

Update:

HTA Advisory and Stolen Cart

In response to the recent chatter on the various Facebook pages regarding the email advisory sent out by HTA and the golf cart missing from the courtyard area.

I have spoken with Julie, and she has clarified why the advisory email was sent.

The Sheriff's department sent Julie Killough (our HTA property manager) a notification of a 'report of a theft' filed by a resident in our community. Similar reports were filed in several other gated communities in the area. (Pine Lakes, Lake Fairways, Magnolia Landing, Heron's Glen, Tamiami Village) Julie felt it was in Del Tura's residents' best interest to notify the community so we can be more diligent about securing our property.

The golf cart theft from the courtyard area and the 'Advisory of Possible Criminal Activity' notification are related to one another. The theft of a golf cart from our community is what is under investigation.

What the detective could share with Julie is that in the last week the above listed communities have had a combined total of 12 golf carts stolen from their property. It appears the offender(s) are professionals. Carts are stolen, stripped down and the serial number is removed, then they are selling them. Of the 12 stolen carts, one has been recovered as of yesterday.

It is important that we all take precautions to protect our property. If you feel that criminal actions are happening, immediately dial 911. Do not put yourself in harm's way. At a later time advise our property manager, Julie, of the incident.

This is all the information that is available at this time. I hope it helps to clear up any questions. Please note that myself, the HOA board members, and Julie are not part of this criminal investigation and have no more information than what is outlined above. If I receive additional information, I will give an update at that time.

Lisa Bellanca, President, Del Tura HOA