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Greetings to everyone from the Tall Tree Board

As we pass through the midpoint of the 2023 year, we realize just how fast time really does fly. While we have accomplished much during the first 6 month of 2023, we want to continue to improve our surroundings and the general feel of unity within our community for the remainder of the year and beyond. A lot of what we are able to do year on year is to maintain what we have accomplished in the past and continue to make those improvements for the community's future. The following are recent status updates for the year so far and then some future actions. We have also included some community reminders relating to the rules and policies of the Tall Tree Community.

2023 to date accomplishments

Tennis court update – We continue to see an impressive number of people use both tennis courts. While both the tennis and basketball portions of the courts are being used regularly, the pickleball courts are really being used almost daily, and especially daily on the weekends and holidays. It's not unusual to see groups of 4 up to 12+ people on or around the courts either playing, watching or waiting their turn. And it's not just adults, teenagers are using it as well.

Note – We continue to see some trash left behind after individuals leave. Please take any trash you might generate and dispose of it in a proper trash container. We also remind everyone that no skateboards, scooters, bicycles or other damaging hardware is to be used or ridden on the court surfaces. Let's keep them looking nice for the future.

Community Events – Leslie continues to plan community activities for the POA, and is doing a very good job. Our next event will be the Sunday, July 2nd Independence Day Cart Parade and Picnic. Please plan to participate if you can and meet other people in our community. We also have a Halloween party scheduled for the kids of the community on Saturday October 28th. And we will again have the Halloween and then the Christmas house decorating contests. To see more detail and to watch for future events, just go to our website and look under the **Bulletins** link on the POA website for **Tall Tree Planned Events**.

Note: Have good ideas for future community activities? We encourage you to be a volunteer in the planning of events for Tall Tree. Just contact the office and they can get you in touch with the right people.

Paving in Tall Tree in 2023 – We were able to pave and make road improvements as planned this year. We were fortunate to be able to apply 132,000 square feet of new asphalt to newly covered roads as well as re-cover some roads that had deteriorated and needed repair. These roads look great.

Tall Tree POA employees – As mentioned in the January 2023 newsletter, Tall Tree was down one maintenance person at the end of 2022. Since then, Adam has been hired and is doing very well for the POA.

And if you have dropped by the office recently, you will find that Donna has retired from the POA. While we dearly miss Donna, Hannah has been hired and is learning how much Donna really did for the POA. But Hannah is coming along nicely. Drop by and meet her if you haven't already.

Coming actions

January 2024 change in Assessments – As voted on by the 2022 Board, and as mentioned at the 2022 Annual Membership meeting and in the January 2023 Newsletter, the Maintenance and Road assessments will change starting January 1st, 2024. A couple of things will occur. Lot assessments will align with our DCCR requirements and we will do away with the Road assessment. See the included page (yellow) for more detail.

Public information

Unleashed or loose pets – Tall Tree has a policy that states: "Pets must be confined to the owner's premises or on a leash. No pets shall be permitted to run at large. The Board may assess fines against lot Owners who allow pet animals to run at large and may engage professional animal control organizations to capture and remove such animals at the expense of the Owner." We continue to see loose pets roaming our community. We also see owners walking the dogs without a leash and this is against policy. Please contain your pets to your property and leash your dog while walking so no action is required by the POA.

Trailer Storage Yard – Our improvement to logistics of the trailer yard is working. We now know what trailers are on the premises and who they belong to in most cases. Most people have accepted the increase in fees, citing they can't store their trailer anywhere else for that fee.

Note: We do still have 14 trailers we have yet to identify. Those trailers will be gathered, and if not claimed by the end of August 2023, will be classified as Abandoned and dealt with accordingly. Please work with the office if you have not claimed your trailer.

Yard maintenance/disposable clutter – Tall Tree management will more heavily enforce yard maintenance and the removal for unsightly materials from individual properties going forward. Please take advantage of the scheduled dumpster the POA provides during most holidays as a means to discard clutter and cleanup our properties.

Contractor Gate Code/Dumpster schedule – The contractor gate code for the last 6 months of 2023 is: 2018

The dumpster will be available following dates in 2023: Sep2, Nov 22, Dec 23

Board positions

Board positions for 2024 year – As we end the 2023 board year, we will have 2 board members rotate off of the board and have the need to fill a third position at that same time. The board year will start with the Annual Membership meeting in October 2023 and end with the Annual meeting in 2024. POA DCCRs allow Board members to serve 3 consecutive years as a member before having to rotate off.

Be an involved POA member and help decide the direction of our great community. **Volunteer to be a board member.**

See the office for details.