

September 27, 2022 10:30 am

Re: Ingress Egress Plan

Dear Residents,

David Kelly and I, along with our Community Association Manager have put together an ingress/egress plan for the community for the next 24 hours and throughout the emergency timeframe mandated by Manatee County.

Due to the Manatee County Mandatory Evacuation of Level A (and now also Level B), today at approximately 8 am, the Ft. Hamer gate was closed to vendors and visitors, as this gate is in the Level A Evacuation Zone.

HOWEVER, residents will still be able to access the community today through the Ft. Hamer gate. Steven is making a sign to inform vendors and visitors to go to the Old Tampa gate for access to the community. It should be up by now.

The guard at the Ft. Hamer gate has moved to the Old Tampa gate and is now assisting the guard at this gate to take care of any increase in traffic entering the community.

At the end of the additional guard's shift, we will go back to one guard at this gate. A guard will remain stationed at this gate throughout the night - no access to the community will be compromised.

Based on the hour-by-hour forecast, the winds are expected to attain 35 mph at 6 am tomorrow. At that time, we will be turning off the power to both gates at Ft. Hamer and Old Tampa. When the guard supervisor turns off the power to the gates, it will cause the gates to open and remain open. This will ensure emergency vehicle access to the community, even if there is a general power loss. This is mandated per Manatee County Guidelines. As a result, there will be no need for any additional guard supervision at the gates. Additionally, in our RW guidelines that is the mph limit at which we dismiss the guards from their station. The guard supervisor will then lock up both guard stations for safekeeping of all equipment.

Our landscaping team will then remove the security arms at the Old Tampa gate to hopefully diminish the chance for wind damage of the arms. They will also go to the Creole Court emergency access gate and open it also per Manatee County guidelines.

The Cypress Glen Board will also be opening the emergency gate located within their community. As a result of these actions, Emergency Response will have access to the entire community through a variety of locations.

As noted above, Level B is now also a mandatory Evacuation Zone. Remember you can go to

https://manateegis.maps.arcgis.com/apps/webappviewer/index.html?id=e4602daf0e2a49b39927cb729a821466 to plug in your address and KNOW YOUR ZONE!

Please let me know if you have any questions or suggestions. Let's all make it through this as safely as possible!

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