

# Cascades

## SNIPPETS

July 2022

We hope you are all enjoying your summer whether you are here in Cascades, up North, on vacation, or wherever you are! Stay cool!

### **VISITORS**

In the last few weeks, we have had some uninvited guests in Falling Waters. A ten-foot alligator was spotted walking through our community and swimming in our ponds. The authorities were alerted and he was taken away.

We have also been visited by a mother bear and her cubs. Please use caution if you are walking around especially if you have pets.

### **BUFO (CANE) TOAD**

The bufo or cane toad is a health hazard to pets and humans. Many have been spotted in Cascades. They are usually 4-6 inches long. Their toxin can irritate your skin and eyes. Be very careful touching anything that has come in contact with the poison. It may get on your shoes or clothing, then get on your skin or eyes and cause irritation.

If your pet bites or touches a bufo toad, it may become sick and may die. Take it to the vet right away. Symptoms of poisoning in pets include excessive drooling, extremely red gums, head-shaking, crying, loss of coordination, and sometimes convulsions.

Please be aware that some have been spotted in the area around the dumpsters. Be very careful when taking your trash out and don't let your dog sniff around the area.



## **LANDSCAPING**

The landscape committee replaced the dying fox tail palms at the north entrance to Cascades with triple Christmas palms. In order to remove the palms, the landscaper removed the bougainvilleas and then replaced them and added additional bougainvilleas to enhance the area.

The palm trees have been trimmed away from the buildings in preparation for hurricane season.

Over the last couple weeks, it has rained every afternoon. Due to the rain, our ponds are quite high and our plants are flourishing. The committee is now reviewing those areas that are not doing well and discussing replacements with the landscaper.

The landscapers have trimmed the areas around the waterfalls. The south waterfall has been cleaned and is working. They are awaiting the cleaning of the middle and north waterfalls, the waterfall behind 2055, and the one next to 2055. The pumps are not working on the middle and north waterfalls and are awaiting delivery of new pumps. Hopefully, once the waterfalls are cleaned, the pumps will be installed and we'll be up and running!

## **MASTER BOARD UPDATE**

There have been many improvements in Falling Waters over the last few months.

The clubhouse deck has been replaced and is back in use. This is a major improvement and residents and renters are enjoying sitting out there again.

The bocce courts have been redone with new wood frames and surface. They have been evened out, so we can't blame the courts when our ball goes in a different direction! New larger fans have also been installed at each end of the courts. The surrounding area has been neatened up.

The putting green has a new surface and hole markers have been added. Some of our residents have donated putters and balls for everyone to use.

The pool will be closed for maintenance from July 10<sup>th</sup> to the 16<sup>th</sup>. Covers have been placed on the railings on the ladders and steps entering the pool, because the poles get very hot from the sun. Work has finally begun on the area surrounding the pool equipment. Hopefully, this will be completed in the next several weeks.

Keep your fingers crossed that the hurricanes miss us this year. Again, enjoy your summer and stay safe and healthy.

Your Board of Directors