

# HOA Joomla Template Project

## Summary

This project will involve creating a basic template and website that will be used on several Home Owners Association websites. The website you will be creating will be the Demonstration/Sample website that will represent all of the possible pages any of these Association websites could have. Once this template has been completed, we plan to clone the site and replace the sample content with content appropriate to each Association and “turn off” pages or features not being used currently by that Association website. The website template will allow for five different color themes. It will also feature a several custom modules that are to be created by you, although we are open to existing functional equivalents; i.e. if you know of a module that does the same thing, then please make a recommendation. The custom modules we anticipate at this point include:

**Logo Image Module** (Item 1-4)

**Header Content Module** (Item 13-15, 53-54)

**Latest News Module** (Item 18-19)

**Event and Contacts Module** (Item 20-24)

**Community Update Module** (Item 25-x)

**Big Button Module** (Item 28)

**Banner Frame Modules** (Item 29-30)

**HelpDesk Module** (Item 34-35)

**Pool Hours Module** (Item 36)

**Crime Watch Module** (Item 38)

**Weather Module** (Item 40-42)

**Shout Outs Module** (Item 43-46)

**Latest Documents Module** (Item 47-50)

The site map below is not final. It represents all of the types of pages that will be required; however, it is our starting place. We would like to be able to rearrange this hierarchy according to a community's specific needs. Some communities don't have pools and some don't have a crime watch. Some may want HOA documents to be under Community Info or may want Clubhouse Info as a primary menu item. So build your menus with this flexibility. Thank you. We will provide content for each of these types of pages once the project is awarded.

### Home

#### Community Info

- **Community Calendar** (Events) (Need an Extension)

- **Board and Committees**

- **Pool Information**

- **Clubhouse Information**

- **Community Questions**

#### Crime Watch

**Community News** (Need an Extension)

**HOA Documents** (Need an Extension)

**Community Classifieds** (Need an Extension)

**FAQ** (May Need an Extension)

#### Helpful Links

**Photo Galleries** (Need an Extension)

#### Contact Info

#### Privacy Policy

#### Search Results

#### Site Map

#### Terms of Use

#### Page Not Found

## **Additional Notes**

The next six pages of this document detail items on the PSD of the Home Page (see last page) and the Functional and Graphic Design Requirements. If you think we are requiring something that is not possible or you have an alternative that is functionally equivalent, then please let us know.

As much as possible we would like the template to reflect the PSD including ALL of the ROUNDED CORNERS and DROP SHADOWS. It should go without saying that you should **not** use GIF files for photos. And you will find notes in the next few pages regarding the use of PNG files with transparency to achieve the graphic design requirements.

Of course it is always preferable to drive the design with CSS, but if it makes sense to use tables at times, do it. ReWe need the template to work consistently on all the major browsers (including Safari), latest versions as well as ones as old as IE5. If you begin your custom template with an existing template, then PLEASE eliminate any unused CSS styles and unused code in the template. Please don't leave a bunch of unused styles in the CSS files.

We also would like to set up 3 User Accounts with 3 different levels of editing rights. The Admin, the Editor and a User. When the Admin logs in, he would, of course, would be able to edit anything from the frontend or the backend. The Editor will be able to edit text in certain modules, edit events in the events calendar, etc. preferably from the Frontend only. When the User logs in, he or she would gain access to additional pages and documents. If any of this does not make sense, we can discuss it. I'm certainly not a Joomla expert, which is why I am looking to hire someone like you.

We will supply all of the sample content for the various page types and provide mock-ups of the sub-pages to guide the website design. Please do not let the length of this document intimidate you. I simply wanted to give you a thorough understanding of what we want accomplished on the front end, instead of trying to explain it later in 50 messages. At the same time this is a big job and I do not want you to underestimate the scope, so I am giving you as much information up front as I can. Most of this should be pretty obvious. But this will serve as a blueprint for whoever is awarded the job.

