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River Wilderness Day 8 - Paving

I arrived on site today at 6:20 a.m. with the paving crew present and others arriving up until 7:00 a.m. There were no incidents, accidents or occurrences today.

The paving crew started at 7:00 a.m. in Laurel Oak Court and was happy to see everyone on the street ready to go! No irrigation, no landscapers, nothing! THANK YOU! YOU ROCK! The crew finished here around 9:30 a.m. and made their way over to Old Orchard Lane where they got started around 11:00 a.m. and finished around 2:00 p.m.



The crew started on Lakeside Circle on the inner path of travel and completed that pass by 4:00 p.m. and the roadway was opened for travel around 4:30 p.m.

The crew will be starting at the southern Lakeside Circle entry first thing in the morning and we ask that the residents be off the road by 7:00 a.m. or have their vehicles relocated by that time. Once we get the first trucks onto the roadway before the tack is applied, we will be shutting down the roadways as we will have to BACK the dump trucks up from the



north entrance of Lakeside Circle to meet the paving crew.



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I **CANNOT** allow any traffic during that time so **PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE** heed our warning. Please. We had some very embarrassing confrontations today with some residents that weren't too happy about the change of plans. As we stated in the beginning the maps were just an idea of how things were going to work and we asked



everyone in the areas affected by paving to cancel their deliveries, contractors etc. because it was going to change.

Once we finish Lakeside Circle (I estimate around 11:00 a.m.), we will be moving to the intersection of Little Country Road and Wilderness Blvd East closest to the Lakeside Circle Loop and paving the inside curve of Wilderness Blvd East all the way around to the other intersection of Wilderness Blvd East and Wilderness Blvd East. I would love to say that we will get the outer loop of Wilderness Blvd East completed but this can only happen with cooperation of all residents, vendors, Lakeside Circle and Old Orchard at the same time. **It is going to be crazy!**

I have had numerous resident come up to me and introduce themselves and tell me how much they enjoy my updates and some even get a little tickle out of some of the events that occur with residents or situations. I want to thank you from the bottom of my heart for stopping and saying such kind words. There are some moments when I really just need a kind word and a smile to make me believe that what we are doing is appreciated and I am not here to just upset everyone. It gets exhausting being constantly attacked all day by everyone reminding me that they have been inconvenienced. The crews work VERY hard continuously and just want to do an amazing job for you! Thank you for recognizing that!

Today, I was literally being yelled at by a resident on one side of my vehicle and being complimented by another resident at my driver's door! When the informed resident made the comment about checking their email first thing to see what the day brings, the other resident didn't have time for it.... therefore, we must skip that road I guess? I am not sure what to say in these situations other than thank you to the wonderful lady for all of your kind words and thank you to the other resident complaining as your neighbor got to see exactly what I deal with ALL day by those that don't check their emails or feel that the paving project is inconvenient.



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If the lady that I had a "meet and greet" on a closed road is reading this, I am sorry if you were offended that I didn't believe you when you said that someone on the crew said that you could drive on the road this morning. We didn't get to your road until 11:00 a.m. and of course we were letting you drive off the road at that time and the crew would have said it was ok.

To take that statement, and I checked with the crew and no one admitted to saying it and ALL said there was "no way we would have told anyone that, it wouldn't have been ready to drive on" sounds more like maybe you heard what you wanted to hear rather than listened to what the directions were. The temperatures weren't ready for traffic and your angry little peel out luckily didn't do too much scuffing or damage that I couldn't fix rolling and back and forth with my truck. We believe that the email updates have been pretty clear on how we are moving forward. We expect inconvenience for all Old Orchard, Lakeside Circle and WBE, tomorrow and Friday. You should be prepared.

On a side note, I usually wear a body cam for moments like these. I feel that when people realize I am filming them, maybe they would be a little nicer or careful in their words. I chose not to wear it on this property because...well.... because River Wilderness is a beautiful community and 95% of the people I meet are polite, friendly, social and kind. Then there are the 5% that seem to wake up grumpy and are just looking for a reason to tear into anybody for any reason.



We understand that this is a MAJOR inconvenience. We get it! We are just trying to make your roads look awesome to match your beautiful homes and enhance this wonderful community! My recommendation to you while we are increasing the value of your community, is SMILE, it will increase your face value! I can promise you that I am far more

helpful and responsive to someone that understands the situation rather than someone that starts off aggressive and threatening. It is not necessary, it is asphalt. Specifically, your asphalt.



So, if you want to leave a gouge or tire mark or scuff because you are mad at me or frustrated, no worries, you will be reminded of it for the next 20 years or so!

Moving forward, I saw a lot of irrigation systems on this morning on Wilderness Blvd East and we really REALLY need you to turn off your irrigation, PLEASE! This is only in your best interest and I don't want to have to stop the crew to dry up water. It won't kill your plants or grass and I promise you it will delay your paving if you leave them on. Thank you in advance for your cooperation!





The crew and I had a very special treat today when my daughter Jennifer and my grandpuppy Penelope Wigglebottoms showed up to drop off some paperwork! After my run in with the resident, it was a WONDERFUL pick me



up to get all sorts of puppy loving from my favorite little girl in the world.... oh, it was great to see my daughter too!



And on that note, I had a wonderful time catching up with Eric (Big) from the paving company I worked with over a year ago in Bradenton. He has since been promoted and gets to drive around in a beautiful rig that makes me jealous!

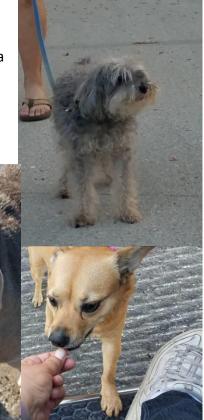


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After that, I had the lovely opportunity to meet up with a few of your local puppies who have been reading up on the project and stopped me to tell us what a great job the crew was doing.... for a treat of course! The dogs in this community have such wonderful personalities and only hope they bring as much joy to the neighborhood as they do to me....and the crew.... when they don't have asphalt on their hands. OK, fine...its just me! Woof!





Today will be very crazy with trucks as the paving crew is hoping to run 10+ rigs! That is a heck of a lot of asphalt! We got this!

I will be on site at 6:30 a.m. and hope that we can get ahead and knock out BOTH Lakeside Circle and Wilderness Blvd. East! WooHoo!

See you tomorrow!

Respectfully,

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P.S. Did I see that someone on Old Orchard set out a cooler of drinks for the crew! YOU ROCK!

