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MESSAGE FROM SENIORS WORKING TOGETHER – OAK RUN

Working for You- Unity in Community!

Seniors Working Together (SWT) is pleased to share positive progress reported by Marion County Utilities regarding improvements within our community.

Attached is correspondence provided to the SWT Committee outlining current work underway in Neighborhood #1 (NH#1). This includes modifications to the utility easement access gate (not the main gate), adjustments to the fence line bordering Highway 200, and the removal of overgrown vegetation.

Background:

For many years, this specific fence line has restricted access for large service vehicles—most notably the 40-foot Vac truck—preventing proper entry into the easement required to service the lift station in this area. This limitation has directly impacted the efficiency of maintenance operations and routine servicing.

For approximately eight (months, SWT has been actively engaged in addressing this issue in coordination with Marion County Utilities, with valued assistance from Ms. Debbie Schoenecker, NH#1 Representative.

Current Progress:

The ongoing efforts to improve access through fence modifications, gate installation, and vegetation clearing are necessary and meaningful steps forward. These improvements will enhance the ability to properly maintain critical wastewater infrastructure and support a more efficient operational response. The Seniors Working Together (SWT) Committee will continue to monitor this work closely and provide updates as progress continues, in close coordination with Marion County Utilities.

Note: Portions of the attached email correspondence have been redacted to protect personal email addresses and ensure privacy.

Approved for post: Ana Ortiz and Neal Rehse - SWT Chair - 4/30/26

Subject: Gate Replacement
Date: 4/29/2026 3:06:56 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: Victor.Shahid@marionfl.org
To: seniors_working_together_oakrun@aol.com,

Ana,

I wanted to let you know that the gate replacement is in progress. The trees were removed today, the stumps are being ground later today, and the gate is scheduled for Friday. I have staff coming

out tomorrow to remove some of the growth that is woven into the fence. Be advised that we had to leave openings in the fence for them to grind the stumps without causing a safety hazard for the operator. These gaps will remain until the gate is completed. The fence company is to be installing privacy slats in the new fencing to obscure any potential areas that removing the trees and vines caused.

Everything should be done by the weekend and secured.

Regards

-----EMAIL NOTIFICATION-----

Subject: Reply: Re: Gate Replacement
Date: 4/29/2026 6:20:37 PM Eastern Daylight Time
From: seniors_working_together_oakrun@aol.com

Hi Vic,

Thank you for sharing this excellent news. Your team is truly making meaningful progress, and it does not go unnoticed. This is greatly appreciated, and it represents another important piece of the puzzle coming into place.

I will be sure to share this update with the community.

Thank you again for your continued efforts and collaboration.

With appreciation,

Ana Ortiz and Neal Rehse
Seniors Working Together (SWT)

Approved for Release: Ana Ortiz-SWT Chair