Thank you for your consideration of this project. - chris

# HOA Joomla Template Requirements / Explanation (See image on last page)

## Logo Image Module

1. Logo Image needs to have round corners (top left and top right).
2. Logo Image Border needs to have round corners (top left and top right).
3. Logo Image needs to be easily replaceable with other rectangular images. A user with sufficient rights should be able to upload any replacement image (250px x 120px) with **sharp** corners and the template will mask the corners with a transparent PNG so that the image corners appear rounded as specified in Requirement 2. Of course you will need a png hack to achieve this with older browsers. We would highly recommend the one available at <http://jquery.khurshid.com/ifixpng.php>
4. Logo image will be masked at the bottom with a gradient PNG so that it appears as depicted. Again, I should be able to go to the Logo Image Module and specify an image path. The result will be an image “behind” this area of the template which is masked so as to appear to have rounded corners at the top and a gradient fade away at the bottom, as depicted in the PSD. Again, you will need a png hack to achieve this with older browsers. We would highly recommend the one available at <http://jquery.khurshid.com/ifixpng.php>
5. Template should have a Site Search function at the top of every page and the Search Field will look just like it is depicted; with rounded sides. The round sides can, of course, be image fills. The rounded side on the right, of course, will be a ROLL-OVER button. The roll-over state on this (and all buttons) must be pre-loaded. The text “Search our Site” will disappear when the field has focus and the text will be justified left and appear in grey, as depicted in the PSD.
6. The user should be able to select a template color theme. This document depicts the Green theme. But if the user clicks the Red button, then the page would reload and every graphic and text style that has the Green theme, would reflect the Red theme. Each theme will have it’s own CSS file that governs the elements unique to that theme. However, if the script used to provide this function requires the CSS for all the themes to be in a single file, then that will be acceptable. But it is preferred that the elements unique to the theme would be in separate files. For instance, there would be the main CSS file (css.css) and individual them files that govern each theme; e.g. green.css, blue.css, amber.css, red.css, and coffee.css. **Also, we would like for the change to be instant and not require a page reload.**
7. The Template will include a Print function on every page. It will be a permanent part of the Template so it does not need to be tied to the Joomla Admin for optionally disabling it. Whatever script is used should generate a useful and attractive representation of the content on the current page. On ROLL-OVER the text will change to a brighter color relative to the current color theme.
8. The Template should include a Site Map link on every page. On ROLL-OVER the text should change to a brighter color relative to the current color theme.
9. The Template should include a Text Resizer link on every page. On HOVER the text should change to a brighter appearance. Resizing the text should **only affect the text below the header** and should result in the modules expanding vertically to accommodate the sized increase and text wrapping. **It should not result in any part of the template getting wider or breaking.** Text Resizer used should not cause a page reload.
10. The template should have a login area on every page. The website should accommodate user accounts. Each site will have the Administrator, an Editor, and a User Account. Editors will have the ability to edit certain pages and content on the website. Users can gain access to to certain pages with

sensitive information. When logged in, text should appear in the area directly above the login fields that says, "You are currently logged in as \*admin\*" or whatever the username is. It will also present a text link that says "logout" that when clicked will log the person out. Below the login should say something like "Forgot your Password" and link to some sort of password reset or reminder assistance.

11. These user login fields should look just like they are depicted; with rounded sides. The round sides can, of course, be image fills. The rounded side on the right, of course, will be a ROLL-OVER button. The roll-over state on this (and all buttons) must be **pre-loaded**. The "help text" inside the fields should disappear when the field has focus and the text will be justified left and appear in grey, as depicted in the PSD.
12. **Custom Horizontal Menu** - This menu may have more or less items. The text on the buttons will be real text not graphics. **The button graphics should expand in order to span the entire menu area.** For example, if Community Classifieds is disabled, then all the other buttons would expand proportionally to fill in the void left by the missing button. If too many buttons are added or the text is so long it breaks the template, then the administrator will need to abbreviate the text to keep the menu from wrapping or breaking. You can assume the Admin will know to do that. But again, if there are not a lot of buttons, then **the buttons graphics should expand to fill the space proportionally.** Also, since the names may need to be abbreviated, then a Button Name may not reflect the whole name of page it links to. For example, the button "HOA Docs" may link to a page called "HOA Documents" and a button called "Contact Info" may link to a page called "Contact Information." So the Admin will need the ability to customize the Menu Button names and NOT have them driven by the Page Names.

### **Header Content Module**

13. - This is where the Community Name will go and the style should use Trebuchet MS Bold.
14. This will either say Home Owners Association or Condo Owners Association. Either way, the style should use the style should use Trebuchet MS Normal.
15. This text block will always have about this much introductory text.
16. The Page Curl will only appear on the Home Page (or Front Page).
17. The "More" button should link to the Community Information page. The PSD will contain a sample of what these sorts of buttons' ROLLOVER state looks like. Please note that THIS particular button has (and SHOULD have) a shadow on it because of the page curl. We want to keep that effect. So the graphics for this particular More button should not be used anywhere else.

