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River Wilderness

Day 7 – Milling and Paving

I arrived on site at 6:15 a.m. and met up with both the paving and milling crew who were all on site by 7:00 a.m. There were no incidents, occurrences or accidents on site. The milling crew left by 10:00 a.m. and the paving crew left by 4:30 p.m. with me right behind them at 4:45 p.m.

The milling crew finished the clean up along the island by the maintenance shed and was off site by 10:00 a.m. I apologize for any inconvenience that us shutting down Wilderness Blvd West this morning but it was just too dangerous to leave it open. I have included the picture that forced me to make the decision to shut it down. When we have flagmen and people directing traffic, it's for everyone's safety. Driving around the flagmen, on the berm, across the median and onto the roadway and almost hitting 2 of the crew is not an option. Please respect



the work zone!

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The paving crew finished up Woodland Fern Drive in its entirety and I cannot thank the residents of **The Hammocks** enough for all their co-operation! It was extremely difficult trying to pave the round about all while trying to handle traffic from Mapleridge and of course, those trying to get to the clubhouse via Woodland Fern! It was insane but we finally did it! Thank you to everyone in Mapleridge who was affected by the paving operation. Both roadways can celebrate as they will no longer be affected by the paving unless they choose too!



A BIG shout out to **Bob & June Seaton and their house guests** as they were absolutely amazing today as not only did they pass out water to the crew, they also helped direct traffic with me so we could keep resident's informed and contractors away. It was so nice to stop and chat with them and get the updates while I was at the other end of

the roadway! To those that had appointments today, my apologies, but we didn't let anyone through. As we asked before, please reschedule any appointments you may have until after the paving project is over. I also have to thank Lina and Lizzy, their pups, for letting me cuddle with them and get puppy kisses first thing! LOVE LOVE LOVE!

I also want to shout out to those resident on Red Leaf road and they too were hugely affected by the paving operation of Woodland Fern and their cooperation, sense of humor and graciousness to park elsewhere was wonderful and greatly appreciated! I know how inconvenient this was and your help did not go unnoticed!

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Tomorrow the crew will be starting on **Laurel Oak Lane** at 7:00 a.m. and we already parked the paver there. It was approved that we stage the paver and rollers there in order to have easy access and the residents were just as gracious at allowing us to park the equipment there overnight! I was thinking that The Hammocks was so far our most cooperating roadway but I am beginning to think that Laurel Oak may take them! I will keep you updated!

Once we finish with **Laurel Oak Lane**, we are changing up the schedule and jumping over to **Old Orchard Lane** and then **Lakeside Circle**. We are doing this to avoid having the trucks drive over the new asphalt matt and by changing up this order, we will be successful in doing so! I have updated the map to show you the areas that are completed and the order for the coming days. Your patience, understanding and cooperation is greatly appreciated.

In all honesty, I am not sure they will finish all of **Lakeside Circle** but if its in the cards and we have COMPLETE cooperation with the residents, we should ROCK this out pretty quickly. In saying that, please know that we will be stopping any deliveries, service, contractors, etc. at the gate for Laurel Oak Lane, Old Orchard and Lakeside Circle. There is NO EXCEPTIONS as this is too tight of an area to try and navigate around service vehicles. We are constantly being told by these vendors that no one said anything to them and since this project has been on the board for a month now, I'm not so sure who is at fault, I just know that they can't be there. Thank you for understanding!

There are a lot of questions, phone calls and texts that come my way and I try to answer them as best as possible. To help you understand what I am trying to avoid, here are some pictures to help you out. The first picture is damage from a bicycle tire....yes....a bike tire. Bikes due more damage than vehicles do because of the concentrated weight on the tire. We ask kindly that, even though we know how tempting it is to ride on these new roads, your patience in letting them cure will make sure they are smooth for a long, long time! Thanks for waiting!



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The roads look “dirty” because of the sand the pneumatic roller uses, the water they spray out and the rust and dirt that runs off them. We use sand to prevent the asphalt from sticking to their tires but also to reduce power steering

spalls or “divots”. These are little 6” round circular areas that your tires make when turning your wheels in a stationary position. This is the surface oils being disturbed and you can help put them back by driving on them during the heat of the day to help “push” them back down!



