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Dear Lake Resident,

In October of 2021 the LaGrange County Highway Department was granted approval and funding for a County Road Improvement Plan. One of the sections of the Plan is focused exclusively on the roads of our county lake neighborhoods.

Recently, the County Commissioners awarded the first two phases of our lake road maintenance plan that will be completed this year. Both phases were awarded to Pavement Solutions out of Middletown, Indiana. These phases include: Oliver, Martin, Hackenburg, Messick, Dallas, Westler, Witmer, and Atwood. Some County maintained roads may not be included on these phases due to micro surface not being the best treatment for that segment. An image of roads included for your lake is attached.

The first two phases consist of a double micro surface treatment. Micro surface is a hot emulsion of water, fine crushed limestone or gravel with asphalt to seal the road and add up to 1.5-inch layer of new road surface (with a double pass). A double pass allows minor wedge and leveling to bring back a road crown. This method allows the watery mixture to cover more surface area of the crushed gravel and also find its way into small cracks in the surface of the road. The water then evaporates and leaves a very hard and tightly-sealed road surface. This is NOT the typical "chip & seal" process you may be used to seeing done in the past.

Prior to the treatment, the County will be doing maintenance work on the lake roads, including, but not limited to: berming, pipe replacement, patching, maintaining the clear zone, and roadside ditching. For more information, please see the **Road Plan 2021 Lakes – Part 1** at the following link <https://www.lagrangecounty.org/topic/index.php?topicid=29&structureid=13>.

To assist with keeping everyone up to date, I have or will be attending the board meetings for Greater Olin Lake Conservancy, 5 Lakes Association and Oliver Lake Association to discuss the importance of this roadwork and informing the lake residents. If you have any additional questions, please email me at tmorgan@lagrangecounty.org or through any of the boards noted above.

Thanks,


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