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\$ IT'S YOUR MONEY \$



While walking down Ancient Oaks Blvd on a morning walk on February 11, I noticed that the gates on both sides of Ancient Oaks Blvd at the power line road had been damaged. The picture at the top of the page is the gate on the east side of Ancient Oaks Blvd while the picture below is the gate on the west side of Ancient Oaks Blvd. This should make homeowners at Seven Oaks mad because we are the people who will be paying to have these gates repaired. At the CDD Board meeting on March 14th, the Board approved \$1,733.64 to replace these two gates with gates similar to the all metal gate on the same road near Bruce B. Downs.

If you are a homeowner at Seven Oaks, you are paying to have these gates repaired just as if the damage was done to your house and you had to pay for repairs. When I first moved to Seven Oaks in 2002, I did not give a lot of thought of where the money came from to develop Seven Oaks. Now that I am on the CDD Board, I realize that the funds being used to develop, maintain, and repair

the common areas such as clubhouse, tennis courts, pools, parks, roads, irrigation systems, ponds, etc. are being paid for with CDD funds which come from the homeowners at Seven

Oaks. This means that if CDD funds have to be used to repair damages such as the broken gates, our CDD fees added to Seven Oaks homeowners' County Property Tax bill each

year will be higher for each homeowner. We need your help to stop or prevent individuals from damaging the common areas at Seven Oaks -- it's your money!!!



Gate at Power Line Rd on west side of Ancient Oaks Blvd.

CALL SHERIFF'S OFFICE

If you see someone causing damage to Seven Oaks property, call the Sheriff's Office. This would include people who damage our property accidentally or intentionally such as with vehicles pictures below.

At Seven Oaks, we have had entrance signs spray painted, soap added to the water fountains, vandalism at the clubhouse, etc. We need to determine who is doing this damage so we can insure they do not continue to damage our property.

To help catch people who are costing the homeowners money to make repairs at Seven Oaks, we have installed 25 license plate cameras and 24 overhead dome

cameras at the neighborhood entrances for a cost of \$74,016 (see picture below). In addition, we spent \$11,981 to install five cameras at the club house. These cameras will help us catch some of the vandals, but our best resource is the residents of Seven Oaks.

The CDD Board asks that if you see anyone damaging any area of Seven Oaks, or anyone who looks suspicious, please call the Pasco County Sheriff's Office.

Emergency: 911

Non Emergency: 727-844-7711

DON'T LITTER

To help keep Seven Oaks a premier community in Pasco County, we spent \$15,950 to clean the sidewalks and curbs along the Ancient Oaks Blvd, Summergate Blvd, and Mystic Oak Blvd (see picture below). In addition, CDD maintenance employees pressure wash areas around the club house, parks, and other areas. All this effort is for naught if people litter up the area. During my walks along Ancient Oaks Blvd and the nature trail, I see disposable water bottles, soda cans, etc. The maintenance people drive around Seven Oaks daily picking up trash that has been thrown into the common areas. Help us reduce cost and keep Seven Oaks nice by not littering our beautifully landscaped and conservation areas.

TALK TO PARENTS

To prevent damage to Seven Oaks property, it may not always be necessary to call the police. Some children are riding the gates when they open and close costing homeowners thousands of dollars to repair the gates.

In our parks, children are damaging the basketball goals by jumping up and grabbing them. To stop this kind of damage does not require you to call the Pasco County Sheriff's Office. A simple talk with the parents will usually fix the problem. By working together, we can keep Seven Oaks a premier community and avoid spending unnecessary money too.



Security cameras mounted at the entrance to Palmetto Bend.



Contractor cleaning the sidewalks on Mystic Oak Blvd.



Cars damage trees, shrubs, flowers, and signs in the medians on the main roads