

**From the Marla Bay General Improvement District and
the Marla Bay Protective Association Board of Directors**

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Over the past two years, the Marla Bay General Improvement District(GID) Board has heard increased concerns for beach security.

Despite signs that prohibit non-residents from using the beach, unlawful entry now seems to be increasing. This has resulted in hostile encounters, unleashed dogs, and large groups. The expanding problem may be due to the closure of public beaches with Covid-19, or simply more people learning that our beaches have open access.

Furthermore, Marla Bay is not a public beach with the amenities that a public beach would be required to provide. We have no restrooms, lifeguards, and provision for trash abandoned on the beach.

As an additional concern, in March 2019, the Pinewild Homeowners Association attended a GID meeting to discuss common concerns. One of those was the unlawful entry to their beach by way of our entry points. It was stated that if we are unable to restrict our beach use to Marla Bay residents and their guests, and refrain from occupying their beach, it is their intention to fence the beach at their north property line into the low-water line of the Lake.

Considering it all, the GID voted to pay for and construct gates at the three entries to the beach.

The GID knows that many owners have opposed beach gates in the past, but a Board majority believes that conditions are changing. Covid-19 and social distancing may go away in a year or two, but some encounters with persons who refuse to respect our privacy have been extremely hostile.

Final design has not been completed, but it is proposed that gates will have coded entry and exit locks, and be self-closing. Codes will be changed at intervals, and all residents will be informed of the codes by email or on the secure Marla Bay Protective Association web site. Installation dates this summer have not yet been determined.

In recognition of our neighborhood preference for open entry, gate enforcement will be confined to the period between Memorial Day to Labor Day. The remainder of the year, the gates will be locked back in an open position.

While the gate installation project is being driven by the GID, the Marla Bay Protective Association Board of Directors supports their decision. These actions are being taken to insure your safety. Both the Marla Bay Protective Association Board members, and the General Improvement District Board members are available to answer questions and discuss this matter.