

Portions of Honore Avenue close during construction

Honore Avenue will be closed from north of Antoinette Street to south of Potter Street until the end of August for construction to improve and extend the street. Honore Avenue was closed Friday, June 18, after residents in the neighborhoods near Fruitville Elementary School expressed concern about safety because of a traffic increase from the Honore detour.

The county's Capital Management Services is working with the Sarasota County School Board to make sure that the Aug. 20 "Meet Your Teacher" event at Fruitville Elementary School and the first day of school on Aug. 23 are not disrupted by the closure. Residents in the Cedar Hollow community are asked to use Indian Mound Street to access Honore Avenue from their neighborhood during the closure.

Three other already announced closures resulting from the Honore Avenue project, including ones at two intersections, are already in place or planned. They are:

- The intersection of Honore Avenue and Colonial Oaks Boulevard will remain closed through Friday, July 9. Detour signs are posted.
- Honore Avenue will remain closed from south of Potter Street north to Camus Street through Monday, Aug. 20. Detour signs are posted.
- The intersection of Honore Avenue and Stokes Way will be closed beginning Wednesday, June 23. Detour signs will be posted. Upon completion of the work, Stokes Way will no longer provide access between Stokes Drive and Sharondale Drive

As a result of the June 18 closure, bus route 15 of Sarasota County Area Transit (SCAT) will be diverted to Cattlemen Road. There will be no bus service on Honore Avenue and Palmer Boulevard south of Fruitville Road and on Palmer Boulevard east to Cattlemen Road. Also, the southbound bus stop on Honore Avenue just north of Fruitville will be out of service for the duration. Passengers should use the prior stop on Honore Avenue.

The Honore Avenue improvement project will extend Honore Avenue from Bee Ridge Road north to Fruitville Road. Construction is under way on Phases 1 and 2 from Bee Ridge Road to Colonial Oaks Boulevard.

The project will create a three-mile, two-lane divided road with roundabouts, bicycle lanes, sidewalks, decorative streetlights, Florida-friendly landscaping and rain gardens to treat stormwater runoff. Construction is being done in three phases, and is scheduled to be completed in June 2011.

For more information, contact the Sarasota County Call Center at 941-861-5000.

Roundabout Benefits – Improve Safety

Studies have shown that roundabouts are safer than traditional stop sign or signal-controlled intersections.

Roundabouts reduced injury crashes by 75 percent at intersections where stop signs or signals were previously used for traffic control, according to a study by the Insurance Institute for Highway Safety (IIHS). Studies by the IIHS and Federal Highway Administration have shown that roundabouts typically achieve:

- A 37 percent reduction in overall collisions
- A 75 percent reduction in injury collisions
- A 90 percent reduction in fatality collisions
- A 40 percent reduction in pedestrian collisions

There are several reasons why roundabouts help reduce the likelihood and severity of collisions:

- **Low travel speeds** – Drivers must slow down and yield to traffic before entering a roundabout. Speeds in the roundabout are typically between 15 and 20 miles per hour. The few collisions that occur in roundabouts are typically minor and cause few injuries since they occur at such low speeds.
- **No light to beat** – Roundabouts are designed to promote a continuous, circular flow of traffic. Drivers need only yield to traffic before entering a roundabout; if there is no traffic in the roundabout, drivers are not required to stop. Because traffic is constantly flowing through the intersection, drivers don't have the incentive to speed up to try and "beat the light," like they might at a traditional intersection.
- **One-way travel** – Roads entering a roundabout are gently curved to direct drivers into the intersection and help them travel counterclockwise around the roundabout. The curved roads and one-way travel around the roundabout eliminate the possibility for T-bone and head-on collisions.

Reduce delay, improve traffic flow

Contrary to many peoples' perceptions, roundabouts actually move traffic through an intersection more quickly, and with less congestion on approaching roads. Roundabouts promote a continuous flow of traffic. Unlike intersections with traffic signals, drivers don't have to wait for a green light at a roundabout to get through the intersection. Traffic is not required to stop – only yield – so the intersection can handle more traffic in the same amount of time.

Studies by Kansas State University <http://www.ksu.edu/roundabouts/> measured traffic flow at intersections before and after conversion to roundabouts. In each case, installing a roundabout led to a 20 percent reduction in delays. Additional studies by the IIHS of intersections in three states, including Washington, found that roundabouts contributed to an 89 percent reduction in delays and 56 percent reduction in vehicle stops.

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- Place trash within three feet of curb for pickup.
- Cans must not exceed 40 pounds; must be leak proof and waterproof; trash should not protrude more than one foot above the edge.
- Bags must be closed and unbroken.
- Cans, bags, and tied bundles must not exceed four feet in length and must weigh 40 pounds or less.
- Loose trash will not be picked up.
- Do not mix garbage, yard waste or recycling in the same container.
- Place yard waste separately at the curb in a garbage can (do not mix yard waste with garbage) or kraft bag that does not exceed 40 pounds and does not protrude more than one foot above the edge of the container.
- Branches, limbs and bulky yard waste should be bundled and tied together with string.
- Bundles must not exceed 40 pounds or four feet in length.
- Bundles should be stacked as neatly as possible at the curb.

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PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Just when I think nobody cares, I find not one but two people in the neighborhood doing something nice for their neighbors.

The edging blocks on the east side of the front entrance have been knocked out of alignment, by careless drivers, twice in two weeks.

Two concerned neighbors, who happened to be leaving the neighborhood, saw it happen and took down the tag numbers. After calling the police and the DMV I found out that who the tag is registered to is no longer public knowledge.

But we were able to find one of the drivers who were responsible and the company he works for has agreed to pay for damages.

Thank you, Holly and Roy for taking the time.

Kenneth Jomisko

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Colonial Oaks Park –
5300 Colonial Oaks Blvd
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Room C

Sept 7, 2010
7:00 - 8:00p.m.

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