

Chairman's Notes

August 11, 2023

Well, I have been in office for 6 months and you have not chosen to fire me yet! I hope everyone is complying with the heat advisories and staying inside, staying hydrated and staying cool. You may have seen the letter that our CSA manager wrote this week informing residents about some changes we are making in order for our lawn crews and other crews to manage the heat. It is unbearably hot and extremely hard to work outdoors, and we are doing everything we can to ensure that our crews are staying hydrated and cool. The most important asset we have at TGO is our people and we must do all we can to ensure their health.

Below, I have listed several of our summer improvement projects, and am sharing their current status with you:

1. Our underground sewer contractor, Danus Utilities, has completed the underground sewer pipe clean out along the 100 block of Plantation Drive.
2. Our wastewater treatment supervisor has identified a manhole and underground sewage line near the 199 Plantation bathhouse that needs repair, at the cost of approximately \$11,000. This is an unbudgeted, emergency repair that requires the Board of Directors' approval. This manhole was scheduled to be repaired next year but due to the current condition, Danus Utilities recommends that this be done immediately. This manhole was located at the end of a driveway, and it was cemented over which made it difficult to locate.
3. Improvements to the exterior of our Hobbyland building are almost complete. Our buildings team has completed roof work, wood rot removal, and repairs to the existing siding. Soon the entire building will be pressure washed, the doors will be painted, some exterior signage will be added, and we will be finished with Hobbyland for now.
4. Our buildings crew is now working on the Manor breezeway, Fitness Center

and Shuffleboard Courts area to remove wood rot and restore the area.

This project should be completed by August 21st, and a painter has been contracted to repaint this area in mid-September. There should not be any closures while this work is being done, but please pardon our dust and equipment in this area while work is underway.

5. The last project we have scheduled for this year, the Oak Cove bathhouse, is scheduled to start after Labor Day, and should be completed by October the 16th.

Again, I want to caution everyone not to feed the alligators. They are very unpredictable and extremely aggressive. Feeding the alligators results in the removal of the alligator when they lose their fear of humans. I want to caution everyone to be extremely careful when walking along ponds or lakes and ensure that your pets are leashed and not close to the water. Earlier this week it was necessary for CSA to have another alligator removed from one of our ponds. This is something we really do not want to do. Please do not feed the wildlife.

The last reminder I have for you concerns an ongoing problem in TGO and that is speeding. I constantly get complaints about people speeding in TGO and yes, a lot of the offenders are contractors and we are trying to deal with that but, I ask that you as owners, please slow down and obey our traffic regulations.