

November 7, 2014

Re: Current HOA Work-in-Progress

This email updates you on several of the HOA projects going on in our community.

1. In October, we completed some maintenance at the entrance of Brook Lane off Island Estates Drive. A large diseased Oak tree had to be removed. Due to its size, Manatee County Land Code required replacement with two qualifying canopy trees. One of those was planted back in the same spot with some surrounding lower landscape. The other will be planted elsewhere on the RW property.

2. There is a landscape upgrade currently being installed at the front entrance. The Sylvester Palms we planted have a bit of growing up to do before they match the ones in front of the entrance, but they are just as lovely, and will add to the beauty of our entrance. What you may not have noticed is that we are putting in electricity so that these new palms can also be lit for the holidays. This means it will be a few more days until we get the work completed at the front entrance. Our plans include further landscape upgrades of the entrance plantings to the various streets and neighborhoods. We will also be re-painting the front entrance sign when the concrete is sufficiently dry.

3. The completion of our security camera installations is scheduled for this week. We are adding cameras for "inside the guardhouse" views of both gates. And we will be adding emergency buzzers at both gates which guards can use to send alerts in the event of intrusions or other emergency situations. We feel this step is necessary as we plan for 24/7 coverage at the Ft. Hamer gate beginning on January 1, 2015.

4. We will soon begin extensive sidewalk repair/replacement in the neighborhood. There are 23 locations around our community where the sidewalks are either cracked, crumbling, raised or sinking. We've waited until the rainy season is over and the work can be done efficiently. Still, this work will take several weeks as the crew moves around the community. Please watch out for the workers in your travels.

5. The weir for the lake on Red Leaf Road has been repaired. This structure gave way a few weeks ago due to heavy summer rains, and the lake lost about 3 feet of water. The dam/drainage structure has now been repaired. We'll let nature do the refilling.

Beyond our own work, the HOA board has received an increased number of architectural requests for approval of individual homeowner projects. Many of our neighbors are freshening or improving their homes, driveways, and landscaping. And several of the homes that have been "problem homes" (foreclosures, rental company owned, etc) now have real resident owners that are cleaning up their properties. We would like to say thank you. We can all be proud of our community.

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