

ATTACHMENT E – INCIDENTS OF VANDALISM

Vandalism by a small group of residents from both sides of the County boundary began immediately after completing the 2nd Street trailhead with the removal of a 16' cattle panel on August 17th, 2025.

The incidents persisted, requiring the HOA to repair damage at their own expense and dedicate significant volunteer time to restoring their property. The situation escalated just before Thanksgiving, when vandals cut a daisy chain lock attached to a SMFR Knox lock at the 1st Street emergency gate, resulting in unwanted vehicle traffic entering GVE from multiple northern access points. A large amount of graffiti remains inside the Belford Avenue culvert tunnel and has yet to be cleaned up. The GVE HOA is not responsible for this gate but did purchase new heavy-duty chain and worked with SMFR to secure the emergency gate again. **(NOTE: Since Thanksgiving all vandalism at the three trailheads has stopped.)**

As fencing became harder to cut, vandals shifted their focus to removing SMFR-approved access gates installed in front of the fire hydrants at the 2nd and 3rd Street trailheads. These gates were repeatedly pulled off their hardware until HOA volunteers secured them by welding the brackets and screws in place. Even the County's "Trail Access Closed" sign was removed by vandals which was replaced by HOA volunteers.

In addition, at the 3rd Street trailhead temporary fencing on private property just to the west of the 3rd Street trailhead was vandalized numerous times until a permanent replacement could be made. Residents from both sides of the County boundary were involved which included ongoing trespassing on the property. After 400' of fencing was secured with 4 wires along a wood fence, the property owner recently had to place 2 additional wires on the fence located just to the west of the 3rd Street trailhead due to opposition crawling through the prior wire openings – again trespassing.

It is also ironic that below is a photo of what our residents see at the 3rd Street trailhead despite numerous requests to have the "Private Property No Trespassing" sign removed which was erected to prevent unwanted activity when initial construction development activities began on the north. Primarily due to GVE renters setting up a dirt bike track on one of the parcels. Today, it is unclear why anyone involved think it is acceptable for unlimited access into our community.



Below are just a few examples of the ongoing vandalism at the two trailheads excluding what occurred at the County maintained passive park on our south boundary or on the Stonegate Metropolitan District open space area to our east.

