

## Chairman's Notes

July 28, 2023

Well, it has been another two weeks so let me see if I can bring you up to date on what is happening in The Great Outdoors today.

Our lawn crews are working extremely hard to keep up with the grass given the current weather. The rains make their job difficult, but they are doing their best.

Siding work continues on Hobbyland. Our crew should be able to complete this project within the next week.

Sewer lift station #3 has been raised 24" to ensure storm water does not get into our wastewater system if we experience flooding similar to last year's hurricane.

The sewer lines are being cleaned in the 100 block of Plantation.

The striping on Plantation entrance road is complete.

Work continues on the golf course with the clearing of the peppers from the sides of the fairways. Clearing has occurred along holes #2-#5, And it looks really good. This clearing work is opening the course up and allows better airflow and should make it better when we put in the new greens. Sometime in the future, we may continue this clearing of invasive Brazilian Pepper bushes. This work will give us a head-start on our renovation in 2024, helping to reduce the cost.

Our golf course Superintendent reported that there have been instances of vandalism on the golf course's greens. If you see anyone on the golf course after hours, please let the Courtesy Patrol know by calling the front gate.

Blue Heron restaurant was thoroughly cleaned and painted earlier this month and is back open to serve you. Please stop by and try some of our daily specials. I think you will find some good food and excellent service. If not, please let me know so that we can correct any problems you have.

Financials are looking good, but there's always room for improvement. Overall, we are running positive to the budget by \$114,000 year to date.

Speeding is still a problem within the park and although we are writing many citations each month there is more to be done. We will be working hard to collect all of the fines that have been levied. Please remember that if you have visitors/guests in the park, you as the owner are responsible for their actions. So, please inform all of your visitors/guests that our speed limits are strictly enforced.

I have heard several comments about who can legally operate a golf cart in TGO. Our rules have not changed, and I have copied them below for your information.

“Only licensed drivers may operate motorized Vehicles in TGO, with the exception of golf carts and motorized bicycles and tricycles, for which no license is required; provided, however, drivers of golf carts must be at least sixteen (16) years old.”

And on a side note, Cory Lucas, our Recreation Supervisor, has taken a job with the University of Central Florida (UCF). He has done an excellent job for us, and I want to personally thank him for all the work he has done for TGO. And of course, if you see him before he leaves on August 4<sup>th</sup>, please wish him well.

Thanks, Cory, for a job well done.

Cliff Creech  
Chairman