

Chairman's Notes

May 17, 2024

Well, it is Friday, and time for Chairman's Notes. I will give you a short and quick update on everything going on in TGO if that is possible.

Let us start with our golf course:

- The irrigation contractor is a little ahead of schedule and has completed the main line on the entire course. They are now working on installing the sprinkler heads as designed by the irrigation consultant.
- You may see water running in various locations throughout the course. This is the contractor flushing the lines to ensure there is no foreign material that will damage the sprinkler heads as they are installed.
- Construction of the greens and tee boxes is moving along. The contractor has shaped holes 18,1,2,3,4 and 5. He is also working on reshaping the fairways on 3 and 5. They are running into a few drainage issues on holes 6 and 8 that we are dealing with.
- The next holes to be shaped will be holes 7 and 9. Our golf course architect is making some changes to hole 6 and it will be shaped at a later date.
- I am happy to report to you that the course renovation is currently on budget, and we still have money in our contingency fund to cover any unexpected expenses.
- If everything works right, I will get more photographs on the website giving you an overview of the things that have been completed.

The Blue Heron restaurant.

- We are still working on several issues with the Blue Heron and are exploring some options to correct the ongoing problems.
- We are discussing the possibility of a management company assisting us with the operation of the Blue Heron into the future.
- We are in the slow season, and it has been necessary to reduce the hours of operation and also reduce the menu in order to cut our costs.

- The restaurant staff is offering several specials each week, Tuesday - Saturday. Please come by and give them a try, we do need your business and support.

Maintenance crews.

- Our crews have completed all residential connections to the golf course irrigation system and will begin testing on Monday.
- The building crew has completed the work to improve the golf course restrooms on holes 3 and 10, and they are currently working on the restroom on hole 16.
- And of course, with the almost two inches of rain that we received this week, and a TruGreen spraying, the grass is growing. Our lawn crews are preparing to increase their cut frequency.

And of course, there are many other projects ongoing that I have not mentioned but I can tell you everything is running smoothly at this point.

At the May 15th Board of Directors meeting, I was happy to honor one of our longtime residents who has volunteered for over 20 years at TGO making it a better place for all of us, Mr. John Roberts. At this board meeting our Board voted unanimously to name the dock on Lake Judy the John Roberts Dock and presented John with a plaque that will soon be placed there, naming it after him. I personally want to thank John for all the work he has done over the past 20 years. He has picked up trash, helped with stocking our ponds with fish, recommended the correct plants to be planted around the ponds, and created a habitat for Monarch butterflies. John, thank you for being here for us, you have definitely made TGO a better place to live.

Let us take a minute and discuss the beautiful wildlife that we have at TGO. It is very important that you do not feed the wildlife. I want to remind you that these are wild animals and should be treated with respect. As wild animals are completely unpredictable, please give them their distance.

I also want to remind you to be careful around any of the lakes or ponds as alligators are still active and are extremely dangerous if approached.

It's time to start thinking about running for office. We're always in need of good people on the Board of Directors. This year we will be electing Directors in the odd number districts as well as Chairman of the Board. I encourage you to consider running for one of these positions.

Below is a little information for you. It comes from our Declarations of Covenants which explain a little about our election process and the committee that directs our elections.

16. Committee on Elections.

The Board of Directors shall annually appoint a standing committee to be known as the Committee on Elections. The Committee shall have at least five (5) members who shall be Members of the Association and shall be appointed by a majority of the Directors. No member of the Committee on Elections may be a Director, Officer, ARC Member, CSA employee, or candidate for any Association office. Committee members must be current in payment of all regular and special assessments. The Committee on Elections shall have three (3) functions:

- (a) Attempt to recruit at least two (2) candidates for Director and Architectural Review Committee in each Voting District and two (2) candidates for Chairperson of either the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Committee. If any person volunteers to be a candidate, they shall automatically be entitled to be on the slate of candidates in the Voting District in which they reside or as a candidate for Chairperson of the Board of Directors or the Architectural Review Committee, whichever is applicable. A current list of candidates will be posted and updated as the recruitment process proceeds.
- (b) Conduct and certify all elections.
- (c) Establish and post rules and regulations governing the election process prior to the cutoff date for candidates.

The Board of Directors shall budget each year sufficient funds to allow the Committee on Elections to conduct nominating and election functions.

Have a great weekend!

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