### **Latest News Module**

18. This module or row will features the first line of the latest news stories. News stories should be maintained with some sort of news module.
19. This button will link to the What's New page. It may also be named Community News. Regardless, it will be a page where news stories are easily maintained and are available for RSS feed.

### **Event and Contacts Module**

20. If this tab is clicked, as (scrollable) list of important contacts is presented. Could be the local Sheriff, Animal Control, Crime Watch, etc.
21. This Event/Important Numbers module is our goal. If there is a better alternative, we are open to it. But you can see what the goal is here and the aesthetic we are trying to achieve. Just let me know how you plan to accomplish this in your PM.

22. This is one cool way to show the dates. Again, the PSD shows our goal. We are open to off-the-shelf alternatives. Propose something. ☺
23. Obviously this is a scroll of some sort. We would like to achieve this style.
24. Links like this one will probably just say “more” and should link to a Community Events page and got to anchor for that event.

### **Community Update Module**

25. This “module” will be promoting a service that will be signed up for on another website. On all of these similar “modules” (the ones on the left), I would like the ability to swap the little icon in its header, edit the text in it’s header, and to include or not include a picture. Some, like this one and the one below it, should include an area for text and a ROLLOVER button with modifiable text, meaning, if the text in the button has more characters, the button width should expand to the left to accommodate more text. So build your graphics accordingly. PLEASE use PNG files with transparency so we can preserve the subtle drop shadows and round corners that will “float” over the module graphics. This should be typical for this style of button. Again, you will need a png hack to achieve this with older browsers. We would highly recommend the one available at <http://jquery.khurshid.com/fixpng.php> unless you know of a better one. ☺
26. This is where the text would go. If there is too much text or the Text Resizer makes it too big for this area, then the module should expand vertically only (out the bottom). It will be up to the Admin to make sure the text is not too much in the normal size state.
27. This button should link to [http://helpdesk.omni-property.com/update\\_subscribe.html](http://helpdesk.omni-property.com/update_subscribe.html)

28. **Big Button Module** - The text on this banner should be editable. It may be used to link to a Community Questions Page or it may link to the FAQ page. Or some other page. **It should also become brighter on ROLLOVER.**

### **Banner Frame Module**

29. Banner ad area. The Banner Frame area on this one (and the banner area below this one) should use transparent PNG in order to mask the banner images “underneath and make them appear to have rounded corners even though the banners may have sharp corners. Very similar to the functionality discussed in item 3.
30. Same as above. May want the ability to turn on as many as 6 of these types of banners. So we may need to create Banner Frame 1 Module through Banner Frame 6 Module in order to make provision for them in the template, stacked on top of each other.
31. This text menu, like the Top Menu, should be independent of the names of the pages linked to. And it will not necessarily have the same menu items as the Top Menu. For instance, this menu might include a Site Map link. On HOVER the text on these items will change to a brighter color relative to the current color theme and display an UNDERLINE.
32. **Please note the ALIGNMENT of all of the modules or sections of this page.** I would like to preserve that look. For instance, the bottom of the module that this arrow is touching is perfectly aligned to the bottom of the modules to the left.
33. Likewise, note the vertical ALIGNMENT of the modules and sections. This should all stay in tact unless someone over-rides the default state with the Text Resizer, in which case, the modules should expand vertically, not horizontally. But it would be awesome if you could make them all adopt the height of it’s tallest “neighbor.” Ask me about this if you don’t understand what I mean.

