

Chairman's Notes

December 15, 2023

Well, we are moving toward a new year, and now there are only 10 more days until Christmas. I hope everyone has had a great year at TGO. It has been a wonderful year at TGO for Marie and me. The grass is green, and the golf course renovation is on schedule.

Of course, there are always challenges to be handled by the Board. Coming up next Wednesday, December 20, 2023, at 3:00 PM in The Manor, we will begin the ARC guidelines review process. This is a public board meeting and owners are welcome to attend and witness the process. This year we will be reviewing the entire ARC guidelines document which was re-written this year by a working group I appointed. This group consisted of Vicki Ferrari, Chris Christian, and Doug Matz. They did an excellent job and spent countless hours organizing the document and getting it into a better format so it could be posted online on our new website. Corrections and modifications may be made at this upcoming meeting. I don't expect that we will complete the entire review process, so another meeting may be necessary in January. This proposed document is now available on our www.tgooca.org website under Architectural Review. If you would like a printed copy, visit the CSA office. If you have comments or suggestions, please send them to your District Director, and they will represent you at the meeting.

We continue to work on staffing and service issues at the Blue Heron Restaurant. Blue Heron will be closed all day this Monday, December 18th so we can install a new point of sale system (POS). This new POS system will help with credit card processing and speed of service. While closed, we will be training our team and preparing our kitchen to support the new menu. When we open on Tuesday, December 19th, the new menu will be available to you. Please come out soon to try some new menu items, and support our restaurant. Musa will be offering a Manager Special beginning on Tuesday, December 19th, 25% off all beer through the end of 2023.

Something that is always a concern of our owners is the community budget, we are now working on a 2nd draft. There will be a few more versions as we finalize information and costs before our board is asked to approve the budget in February. I cannot give you a final number of the quarterly assessments as I don't have that information yet, and we are not close to getting to that point yet. So, anything you have heard about what the assessments will be for next year is just rumors. I can tell you that our November financials are showing a strong budget surplus of \$423,166. This surplus has our association in good financial shape as we move closer to the 2024 budget. This surplus helps to strengthen our reserves, will control our 2024 assessment, and ensure we are ready for the major renovation of our golf course in 2024, without the need for a special assessment.

Safety is very important to me, and the safety of our employees and residents is one of my major concerns. We still have a problem with speeding in our park. I have courtesy patrol working hard to control speeders and trying to get speeding under control. Our courtesy patrol has made over three hundred stops this year. Please slow down and be safe.

I am going to address wildlife again. Our wildlife is especially important to us and beautiful to look at, but we must remember they are wild animals and very unpredictable. For your safety, please give the wildlife plenty of room, do not try to approach them and please do not feed our wildlife. If you feed one of our alligators it is more than likely we will eventually be forced to have that animal removed.

I would like to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Cliff Creech
Board Chairman