

HOA WORKS TO REPAIR COMMUNITY PROPERTY, EQUIPMENT DAMAGED BY LIGHTNING

In September, lightning struck The Villages at Godley Station during a particularly bad thunderstorm. The strike resulted in damage to our local network and the clubhouse's main access control system (software and hardware), which allows residents in and out of clubhouse and other gated amenities. The resulting challenges have made it difficult for the HOA to activate new cards or change the status of old ones, pending a new system installation. The damage to the local network was repaired.

Many physical repairs were made to transformers and power supply to the various gates. In addition, repairs were made to the pool chemical application system, the security cameras, and the clubhouse HVAC system – all of which were damaged in the lightning strikes.

Numerous trees were also damaged by strikes. Those in common areas threatening to damage private properties were removed.

Although the HOA has mostly recovered from and repaired the extensive damage that resulted from the lightning strike, the volunteer board members are still occasionally being made aware of small issues and problems that cropped up after the strike. Those matters are being dealt with as they are discovered, and the board is committed to the eventual restoration of the property to 100 percent pre-lightning strike conditions.

“We are glad that no one was injured in the lightning strikes which, unfortunately, were quite destructive. They did take quite a significant toll on our community's property; however, and we understand that the inconveniences that resulted are frustrating to our residents,” HOA Board President Ken Baldwin said. “We appreciate everyone's patience as we continue to work through the issues that have arisen. We are committed to repairing and restoring everything that was damaged.”