

SADDLE RIDGE PROPERTY OWNERS ASSOCIATION MEMBERS NOTICE APRIL 17, 2015

Road repair in Saddle Ridge is about to begin!

Starting Monday, April 20 (if the weather doesn't interfere *again*), we will begin repairs on Chilhowee Loop, specifically between the gate and the barn. **SEE THE ROAD DETOUR MAP BELOW.** We will be re-contouring the 2 sections where the majority of the potholes are in order to restore proper drainage. In addition, we will be installing a geotextile fabric layer, covering that with a significant layer of rock, and then compacting that rock. All this is in an effort to make repairs longer lasting.

We will then begin scraping other potholed areas throughout Saddle Ridge and applying rock as necessary.

Following these pothole repairs, we will be repairing 2 soft spots on Oakwood like we are doing to the potholed areas on Chilhowee Loop.

Later in the summer, we are planning to do a major reshaping of the intersection of Waters End and Grouse Top and the hill leading up to that intersection. This area along with the 2 areas on Chilhowee Loop and the 2 areas on Oakwood make up 5 test sites for the geotextile fabric treatment.

The geotextile fabric is designed to stabilize the roadbed and prevent the clay under the roadbed from being pumped to the surface. It also prevents the rock that we put down from being pushed down into the clay and disappearing from sight. The effect you should see from this is that the spots that have typically been soft, muddy, and easily rutted in the spring and during wet weather will stay more solid. Also, the rock will stay on the surface and become well-compacted.

Our long term plan would be to treat all "soft" areas in Saddle Ridge with this geotextile fabric over time if these 5 test sites prove successful.

Please bear with us as we start this effort. We will be working around the weather which has not been a friend of ours so far this year. There will also be some road closure on Chilhowee Loop (maybe 3 days) which we will try to minimize. We feel the brief inconvenience will be worth the long term improvements in the roads.

Our long term goal is to repair bad spots in the roads with longer-lasting solutions so that eventually our annual maintenance work will consist less of reshaping and rebuilding for drainage and more of regular maintenance. Reaching this goal will take time.

Over the next few months, we will be developing a multi-year comprehensive plan to improve our roads. In order to do this we will need input from everyone.

One way you can help us is to alert us of specific issues you find with the roads you travel since all of us do not travel every road every day. When you identify a specific area that needs attention, please call Board Member Steve Foster at [859-494-7299](tel:859-494-7299). You can also make your concerns known by sending us an e-mail to: saddleridgepoa@gmail.com.

More later.

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