



August 24, 2017

Re: The Islands and Savannah Lake Streets are closed for Ft. Hamer Bridge Races on Saturday, August 26, 2017

The Inaugural Ft. Hamer Bridge Races occurring on Saturday morning will run through our River Wilderness Community. This means that the Ft. Hamer gate and some of our streets will be closed for a few hours as follows:

Ft. Hamer Road - Closed from Mulholland Road to the Manatee River 5:00a.m. to 11:00a.m. to all vehicular traffic.

RW's Ft. Hamer Gate - Closed from 5:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. to all vehicular traffic. The gate will be open for RW residents traveling to the race venue on foot or by bicycle.

All Islands Roads, Island Estates Drive and Savannah Lakes Drive - Closed from 7:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. to all vehicular traffic including residents and vendors.

There is NO parking available for residents at the Fort Hamer Park. Residents who wish to go to the main venue may park in the grassy area next to the Islands Sales Office before 7:00 a.m. If you live close by we recommend that you walk.

Please keep these closures in mind. If you know you will need to leave your home during these times, you should park your car along Wilderness West or at the RWCC Club House prior to 7:00 a.m., and plan to walk or bike to reach your car. Note: There will be specific, approved race official vehicles on the course between 6:00 a.m. and 10 a.m. doing race personnel transport and track set-up.

Please also notify all of your vendors (e.g. Deliveries, Landscapers, Pool Maintenance, Roofers, etc.) about the event and ensure that they schedule their work after 10 a.m. They will not be allowed into either Savannah Lakes or The Islands during the street closures.

RW Residents are invited to join in the fun. Come out and cheer the racers along the River Wilderness Streets and join in the activities at the Ft. Hamer Road Park.

The runs begin at 6:45 AM for the Kids' Races. The 5K and 10K races will begin at 7:30 a.m. first crossing the bridge and then coming into The Islands and Savannah Lakes. Walkers start at 7:35 am. Note: Only registered race participants and race officials are allowed on the bridge that day. The rest of us have to wait until the bridge opens on September 23rd.

Post race festivities at the Ft. Hamer Park include the kid's area with face painting, a bounce house and more. You can buy Food Bands for \$10 at the registration table and then enjoy all the treats from the generous food vendors as well as the awards presentations.

If you have any questions, please call Jan Kaufman on her cell at [408-623-4090](tel:408-623-4090). Jan has contingency plans in case of emergencies.

The River Wilderness HomeOwners Association Board

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