

Chairman's Notes

May 5, 2023

I am writing the Chairman's notes this week in Longview, TX. We are traveling and will be out of the park until next week. Let me start with a brief update on the projects that we have going on.

- The perimeter fencing project along the Betty Salter Trail is underway. The old fence has been removed and installation of the new fence is underway. This trail will be closed until the work is completed.
- The renovation project of Hobbyland exterior has begun. Installation of new windows was completed today and doors should begin sometime next week. Wood rot is being removed and will soon be replaced.
- As you are probably aware, we had the restrooms in the Blue Heron and the Golf Pro Shop closed on Monday so that we could do some minor plumbing repairs. This has been completed and they are open again.
- Some new equipment was delivered to the fitness center. We received a new stair stepper machine and a new stretch trainer this week. The equipment is installed and is up and running.
- The golf maintenance shop renovation still remains ongoing. The new roll-up doors were installed this week. We have been told by our drywall contractor that they will be on-site Saturday to begin their work. It will take approximately one week to complete.
- The roadway project has been awarded to Atlantic Southern Paving. The section of Plantation between Hidden Lakes and Lake Judy is scheduled. It should be completed in June or July.
- Although I am not there, I can hear the grass growing. Please be patient with our lawn crews as they do their best. If you are having issues with your grass being cut, please let the CSA office know.

Let me give you a little information about what the board is doing concerning alligators to date.

- Signs have been placed in our rental cart fleet that warn guests to be careful around the lakes and to beware of alligators. Soon new signs will be

placed on the golf course, one sign on hole number 1, and another sign on hole number 10. Other signs will be placed where the golf staff deems it necessary.

- We have also ordered signs, similar to those you see around Lake Judy now, to be placed at all of our lakes. Some of our lakes currently have signs and some of them do not. There will be at least one sign at every lake.
- We are working on putting another warning on the back of every pass issued to contractors and guests when they arrive at our guard gate.
- We will continue to educate our owners as to the dangers of alligators and other wildlife in our park. We will enforce our rules and regulations concerning the feeding of wildlife in our park. I encourage you not to feed the wildlife. It may not be you that is injured from this practice. It may be your neighbor or one of your friends. **Please do not feed the wildlife.**
- I hope all of you have had time to review the e-mail that CSA sent out from the Investigator, Joshua Horst, Florida Fish, and Wildlife Conservation Commission. Although his report is very brief, it gives you a lot of information and also warns you about feeding wildlife. My hope is to continue education on wildlife in TGO, and we hope to have Mr. Robb back next year to speak to our owners again.
- If you have an issue with a nuisance or dangerous alligator, please report it to the CSA office immediately and they will assist you in contacting the SNAP program. Or if you feel that you would like to contact SNAP directly, you can contact them at 866-292-4286. If you see someone feeding wildlife, please contact the CSA Office or contact the FWC at 888-404-3922.

Have a wonderful weekend.

Cliff