

May 18, 2018

Dear Fellow Saddle Creek Residents,

Road Maintenance

At the April 17 CSD Board Meeting, the Board authorized the advertisement for bids for our 2018 road improvements, which will include –

- Rehabilitation of the entire lengths of Oak Creek Dr and Saddle Creek Dr (including the roundabout and the community entrance from Little John Rd)
- Repair of three areas where stormwater catch basins have settled relative to the adjacent curb and gutter (Saddle Creek Dr, the resort roundabout, and Oakwood place)
- Repair of drainage problems on Oak Creek Dr that have caused dips in the street

As a result of feedback from prospective bidders, the required construction completion date was extended to October 31, 2018. Further, two major local contactors provided suggestions for improvements to the project design and methods that would result in better road performance at reduced cost. These recommendations were researched and verified by Willdan, our engineering contractor, and then incorporated into an addendum to the project plans and specifications.

For those of you that are road repair aficionados, the changes to the repair methods are –

- Removal of High Tensile Fiber (asphalt mix) additive and addition of a fiberglass paving mat layer
- Removal of the requirement to grind the entire asphalt surface and reinstall 2 inches of new asphalt, and replace with installation of 1½ inches of new asphalt over the existing road surface with a fiberglass mat layer to reduce cracking, and grinding only the road edges to feather the new asphalt into the existing edge
- Renovation of the existing asphalt curb with a special material to renovate and waterproof, rather than the expensive process of curb removal and replacement

A Special CSD Board Meeting has been scheduled for May 31 to award a contract to the lowest bidder that has the necessary experience and is fully responsive to the proposal requirements.

This year's road repairs are still projected to complete over a two-month period of time. Following the bid and contractor selection process, the schedule will be defined and information will be provided to everyone affected by the construction, with as much advanced notice as possible.

Additional history and detail about the Saddle Creek Road Improvement Project can be found here:

<https://saddlecreekcsd.org/road-improvements/>

Common Area Landscape Design

As has been described in previous letters, CSD selected Orr Design, a landscape architecture firm to provide design alternatives to achieve a balance of aesthetics (such as natural hardscape, foliage and lighting) with reduced maintenance and water consumption costs, and affordable within CSD's allocated landscaping budget. The areas to be addressed by Orr Design includes the resort entrance from Little John Rd (outside the gate) through the large Saddle Creek Dr roundabout. A surveyor recently mapped these areas and the results have been provided to Orr Design.

You may also recall that the CSD Board established the Ad Hoc Landscaping Committee, led by Lora Warner. The committee presented recommendations to the board at the April 17 meeting, and the board then forwarded the presentation to Orr Design. You may view the presentation at the following link:

<https://saddlecreekcsd.files.wordpress.com/2018/05/committee-report.pdf>

Current expectations are that Orr will begin work on the landscape design in mid-July.

Additional history and detail about the Saddle Creek Landscape Renovation Project can be found here:

<https://saddlecreekcsd.org/landscape-architect-rfp/>

CSD Budget

The CSD Board reviewed a preliminary FY 2018/2019 budget at the April board meeting, and a second draft budget at the May meeting. The Board will consider adoption of the final budget following a public hearing scheduled during the regular CSD meeting of June 19, 2018, 2:00PM in the Lakeview Room. As promised, the Measure A CSD Special Tax is proposed by the Board to increase at a gradual pace, with an increase from \$1,300 per property last year to \$1,442 this year (\$100 plus a \$42 cost of living adjustment). The Board will vote to set this tax level at the June 19, 2018 meeting, and public input is welcome and encouraged.

CSD Operations

Mosquito abatement is ongoing and appears to be effective.

Mowing of dead grass has begun and will continue through mid-August. They first mow large fire breaks to protect the community at large, then string-trim the tall weeds in natural habitat areas they cannot reach with the mower. Quail Trail is cleaned up after the other areas are complete.

Let me know of any questions or concerns, I'll try to answer them. Also notify me if you do not wish to receive additional or updated CSD information from me in the future.

Please don't "reply all".

Most Respectfully,
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