



Happy New Year all and welcome to 2024 here at Bermuda Greens. Granted that Happy New Year message might be a few days late, but, as you can see things have been quite busy around here. I'll start with the most obvious, the street repair project. This current effort is, in effect, phase two of a street repair project that began in 2016/7. At that time the far end and roundabout on Castle Harbour Drive were the areas in most need of attention. Accordingly the previous Board decided to correct the worst issues. This effort was undertaken during the off-season (the summer) in order to minimize the impact to those residents who leave for more a comfortable climate during those months. That decision, while making sense on the surface actually caused far more problems than anticipated. We had an extremely wet rainy season which resulted in extensive delays and innumerable dangerous situations with residents crossing streets sheets of plywood that were skimming on virtual rivers of mud. As one who made many of these crossings, I can tell you from first hand experience, it was not fun.

This time, in order to avoid the above described chaos the decision was made to avoid the aforementioned problems and do the necessary repair work during the dry season, beginning with the circle on Hamilton Harbour. Has this decision had somewhat of an impact on us, yes it has. But aside from the hassle of relocating cars for a few days, the hassles have been largely avoided thanks to the efforts of the road repair team (most notable Fred Demma, Jim Menton, Dan Ryan, Scott Fisher, Bill Clauser and Peter Asimakopoulos among others) and those volunteers helping residents get around by driving them to and from their cars in the golf cart we rented. In addition to driving you around, they became our Bermuda Greens Package Delivery Service since all packages were being dropped at the clubhouse. I think we owe all of them a well deserved thank you. The street repair project is scheduled to end on time. Additionally required repair work, not originally identified, was approved by the Board and increased our line of credit from the bank from approximately \$750k to \$847k. Note, as with the rest of this project, this increase will not affect your COA fee. Those areas not addressed in the current project will be handled in what should be the final phase of the work within the next few budget years.

In addition to the street repair project we've made some minor changes to the rules and regulations we follow here at Bermuda Greens. Those changes are posted on the website in Governing Documents, but for clarity the major changes are:

1. Our flag policy now follows federal law.
2. When someone is either moving in or out, previously banned storage PODs are now permitted. This requires Board approval and a \$500 deposit (similar to exclusive use of the clubhouse) to cover us in case of any damage to the driveways. (Note, PODs cannot be placed under carports.)
3. You can use a gas grill, however you are limited to two small (2.7 lb) canisters of propane. 20 gallon tanks are still prohibited. The distance from grill to structure remains at 10 feet.

Thanks largely to the efforts of Board Secretary Lorrie Beaumont, all required forms (ARC, Sales, Lease and Lease Renewal) will be available shortly on the website as a fillable PDF.

Lastly, do keep in mind that 3 of the 5 Board of Director positions are coming open this year and I encourage you to truly consider getting on the Board and sharing the experience and talents I know so many of you have.

As always, see you at the pool,  
Guy

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