

Chairman's Notes

December 29, 2023

I hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and as these are my last notes for 2023,

I wish all of you a Happy New Year.

Looking forward to 2024 and the major projects that we will have for next year.

We will begin renovation of the golf course on April 15, 2024. In preparation, you may start seeing materials such as pipe arriving and being stored in the open storage lot behind the maintenance manager's house. We are on budget and prepared (as much as we can be) for this big project.

Our CSA Manager and Finance Committee are still working on the budget for 2024, they are in the second draft and there will probably be three or four more drafts before they are finished and ready to present to the Board for a vote. It is still too early to give you an idea of our 2024 assessment because we do not have everything worked out yet.

CSA Accounting Department is working hard to get the year end financials closed so that we will know how much money CSA will be carrying forward into next year.

Our ground crews, both the golf course and the residential crews are doing extremely well, the grass is cut, and is looking good.

The Blue Heron Restaurant has a new Point of Sale system up and running, and we've seen some successes with the new menu. Our Blue Heron team continues to work hard to provide consistent, great food and service, and our HR team is interviewing for a front of house Assistant Manager.

I would like to remind everyone that the board is reviewing the new ARC guidelines. We held one meeting so far, and we reviewed 10 pages of the guidelines. There are a total of 28 pages. We will meet again on January 3, 2024, at 3:00 PM to continue our work on these guidelines. If you have a comment about the guidelines you need to contact your District Representative and ask them to mention the issue.

Please remember we have elections this year and they are coming up very quickly. We don't have a lot of contested races, but please come out and vote for your district representative. **Please Vote.** The election will be on Monday, January 22, 2024, in the Plantation Manor, 10:00 AM to 4:00 PM. Please bring a photo ID.

I am asked quite often about rules, so I will start including a rule in each one of my Chairmans Notes for everyone's reference. Again, there is not a problem, I have not had any complaints. This week, I have chosen to list the Nature Trail rules:

NATURE TRAIL

The following rules apply to use of the Nature Trail:

1. Only pedestrians, bicycles (motorized and non-motorized), tricycles (motorized and nonmotorized) and golf carts are permitted. Drivers of golf carts must be at least sixteen (16) years old.
2. The maximum permitted speed for bicycles, tricycles and golf carts is 7.5 MPH.
3. Pets are not permitted either walking or as passengers.
4. Smoking and food are not permitted, including within the confines of a golf cart.
5. Food may not be given directly to, or left for, wildlife.
6. The Nature Trail is open from sunrise to sunset.
7. The Nature Trail may be closed by the CSA Manager, or the CSA Manager's designee, for maintenance, weather conditions or other purposes.

Rule Added October 19, 2022

Motion: 2022-43

Doggie World turf is looking good after CSA planted some new winter grass. There were a few concerns shared with me by a resident recently. One of them being owners are not cleaning up after their pets. Please, if you are going to take your pet to Doggie World, remember to clean up after your pet. Another concern is

overly aggressive dogs. If your dog is aggressive toward other dogs or people, they are not allowed in Doggie World.

Below are the rules for Doggie World, please comply with them:

DOGGIE WORLD

1. All dogs in Doggie World must have a current state or county license and current vaccinations.
2. Dogs must be accompanied by a responsible person, and kept in view, at all times, while in Doggie World.
3. Regardless of who accompanies a dog to Doggie World, dog owners are responsible for the actions of their dogs, including for any injuries caused by their dogs.
4. Dogs prone to aggression are not allowed in Doggie World. “Aggression” means the threat of harm to a person or animal involving snarling, growling, snapping, biting, barking, or lunging.
5. Doggie World is an “off leash” facility. To diminish the possibility for aggressive behavior, dogs should not be on a leash or held in Doggie World. The person responsible for a dog must have a leash readily accessible to leash and remove a dog if needed.
6. Female dogs in heat, puppies under four (4) months of age, and dogs showing any sign of illness are not allowed in Doggie World.
7. Infants and young children (age 6 and under) are not allowed in Doggie World for their own safety.
8. With the exception of small dog treats, no human or dog food may be brought into Doggie World.
9. Pet waste must be picked up immediately and placed in the provided disposal box or taken home for disposal. Any pet waste messes too difficult to pick up must be covered by sand (sand containers are located by the entrance gate).
10. Any hole made by a dog must be filled by the person responsible for the dog.
11. Upon arrival, if an unknown dog is inside Doggie World, ask the owner if it is safe for you and your dog to enter. If not, wait for them to leave.

12. Dogs should not be walked around the outside perimeter of Doggie World as this causes inappropriate behavior by dogs inside Doggie World.

13. Doggie World is reserved year-round for dogs in certain weight groups as follows:

- a. Very Small Dogs (12 pounds or less) – 11:00 AM to 12:00 PM daily
- b. Small Dogs (35 pounds or less) – 3:00 PM to 4:00 PM daily
- c. Large Dogs (more than 35 pounds) – 4:00 PM to 5:00 PM daily

Posted times at Doggie World, if different, will take precedence over the times listed in this Section 13.

14. A portion of Doggie World may be used for agility training from 9:00 AM to 10:00 AM on Wednesdays from November 1st to April 30th. The trainer will supply equipment for such training and will be responsible for setup/takedown. The trainer will also be responsible for providing orange mesh netting and associated fence posts to divide Doggie World from post D to post D on the north and south fences of Doggie World. The remainder of Doggie World shall remain open for all dogs.

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Motion: 2022-18

Our Courtesy Patrol officers are now patrolling random hours for speeders, there are **no set hours**. Please do not speed. If you are stopped by a Courtesy Patrol officer, please be courteous, the officers are just doing their job.

And of course, I must always mention safety and our wildlife. Please do not feed any of our wildlife, it causes a real problem for TGO's residents, and it is bad for the wildlife. If you feed an alligator, it will more than likely need to be removed because it will lose its fear of humans.

Cliff Creech
Chairman