

Chairman's Notes

November 3, 2023

It's another beautiful day here at TGO! I just took a ride around the community, and we are looking good. We still have several areas that need some attention. Finally, our grass growth is slowing down, and our CSA lawn team is doing detailed work now on all properties to get our community looking great for our friends and neighbors who are returning.

Golf Course renovation is moving along. Here is an update on the golf course. All contracts for the golf renovation in 2024 are now signed. After working with our consultants and going through a competitive bid process, we have hired Winterberry Irrigation to do the irrigation renovation for us, and South Florida Golf Course Renovations to do the general contracting work including re-building our greens, tee boxes, and traps. We are scheduled to start construction on April 15, 2024. So, what can you expect if you are here in the spring/summer of 2024? One thing that I consider to be a big issue is going to be the number of trucks entering and leaving TGO. The expectation is we will see over 400 trucks bringing in greens material and piping. With two contracting companies working at the same time, we will see increased traffic, particularly in small work type vehicles. These contractors will be briefed on the importance of following our traffic rules, and our rules will be enforced upon them. It is important that we also observe all the speed limits and traffic rules since TGO activities and offices will continue to operate as normal. It will be a busy time at TGO, I anticipate the contractors to be out of TGO sometime in July.

A little update on the Blue Heron restaurant, everything is going well. Our new restaurant manager is creating a menu with many new options, and it will be available soon. He is also creating daily specials and has developed a special Thanksgiving Buffet with seatings available between 11 a.m. - 2 p.m. The announcement is out now. Please take a look at it, and consider making a reservation soon. This may be an excellent choice to celebrate Thanksgiving with your friends and family at TGO.

I am hearing rumors about our budget and what the assessments will be. Regardless of what you are hearing in the rumor mill, no one knows for sure what that number will be. Billy and his team are working hard to develop a responsible budget, and a first draft will be presented to the Finance Committee later this month. I can assure you we are doing everything we can to keep the assessments as low as possible and still cover all the costs associated with running TGO.

I have received several emails concerning the new rule for trash which was effective November 1, 2023. The major change in this rule is we now prohibit any items from being dumped on the ground in the maintenance yard. The change that many people are concerned about is an existing part of the rule that we modified to better identify how it applies to owners/renters in TGO who are acting as contractors. It is not a new rule, this is the existing rule which was modified to explain that TGO owners/renters are and have always been subject to this rule. Please understand that we have several people who live or rent in TGO that are contractors. These TGO owners/renters are being paid for their services which makes them contractors. Many of them do not have any debris to remove, but some may. This is part of doing business.

It is election time again and all of the even number districts 0-2-4-6, and 8 are up for election this year along with an ARC District 3 Representative. I encourage you to run for the board and remind you that the people you elect to the board will be the people who are controlling the rules and regulations for the next year. If you want to see changes to our rules or any of our documents, now is the time to run for your district director's position. I encourage you to vote in the upcoming election.

The election committee has asked that I share the following statement with you. I would encourage you to use e-mail as much as possible, it is a great savings to the CSA and to our assessments.

Important Announcement!

This year, if you have signed up with CSA for official email notification of official documents (vs. just for general emails from CSA), you will not receive an election notice in the mail. It will be sent by email to the address you gave to CSA. If you wish to request an absentee ballot, you must print the form and return it by regular postal mail. **DO NOT EMAIL THE REQUEST**

TO CSA. As this is the first year, we are doing this, we are sure there will be a few bugs. If you do not receive the election notice either way by November 15, please contact CSA at 321-268-9767.

And of course, one of my favorite subjects is speeding. Courtesy Patrol has been asked to concentrate on traffic violations, so you will notice Courtesy Patrol sitting on the side of the road and running radar looking for speeders. Please, if Courtesy Patrol stops you, be polite to the officers, they are just doing their job. They are doing exactly what we are paying them to do and that is helping control the speeding and traffic violations and making it safe for all of us in TGO. Please help me make TGO a safer place for all.

As a reminder, please dispose of your pet waste in one of the designated trash receptacles. Please do not dispose of your pet's waste at the Mail Center garbage or in any of our other common-area buildings.