

### Pinar Canal Flooding



During a meeting at the Orange County Administration building regarding the progress of the Pinar Canal project, the county's consultant team presented revised plans based on feedback from the community meeting of August 2024. However, the best possible solutions have been rejected as infeasible by Orange County and Storm Water Management due to financial and environmental impacts. While our community hoped that FEMA grant money allocated to the state would support our efforts, our community was deemed ineligible based on FEMA's poverty-level requirements.

In order to keep progress moving and ensure solutions are being implemented, the county is vetting contractors for work planned to improve the maintainability and throughput of the Lake Underhill canal, which receives storm water from the Pinar canal and moves it eastward toward the Little Econ near Dean Rd. This reconstruction is anticipated to better prepare our neighborhood to withstand 10 and 25 year flood events. There is no completion date set at this time.

Additionally, they are considering lowering the west bank of the Pinar Canal, to allow excess water to spread into the wetland to the west, and potentially reconnecting the canal to a pond on the west side of the canal that is thought to be cut off at this time. Special shoutout to Joe Roberts for leading the charge in this arena.

At this time, there are no solutions that adequately protect from the 100-year flood levels and all homes currently in the floodplain will remain in the floodplain.

### REMINDER:

Use the 311 App to easily put in tickets for trash can repairs and more.

### WHERE YOUR DUES GO

Annual Neighborhood Costs Paid by the Association



Irrigation & Lighting  
\$900



Entrance Maintenance & Landscaping  
\$3,900



Insurance & State Registration  
\$2,000

GOAL



12%

### Madeira Entrance Traffic Light Construction

The team is working to restore lighting, irrigation, and replace landscaping at this entrance currently. The County has advised that they will be removing the concrete poles for the old the traffic lights by end of month. Special thank you to those who have donated time and funds to this project.

While we're making progress, we're still short of our funding goal. If you haven't paid your dues, please take a moment to do that now using the options in the green 'Next Steps' box and play your part in updating this entrance.

### NEXT STEPS

- **Send Your Dues to 811 Pinar Drive** or pay through our online payment system by scanning the QR code below.



- **Follow us on social media** for real-time updates on the neighborhood.



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### Upcoming Events

In our commitment to best celebrate our community, we're working on a few special events, with our 'Movie Under the Stars' Spring event. Details to follow.



We'd love to hear your ideas on fun events we can put together to get to know one another better, make memories and unite as Rio Pinar Estates. Let us know here: <https://bit.ly/rpca-events>

### WALL MAINTENANCE

**Does your house back up to the neighborhood wall?** Take a few moments to ensure no trees, limbs, or shrubs are impacting the wall's structure. Routine maintenance on your part helps lower association costs and taxes for wall upkeep.

