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Subject: Lac Sante Concerns

Hello Maxine,

I hope you are well!

We wanted to touch base with you as there have been numerous breakins at Lac Sante, including our cabin in Sante Hills. We know of at least 4 break-ins this month in Sante Hills, and several in Still Water, Sante Estates and the French Quarter. There are likely more that have not been discovered yet.

There is interest in Sante Hills in seeing if it is possible to have a gate installed on the road entering the subdivision. The developer of Sante Estates has expressed interest in this as well. As the roads are owned by the County, we would be interested in having a discussion about if this is possible and how it could be done. We are also interested in what recommendations the County has to ensure the safety of residents and the security of our property.

The residents of Lac Sante would like to schedule a community meeting with the County and the RCMP to discuss how we can all work together to deter the thieves. Can you recommend an appropriate venue for this?

We look forward to hearing back from you soon.

Thank you for your time and attention to this matter!

Best,
Nicole, Carol and Leo Beart

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Subject: RE: Lac Sante Concerns

Hello Maxine,

Thanks for your quick reply!

I agree with you that an un-locked gate would make no difference. However, Leo deMoissac at the County Public Works indicated that installing a locked gate with a code is possible.

He appreciates our concerns as residents, and expressed the same concerns about the security of his home. As discussed with him, other than blading the road occasionally in the winter the County offers no services in the area which would be impacted by a gate. If a gate was installed the code would be provided to the County and emergency responders so that access is not at issue. There is not a public boat launch in Sante Hills nor is their beach access or garbage collection so access to those things are a non-issue. The public does not come to Sante Hills as it is. The only people coming to Sante Hills other than residents, and their family/friends who come to visit, are the thieves.

Most of the residents in Sante Hills have locked gates at the entrance to their properties. The residences we know of that were broken into in Sante Hills were all locked. Our home has an alarm system installed as do some of the neighbors. However, an alarm system is only so good when the RCMP are so far away. Even if the alarm goes off and scares the thieves, they likely have a minimum of 30 minutes to clean a place about before the RCMP would be on scene. We therefore require as many deterrents and barriers as possible, and a coded gate at the entrance to the subdivision would be beneficial to protect our community and residents.

Residents of Sante Hills are open to the cost of installing a gate at the entrance to our community as the cost of doing this will be less than dealing with the damage and vandalism caused by the thieves and replacing doors, windows, etc. destroyed during a B&E.

A gate at the entrance of Sante Hills would be in a more noticeable high traffic location, and would also be one more barrier that would hopefully be effective in deterring thieves.

Thank you for your help in working together to find a solution. We look forward to hearing from you after the council meeting on the 8th to discuss next steps in securing our community.

Sincerely,
Nicole Beart