

February 2024 PGA POA Column

Happy New Year!!

Annual Meeting

The 2024 PGA POA ANNUAL MEETING WILL BE HELD AT A NEW VENUE! Please note that the annual meeting will be held this year on **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14th, 2024**, at the Doubletree by Hilton Hotel and Executive Meeting Center, 4431 PGA Boulevard, Palm Beach Gardens. Residents may sign into the meeting beginning at 5pm. The meeting will begin at 6:00 p.m. The Doubletree has ample parking including valet service. Were you wondering where to celebrate Valentine's Day? Wonder no longer!! We would love to have you join the PGA POA Board of Governor's at the Annual Meeting. We are excited to offer the Annual Meeting at a new event space. Current information and updates will be provided about the work and efforts of PGA National. It would be great to have significant interest in the Annual Meeting for this new year.

Engagement with the Palm Beach Gardens Toy Drive

Thank you to all the PGA National friends and families who participated in providing a host of new unwrapped toys for the 2023 Toy Drive! Thank you to the HOA Presidents and Board members who rallied to get out the word about the Toy Drive, and a special thanks to the Villa D'Este Community who not only had an enjoyable holiday party but who also spearheaded their own mini-toy drive at the same time, resulting in many new toys for the Toy Drive. Way to go!! Thanks to the PGA POA Staff who consistently serve as volunteers each year for this worthwhile effort in our community.

Twinkled Out

Thank you to the amazing light and holiday displays by the PGA HOA's at their neighborhood entrances. Neighborhood lights at individual homeowner's and condo owners were lovely and it was great to see such interest and creative use of different types of holiday displays at all the entrances. Unfortunately, all good things must come to an end, so please remember that all holiday lighting displays must be removed by mid-January.

Reminder about the Flashing Pedestrian Signals

The flashing signals were installed in November on Avenue of the Masters at Old Meadow Way and on Ryder Cup Blvd in front of Preston. Last year a flashing pedestrian warning signal was placed at Fairway Drive by the ellipse (traffic circle). A reminder to residents crossing at these locations to use the signal buttons when crossing these intersections. This is also a reminder to all drivers to STOP when the lights are flashing in the crosswalk. Stopping the car when the lights are flashing is not optional. If a car in front of you is stopped at the flashing signal, please wait until the signal has stopped. DO NOT GO AROUND the stopped car at the flashing signal intersections.

There are several other crosswalks throughout PGA National and state law requires all drivers to yield to pedestrians. We have a number of residents using the paths and crossing streets to enjoy our beautiful community. This includes residents with strollers, or in wheelchairs or mobility devices so if you are driving, remember you must yield to pedestrians in ALL crosswalks.

Tarrington Crosswalk

Please note that recently the Northern Palm Beach County Improvement District (NPBCID) added a crosswalk at Tarrington. The decision to add the crosswalk came from NPBCID, with existing funds from

their budget. As always, please keep us informed regarding ongoing issues relative to safety and security. We appreciate your feedback!

Barcodes getting tired and cranky

The Barcode stickers normally last no more than three years *IF* the car is parked outside or is frequently washed. If the security gate does not open every time, or only opens at some security gates but not other gates, it probably means that the resident needs to have the barcode replaced. Here is an easy way to tell if the barcode is getting old: If the sticker looks black/grey stripped instead of black/white OR if the number on the barcode sticker is lower than 45000 the barcode is more than 2-years-old and may be failing. Please let residents know that they just need to bring a copy of the vehicle registration and \$15.00 to the POA office between 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday and PGA POA staff will provide you with new barcode sticker.

Lakes Committee

As you may recall, the Board of Governors recently formed a Lakes Committee. Board members include Jim Kraus, Chair; Keith Ahronheim and Gail Coppage. Please see the POA LAKES & WATER BODIES report included in this issue of the Newsletter.

Safety and Security

As we move into a new high season at PGA National, we will see new residents (renters, new condo and homeowners, family, and other guests) out and about and getting acclimated to our beautiful South Florida environment. Some reminders for ensuring all residents remain safe and secure: Lock your car, do not leave the car unlocked with the keys or key fob inside the car. Don't leave packages outside of your home. If you see something that doesn't look right in your neighborhood, please call PGA POA Security: 561-627-1600. The Palm Beach Gardens Police NON-EMERGENCY Line: 561-799-4445. While it is wonderful to live in such a beautiful, gated community as PGA National, it doesn't mean that residents and guests shouldn't still be smart about safety and security. Even our security personnel cannot be everywhere all at once. Being diligent and aware of your surroundings is important wherever you are living or visiting or traveling to within the area and region.