

Chairman's Notes

November 17, 2023

Time flies when you're having fun! Another two weeks have passed, and it is time for the Chairman's Notes again. Our community is filling up fast as more of our friends and neighbors are returning for the fall and winter. Overall, we are looking good. I hope as you return, you have found everything to your satisfaction.

In my last Chairman's Notes, I mentioned that our lawn crews were working hard to get everything ready for our returning friends and neighbors. I did not intend to imply that they were not working hard for those in residence year-round; for that I am sorry. Our lawn crews work hard every day to keep our lawns in as good a condition as possible. During the summer, it is certainly harder to maintain because the grass grows so quickly, but they did an excellent job.

The election is coming up quickly and we still need volunteers to run for the CSA Board and ARC Board. If you are interested in running for any of the even number Districts (0,2,4,6,8) and District 3 ARC please contact someone on the election committee and they will assist you in getting your application in. You can also send me an email and I will have someone contact you. Remember you are electing the people who will control the rules and regulations for the next two years. Please vote for the candidates of your choice.

The wildlife is always beautiful this time of year and we all enjoy seeing them, but we must remember these are wild animals and very unpredictable. When walking or getting close to lakes, be careful. Alligators are still highly active. Enjoy the wildlife from a distance, don't feed them, and be safe.

The maintenance yard trash & recycling area has been reconfigured and is looking good. Thank you for all your help in keeping this area looking good, and not dumping items on the ground. Together we can keep it clean and organized.

The Oak Cove bathhouse renovation at 360 Oak Cove is now complete. If you get a chance, go by, and take a look at it. Our buildings team did an excellent job on this project.

Firewise has resumed their weekly clean-ups on Thursdays. Volunteers are working hard to keep our community perimeters safe from wildfire. They currently meet at the library starting at 8:30 AM. If you are interested and have time, please come by and help. Firewise recommends that volunteers wear long pants, a long sleeve shirt and sturdy shoes. Also bring your work gloves, rake, loppers, hand pruners, insect repellent, water, and sports drinks to stay hydrated.

I can never say enough to thank the people in TGO who volunteer for various projects. Without these volunteers, we would not be able to do as much as we do. If you have a person who is a volunteer and they have done an exceptional job, you may want to recommend them for Volunteer of the Year. Please go by the CSA office to get a form and fill it out with your recommendations.

At Wednesday's BOD meeting, we had a guest speaker from the Brevard County Sheriff's Department, Mr. Joe Downs, talking to us about Project Lifesaver. I want to thank Mr. Downs for taking the time to come out and speak to our community. If you need to contact Project Lifesaver to obtain a bracelet or get more information, the number is 321 264 7755.

Several more changes that were made by the Board of Directors at the recent board meeting were:

- To form a Human Resource committee.
- To revise the trash rule to eliminate from section 2 (e) the word **vacant** and replace it with **undeveloped**.
- To revise section 5 (b) to **allow** residents and resident contractors or Lawn maintenance personnel to dispose of the organic debris curbside or in the maintenance yard.
- To authorize the expenditure of unbudgeted funds not to exceed \$40,000 for a repair to the Wastewater Treatment Plant's clarifier #2. The WWTP has two clarifiers that are both chain-driven. One of our chains was replaced last year with a new plastic material that is less corrosive than the previous metal chain. The 2nd clarifier is still using a metal chain, and it has deteriorated to the point that it is inoperable. This expenditure is to replace the metal driven chain system with a new plastic driven chain to ensure we have redundancy in the system.

Our financials are looking good. We are positive to the budget. Details were distributed in the board packet. Extra packets are still available in the CSA office.

On Thursday, I signed a contract for a new point of sale system for Blue Heron Restaurant called TOAST. This system will be installed sometime in December and we will use this date to release our new menu. One of the added benefits of this system is it will reduce our cost of processing credit cards. This system will also allow us to use credit card terminals on the golf course, in the pavilion, in the Manor, and for special events throughout the community where Blue Heron will serve.

Due to the upcoming holidays, I have elected to change the dates of our Board of Directors planning meeting and the Board of Directors regular meeting. The new date for the planning meeting will be Wednesday, November 29th at 3:00 PM in the CSA conference room. The regular Board meeting will now be Wednesday, December 6th at 3:00 PM in the Manor.

District meeting for districts 2,3,5,6 and 8 will be held on Tuesday, December 5th at 10 AM in the CSA Pavilion, and district meeting for districts 0,1,4,7 and 9 will be held on Thursday, December 14th at 3:00 PM in the CSA Pavilion.

I wish everyone a Happy Thanksgiving!

Cliff Creech
Chairman