate in the matters that are important to the community.

Deadline for input: October 10th, 2018.