## HelpDesk Module

34. This “module” will be promoting a service that will be accessed on another website. This module is similar in function and features to the one described in Requirement 25 above. ALSO, all of the modules in the SIX positions on the left, should be REPOSITIONABLE. We would like the ability to switch the position of the Weather Module with Community Update Module. Or switch the position of the HOA Documents Module with the HelpDesk Module.
35. This button should actually say HelpDesk” not “signup” and it should target a \_blank window and link to <http://helpdesk.omni-property.com/>
36. **Pool Hours Module** This (and the module below) is a special, half-size module. The header area is smaller and it will have a an (optional) background image. It will also have white text to go over the image and a ROLLOVER button. The text on the ROLLOVER button (all of the rollover buttons) should be editable and the button should resize (expanding to the left) to accommodate the amount of text. In this case, the half module is being used for Pool Hours. But the Admin should be able to link to a different background image and make the theme and information in the half module about something else. The “more info” should link to a Pool Information Page.
37. The Text “Tangent Media Network, Inc.” will be a link. On HOVER the text will change to a brighter color relative to the current color theme and display an UNDERLINE. It will link to <http://www.tangentnet.com>
38. **Crime Watch Module** This is another “half module” similar to the one in Requirement 36. The “more info” should link to a Crime Watch Information Page.
39. All of the icons on the various modules should be **transparent PNGS** so they can be swapped and used regardless of the color theme.

## Weather Module

40. The main body of this module is based on a the Z-Weather Joomla module found at the link below and should be styled and presented as depicted in the PSD. Here is the link:  
[http://extensions.joomla.org/component/option,com\\_mtree/task,viewlink/link\\_id,213/Itemid,35/](http://extensions.joomla.org/component/option,com_mtree/task,viewlink/link_id,213/Itemid,35/)
41. This should be editable text that will display the City and State associated with the weather
42. And, of course, the standard header style used in the other module headers; Trebuchet MS.

## Shout Outs Module

43. The scrolling text should disappear BEFORE it reaches the edge, unlike what is depicted here is the PSD
44. This text is part of a Module that should include a scrolling list of messages. The application here is to have a place where neighbors can have public messages posted. One might say, “Happy Birthday Steve Smith! From the Hunters” and the next one might say, “Thank you to everyone who helped with the Community Garage Sale!” etc., etc. So you may need to adapt a module intended for scrolling news or announcements. But the idea is that there may be several messages and they would automatically scroll up. It could be that they stop scrolling when you pass your mouse over the text area. But I am looking to you, the freelancer, to propose a solution. Let me know your plan in your PM. Thank you.
45. Here is a scroll tool, if it makes sense to have one.
46. Picture should be optional for the Admin. If it is not included, the text area would take over the void that is created.

## Latest Documents Module

47. Document icons and document names. On HOVER the text will change to a brighter color relative to the current color theme and display an UNDERLINE. When clicked, it should trigger a download dialog box, NOT OPEN the document. This is a strong preference. But you can appeal this requirement in a PM.
48. The more button will link to an HOA Documents page which will archive all of the HOA Documents. We would like to use DocMan to manage the documents on that page.
49. Again, optional picture. If it is not used, the text (or body content) should fill the space automatically.
50. This HOA Documents module will list the most recently added documents.
51. Clicking the RSS feed icon should add the Website's RSS News feed to the users default RSS reader and, of course, feed them the latest news items that are added on the What's New page (or whatever the page with news stories is called).
52. **Please Note** that "Contact us" should NOT be underlined in the link state. It SHOULD be underlined on HOVER. And it should link to the Contact Information page.

## Header Content Module (Continued)

53. For this area, you will need to use a PNG with transparency (and translucency) so that I can simply upload different images with sharp corners that are 480 x 210 and the inserted image will appear to be behind the abstract graphics that appear to spill onto the right side of the image. I know it is possible. You can see an example (with a javascript slideshow) right here: [www.eigmove.com](http://www.eigmove.com) This isn't Flash. This example uses that script that I keep recommending. You can see in the example referenced that the images are behind the PNG file with the abstract light that appears to be in front of the images. Very cool. Here is that link again: <http://jquery.khurshid.com/ifixpng.php>
54. Likewise, I REALLY want these corners to appear to be ROUND without having to make them round on the images to be used. The round corners can be achieved by positioning a PNG with transparency in front of the header image in order to mask that image which is "underneath." Or, if you have another proposal, I'm open to it. But I want it to work with older browsers. I want to be able to insert any 480 x 210 photo with sharp corners and have it masked so that the left corners appear round and the abstract graphic "spills" translucent color on the right. Please write "I understand" in comments under your bid so that I know you have read this document. ☺ Thank you.
55. If the page the button represents is current, then that button should be dark (as depicted). Buttons should also go to a dark state on HOVER when the mouse ROLLSOVER. Again, preloaded images are a must. The first time a user rolls over the button, it should instantly show the hover state, no waiting for the graphics to show up. The hover state graphics should already be in the cache.

