

9-14-20 Entrance and Rear Emergency Gate update

Several things have happened over the last few days that have impacted the front and rear entrances to our wonderful subdivision. Your HOA is doing our best to manage the events.

- 1. As you know, the HOA has been allowing heavy trucks to use the rear emergency gate rather than possibly further damaging the front entrance. This past Thursday, September 10, one of our residents who was assisting with letting the trucks into LR was verbally accosted by one of the residents who lives outside the gate. I was not there, but it is my understanding that the “conversation” became quite ugly on the part of the outside resident. Long story made short, sheriff’s deputies and a watch commander showed up and told those present that further use of the gate would result in arrests. We had no choice but to discontinue using the emergency gate.**
- 2. The next day, September, 11, we had already scheduled a meeting with the low bidder for the front entrance weir repairs to review the work and answer any additional questions that the company may have relative to the work. Concurrently, we had scheduled to have our temporary entrance repairs contractor present to remove the steel plates from the damaged area so that we could determine if any additional work needed to be done to strengthen the road while we wait until the permanent repairs can take place after the LR Annual Meeting on October 17.**
- 3. We removed the steel plates and found that the previously installed material had settled very little and that only a small amount of additional crushed stone was required to be installed and compacted. We also removed as much cracked and broken asphalt from the inbound lane and filled the remaining hole with crushed stone prior to compacting that side of the roadway. The steel plate was put back into place and the road put back into use. The inbound lane was kept out of use because we do not know if the integrity of the material below the newly-placed crushed stone is sufficient to handle traffic.**
- 4. While we were watching the effect of the traffic on the completed work, I received a call from Parish Councilwoman Martha Cazaubon who had been contacted by a Parish Council ADA. Mrs. Cazaubon returned her call with news of our work and a discussion of the events the previous day at the rear entrance. Another long story made short, Mrs. Cazaubon is working to get a temporary ordinance passed to allow construction traffic through the back gate until repairs to the front are completed.**
- 5. In the meantime, the HOA intends to allow construction traffic and school buses to enter the subdivision through the front entrance. We will monitor the roadbed and make additional repairs as needed to maintain access to the subdivision until the permanent repairs can be made.**
- 6. Relative to the potential for additional damage by the possibility of heavy rainfall and flooding, we intend to use the rear entrance if the road is damaged by flood waters with the caveat that the rear entrance floods also. To that end, we are staging additional repair materials and equipment at the entrance to make repairs as are needed as soon as we can work safely.**