



August 18, 2017

Re: Ft. Hamer Bridge Run on August 26, 2017 Involves The Islands and Savannah Lake Streets

The River Wilderness community has a key role in an exciting event coming up on [Saturday, August 26th](#). The Inaugural Ft. Hamer Bridge Races which will take place early that morning and will run through our community. The route will have the runners crossing the bridge and the 5K and 10K runs will proceed through The Islands, through Savannah Lakes area and back through the Islands to the finish at Ft. Hamer Park and the Rowing Center. This means that The Islands and Savannah Lakes roads will be closed for a period of time on the morning of the 26th.

We will have professional racers, semi-professional racers, students, neighbors and various groups running together. The Islands is a key sponsor of the event, and many River Wilderness residents are race participants.

The runs begin at [6:45 AM](#) (yes, that is VERY Early) for the Kids' Races with 100 Meter, 200 Meter, 400 meter and 800 meter races broken down by age groups.

The 5K and 10K races will begin at [7:30 AM](#) crossing the bridge first and then coming into The Islands. The 5K runners will circle the Islands. The 10K runners will divert up Island Estates Drive, around Savannah Lakes Drive, back down Island Estates Drive and around the new Harbourside Trail and through The Islands to the finish. And we will have walkers across the bridge starting at [7:35 am](#).

During this unique Charity Function, **The Islands and Savannah Lakes Streets will not have any vehicular access for residents, guests, or vendors for a limited period of time.** Those of you who live in The Islands or Savannah Lakes - Please keep this event in mind and note it on your calendar. If you know you will need to leave your home during that time, you may want to park your car along River Wilderness West or at the RWCC Club House prior to [7 am](#). (Note: The road closures will only be in effect during a 3-hour window. It is possible the race may be done even sooner than [10 am](#) inside Savannah Lakes and the Islands. As soon as the last runner passes the station we will begin tear-down and those sections of the roads will be opened.)

Please notify your vendors about the event and ensure that they schedule their times after [10 am](#). Since the Ft. Hamer gate will be totally closed until [11 am](#) they will need to use the Old Tampa Road gate up until then. (Note that Ft. Hamer Road itself will also be closed to vehicular traffic during this time - at least up to Mulholland Road).

Time Lines for Closures –

Ft. Hamer Gate – Closed [from 5 am until 11 am!!!](#)

The Islands and Savannah Lakes Streets – Closed from 7 am until 10 am to all vehicular traffic. This means residents (including golfers) will need to plan ahead if you need to drive on [Saturday morning](#). There will be NO Street Parking during the race event in either The Islands or Savannah Lakes.

If you have any questions about the upcoming event and the logistics in place for our community, please do not hesitate to call **Jan Kaufman** on her cell at [408-623-4090](#) or her home at [941-776-1011](#). Jan also has some contingency plans in place should there be an emergency to get someone in or out of their homes.

We apologize for any inconvenience. We hope you will come out along the course to join in the fun and cheer on the racers. Every step they take will help our community.

The River Wilderness HomeOwners Association Board

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