

Chairman's Notes
April the 7th, 2023

Well, not everything always goes right. Recently the rooftop air conditioner that cools the Blue Heron Kitchen failed. It was scheduled to be replaced in 2027 but it failed early and it is now scheduled to be replaced soon. The cost to replace this unit is \$10,050, including some kitchen modifications to keep it cool. The kitchen has been unusually hot and tough on our limited cook staff. Therefore, the Board voted to replace it as soon as possible.

And of course, we've got some good news The St. John's Water Management District has agreed to assist us again with the expense of replacing another section of our perimeter field fencing, this time along the Betty Salter Trail. They agreed to assist with about 2700 linear feet of fencing, which will be a great help to get this project completed. And of course, there are always some drawbacks. The St. John's Water Management District has decreed that this will remain a walking trail only. There will be no motorized vehicles allowed on this trail. This work is scheduled to take place in June.

In general, I think the park is looking very good. As always, we have a few areas that need attention. Please ensure that you have a plan to keep your landscaping beds weed free. And particularly before you depart, ensure that you have someone taking care of your landscaping. Also, if your property needs to be pressure washed to remove any algae, please have the work done before you leave or plan to have it done while you are gone.

Also, please be aware alligators continue to be active and on the move. We have seen them on the golf course and along our roadways. Please be very careful when walking at night. Please remember that before the upcoming 3 pm board meeting on the 19th of April, we will have an alligator expert, Alligator Rob, with us to meet and greet at 2 pm, and offer a presentation at 2:30 pm. Please make plans to attend.

I ask for all of you to remember that it is required that your pets be on a leash at all times. It is not allowed to let them run free in any area at TGO, with the exception of Doggie World. I have received more complaints about people trying to walk their dogs from their golf carts or bicycles. This is very dangerous and

we've asked you in the past to stop this practice. However, it seems that some people still think that this is the thing to do.

CSA has several projects underway at this time. I would like to thank the Sawdust Club and the Safety and Security Committee for their help in getting the new AEDs mounted with a custom backplate. They really look good!



Another project I want to mention is a forestry clearing around Bobs Lake and Hopper Lake. Please stay out of these areas while it's being cleared. It is dangerous to be around this equipment and we don't want to see anyone injured.

We are in the process of obtaining bids from qualified contractors to complete our road work project which is scheduled to take place this summer.

The renovation of the golf course maintenance facility is going very well.

The Blue Heron Restaurant is beginning to slow down after a very busy high season. Randy Hendershott is our restaurant manager, and he is working very hard to look for quality staff to fill our open positions. Effective April the 10th, the Blue Heron Café and restaurant will be closed on Mondays. This is to give our staff a much-needed weekly break and give the CSA more time to do the necessary maintenance and install a new air conditioner in the kitchen. The plan is to reopen the restaurant on Mondays starting in October of this year when the high season starts again.

A short update on the golf course. We have received bids from 5 qualified contractors to install our irrigation system. The next step in this process will be to actually interview the low bidder for the project. As soon as a contractor is selected, I will give you another update.

In closing, I hope everyone has a wonderful Easter holiday. Please be safe.

Cliff Creech
Chairman