

## GOLF CART SAFETY REGULATIONS

The Village of Point Venture is a very unique community that utilizes the golf cart as a primary method of transportation. The use of golf carts is ecologically pleasing as well as fun. With the lake levels up, a large number of people are expected to be in the Village of Point Venture this summer. In the interest of safety, we would like to reinforce some of the rules and regulations of golf cart use.

An individual operating a golf cart, on a Village street or road, must possess a valid state driver license or be accompanied by a licensed driver riding *within* the Golf Cart. Drivers of golf carts are responsible for any damage or injury caused by their negligence or willful misconduct.

To operate a golf cart at night, the golf cart must have the proper equipment installed, which consists of: working headlights and taillights, reflectors, a parking brake and mirrors. Please note: Flashlights do not count.

Children should not be carried in the laps of adults – they must not be in the lap of the driver. The requirements of the driver are such that adding a child to the lap is not safe for either the child or the driver. Additionally, the steering wheel can cause significant injury to the child if the driver must stop suddenly.

If your golf cart is not equipped with turn signals, it is highly recommended to use hand turn signals, as if you were riding a bicycle, to make other drivers aware of your intent. Left turns cause the greatest number of injuries, since the passenger is often not expecting the turn and has no ability to prepare. Likewise, rear passengers can be ejected on starts, unless they are given a warning that the cart is starting or turning.

Drive the golf cart as you would a motor vehicle, do not assume right of way – rather obey all rules of the road.

The Travis County Sheriff's Department will be increasing patrols and will be out during the holiday period, paying specific attention to the operation of golf carts, to ensure the safety of all in our community. Please note: it is unlawful to operate All-Terrain Vehicles (ATVs), Utility Type Vehicles (UTVs) or Recreational Off-Highway Vehicles (ROVs) on a public roadway. If you should have any questions or concerns, please call us at 267-5511.

