

Oak Lane Road Association

News and decisions from the July annual membership meeting

Hello Neighbors!

In our recent annual meeting, a key proposal was made – and approved – to enact and fund a three-year plan that significantly builds, improves, and makes our road more durable. That proposed plan was posted on our website prior to the meeting and was presented in detail for the members who attended that Zoom meeting.

Below are the highlights of the plan, and it remains available on the website: OLRAMV.org. Please ensure that you have read and understand the steps and funding of the plan.

Key elements of the plan:

- **A specific, different approach using reclaimed asphalt (ARAP).**
 - This material is more durable, it tends to bind itself over time, creating a surface that better resists rain, traffic, and reduces the potential for washboard and potholes.
 - Given the scope of this plan, an estimated 600 tons of material needs to be applied in the current fiscal year (FY). To maximize the use of our dollars, we will locally source the first 200 tons in the Fall, and as our dues come in, fund a less expensive (per ton) barge-load of the remaining 400 tons in the Spring. To this end, we request that your dues payment for the current year be fully paid by October 31, 2021. If we cannot collect the required money to fund a barge-load, our cost/ton goes up **21%** for the critical Spring maintenance, significantly reducing the material we can afford. We all want our dues to go as far as possible – please do all you can to send in your dues by 10/31/21.
- **The plan will take three years to achieve our key goals:**
 - Goal 1: Build a sustainable crown, increasing its height to 6” above grade by year three. A significant crown is the single most effective strategy for maintaining a non-paved road. ARAP not only delivers more durability, but it is also more resistant to erosion as a crown-building material.
 - Goal 2: Enhance the total road surface to resist traffic wear and limit/eliminate the destructive use of grading to keep the road surface reasonably smooth. Again, the binding, durable attributes of ARAP meet this goal far better than our historic use of gravel and sand/hardener.
- **Dues must increase to fund this plan:** At the annual meeting, the membership approved this plan and an increase in dues to \$600 in FY 2021-2022 and to \$650 for both FY’s 2022-2023 and 2023-2024. Thus your soon-to-arrive dues bill for the current FY will be \$600. As mentioned, please remit this before 10/31/21.

For the complete picture on the plan, please visit our website.

Thank you,

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Chuck Hodgkinson, Assessor

Erik Lowe, Assessor

Gary Blodgett, Assessor

Phil Pratt, Secretary

Cheryl Kram, Treasurer