

Garden Valley Ranch Estates Community Service District

General Manager Road Report

Friday, February 10, 2023

Pond Entry Culvert- Don and I visited the new owner of the property at Johntown Creek Road and the pond just prior to Christmas due to the warning of the atmospheric storms that were predicted to arrive. We discussed with him the importance of the Culverts being kept cleaned out and cleared prior to each rainy season. We also discussed the damage that had been done by the previous owner and the real estate broker with the bulldozer activity and modifying the shape and flow of the pond. He seemed to be understanding of our concerns for the residents and that is our community's only true ingress and egress. He clearly stated he will take care of the pond and culverts.

Culvert Maintenance- The most recent storms during the month of December brought upon us two areas that needed our constant care and observation.

1. Of course, the main entrance with the pond overflowing and the culverts took a beating. We are currently down to one and a half functioning culverts out of the three. One is completely submerged under an abundant amount of wood debris and the largest of the three is half full of wood debris. Since water will go wherever it wishes, across the roadway it went along with all the rock and dirt to support the black top area edge on the bus stop side.
2. Shaker Lane was our second adventure. Halfway down Shaker is a culvert that supports the runoff from the residents above and unfortunately there was so much debris of mud, rock and branches the opening was clogged up to the point that we could not find the initial opening. In all, it caused the culvert to overflow onto the roadway and washed out the dirt and rock hillside that exits down to the Lazy Brook pond and stream. With lots of camaraderie between Marianne, Don and myself we managed to open it up.

These two were our biggest concerns and will need to be observed prior to the approach of each rainy season.

Another area is the large culvert at Chrysler and Rollercoaster downhill from the bus stop. Thanks to Gino Phillips for his hard work in preparing and clearing out the Chrysler culvert ahead of time, as it really helped keep everything flowing smoothly.

I have had numerous conversations with the residents during my drives around the community as well as when I am tending to their culverts expressing that their support is greatly needed and appreciated. Specifically, if they could take some time in preparing their culverts on their property to help the flow of water along the roadways.

As I have mentioned before and will constantly mention we all need to keep after our streams, waterways and culverts prior to rainy season. I can not express to you enough the importance of being proactive!

Road Shoulder Repairs- I have contacted Crowton's Excavation and Grading to give us a quote on the repair of the roadways at the main entry along the black top washed out area on the bus stop side. Also, had them quote on the road repair for Shaker Lane washed out area. Please see attached.

SDRMA Safety Equipment Program- Followed up on the purchase and acquiring a reimbursement for well needed safety equipment for our district to support all working staff when volunteering. Apparently, we do not qualify under the criteria of the SDRMA reimbursement program. Our district is too small. The following list is comprised of the items I would like to purchase. Discussion is needed and vote. Total \$394.93 w/o tax and shipping. Please see below.

Cones- 28-inch black base/ red reflective tape. 8@ \$19.88.

Flags- 18 x 18-inch bright orange 4 pack @ \$30.80 x 2 packs.

Vests- Large/ zipper front/ yellow 10 @ \$7.43.

Radios- 5 pack/ Long range/RT 21 hand free 2 way \$99.99.

Kathleen DeCurtis, General Manager