

The Lakes Bulletin

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Speed Limits and Speed Bumps

I would like to address the comments and concerns that have been expressed about the lower speed limits and the speed bumps.

I think all will agree that we are experiencing ongoing issues with speeding in our Lakes community. It has been the topic of extensive discussion at several quarterly meetings, as well as the annual meeting in October 2018. Polls taken at the quarterly meetings indicated that “something” needs to be done. The board discussed the comments and feedback from these meetings and determined that conducting a **test of movable speed bumps** at problem locations was the most appropriate action to be taken. Notice of these actions, along with the lowering of the speed limits, were emailed to all residents from the management company and included in the newsletter (December 2018).

I realize that there are members of our community that choose not to use the internet and email and are therefore left unaware of these activities. Also, there is another group that leverages technology and use cell phones to read notices or access the website. This can be a challenge, as it is difficult to read the newsletter or navigate the website from a cell phone. In order to provide more uniform communications to the community, the board has decided to return to the old way, having the quarterly newsletter delivered to each home. It will be placed in the newspaper portion of your curbside mailbox. We hope to have this occur for the next issue – March 2019.

Finally, I’d like to share some statistics from the Department of Transportation.

Holmestown Road has an average of 11,900 vehicles per day; 17 Bypass has 36,100 vehicles per day. The Lakes roads are private and therefore the county will not use a vehicle counter, however they estimate that approximately 4-5 thousand vehicles pass through the Lakes daily.

The speed bump test is being conducted in areas that are most dangerous. Waccamaw River Road from Edisto River Road to Meadowwoods is a racetrack! There has already been an incident where an individual was hit by a pick-up truck while walking – thankfully they were OK. The flag poles at the front of the community were destroyed by a speeder that needed to be hospitalized. There is a huge ditch on the curve by the gazebo as a result of the road construction. I am trying to get the Department of Transportation to install a guard rail at that location.

I understand that no one likes speed bumps, including myself, but I ask that everyone be patient while we determine the best solution for everyone. Remember, this is a test.

George Duhaime, POA President