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## **Eastwood Gate Update**

Dear Neighbors,

As an update regarding the damaged entry gate on Eastwood, please know the Board has been working with a company for quite a while to establish a cost and plan for its replacement. As with all construction projects in the Denver metro area these days, nothing ever moves as quickly as one would like and this process has been no different. At this point it is our pleasure to advise that we are in the process of finalizing a contract and purchase order for the removal and replacement of the gate and associated operator. Due to project cost considerations however, the existing damaged gate removal has been scheduled to occur with the new gate installation. We can further advise that in addition to, and concurrent with the removal and replacement of the damaged entry gate and operator, the Eastwood exit gate and operator are also going to be replaced, which was planned as part of a larger ongoing gate improvement project.

Unfortunately, at this point however, the anticipated lead-time to manufacture the new gates and then their installation is estimated at 6-8 weeks (assuming no material or manufacturing delays). As time passes from the original occurrence of the entry gate damage however, the Board is receiving quite a bit of feedback from our neighbors regarding the desire for a prompt resolution to the free and open car access into our neighborhood. The Board has been grateful to hear from the community and also shares the desire for a timely resolution.

With the realization that there is still a notable time before the new gates are to be manufactured and installed, and recognizing our community is looking for a quick resolution to the open neighborhood access as this point, a concrete jersey barrier has been ordered to be installed on the entry side of Eastwood. Once installed, this barrier is essentially immovable without heavy equipment and thus should act as a secure barrier to car access into our neighborhood via Eastwood. In conjunction with the installation of the jersey barrier, the exit gate is going to be returned to its normal operation; therefore, residents will be able to exit Eastwood as normal while preventing inbound access moving forward.

We realize this action will inconvenience some of us by requiring all neighborhood access via Forest Hills Drive, and we very much appreciate the support, understanding and patience of those affected. However, this course of action was identified as the best solution forward that

aligned with the community's requests and concerns voiced to the FHMD Board. Moreover, we hope eliminating the existing open access into our community will also eliminate the occurrences of stolen mail and packages that have also been reported as of late.

Sincerely,

The FHMD Board