Some residents have asked me in a not so polite sort of way on why we can drive on the asphalt or in the work area and they can't....well....because. Not “because” as a child would say, “because” as we are not painting your bathroom and cannot shut the door and say stay out. We are trained people that know how to drive on new mats, when to drive on

them and how not to ruin them. It's really nothing personal and not our way of say “ha ha” but our way of saying “we got this if you let us”. People driving on our projects is kind of like sending a 3-year-old into your newly painted bathroom and telling them not to touch anything!

We work with temperatures ALL DAY LONG! The trucks have a hot product that we must get placed by a certain temperature. Once we get it on the ground, it has to be rolled at a certain temperature and then we wait for it to cool down and throw the finishing roller on it. Once the pavement cools down to a specific temperature, I then open the roads depending on whether or not it's a through road, a resident road or a branch road. Turning, starting and stopping all have its effect on pavement and we have to watch it closely and not miss our



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“sweet spot”.



Some have asked what am I pointing and when I stop the crew and they go back and remove something from the asphalt. This is called RAP or reclaimed asphalt products. Asphalt is 100% recyclable and is the most recycled product in the world! Because of this, we sometimes get scraps of rubber tires, bungee cords, wires, etc. that we have to pull out of the mix.

We are working with an asphalt company that makes their own asphalt so we actually have less RAP than what most asphalt plants make and that is a GREAT thing!

The asphalt that is left on the ground after the milling machine is known as “scabs” and are used as a friction course for the new pavement. We mill at a specific depth and anything in that depth is removed. If there are areas that are deeper than what we are milling, it stays in place and that is why we don’t remove them. We do sweep prior to applying the tac and any loose stone that has broken away gets taken away before we pave.



I hope this answers a lot of your questions and feel free to ask if you have any others. You can email me at connie.lorenz@asphaltnews.com and I will answer them in the newsletter!

As we start off on the final stretch, I must remind everyone to please turn off their irrigation. Most of our plants and grasses are dormant right now and can handle no water for a few days. It is a delay of project for us to have to clean up standing water so let’s at least reduce one obstacle we know we can do without!



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I have made a huge mistake and have overlooked recognizing someone that has been a HUGE help to me and the crew and I keep forgetting to mention him because he has become a part of the team without even knowing it! **Peter DiGirolamo**, the husband of the board president, has been a key player in helping me get things done! I make one phone call and he is by my side asking what he can do. He has stepped up at knocking on doors, directing traffic, filling in my blanks and updating the website every night! He even wears a neon shirt to help me find him when we are on a roadway. Peter, if you ever decide to retire and not retire and looking for something to do, call me! I can use some of your skills! **THANK YOU!**

I also want to thank **Syble**, your HOA B board president for all her work! This lady is available from the time I arrive on site all the way into the wee hours of the night when I try to type my reports and can't remember people's names or things she wants to see updated! You two really stink at retiring but I can tell you Syble, I have NEVER in over 20 years dealt with a board president that was so active in the community and actually makes things happen. You have been a dream to work with on something so stressful and your calming, matter of fact manner at "getting things done" has made myself and this crew's jobs so much easier! I am serious! My last board president and the property manager left on vacation during their paving projects so you being there daily is a shocking relief! **THANK YOU!**

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Going back to my puppy loving, and I apologize that I know some of their names like Lelee, a corgi that reminded me of my daughter's friends pup who was soo sweet! In my eyes, all puppies are honey, sweetie, baby etc. and I find the most amusement when asking them if they want a cookie, treat, boney, etc.



trying to find "their" trigger word! Even the shiest of dogs start turning their heads and honing in with their ears when I say the magic word! I even have to spell it sometimes because I just know they know...or can smell the goodies! Sorry I can't stop as much in my truck to love on yours but trust me, when I am passing you, I am throwing love to the puppies...maybe to you too! Woof Woof!

I will be on site at 6:30 a.m. and will be trying again to gain some ground and get the crew ahead of schedule.

See you tomorrow!

Respectfully,

Connie Lorenz

Connie Lorenz, Asphalt Consultant

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