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I would like to thank Whisper Bend homeowner Steve Merriman, our former presidents Joe Certo, and Mike Sassano and the previous and present Boards of Directors for all the effort that was put in, over the years, to get our streets repaired.

I just happened to pester enough people and be lucky enough that the project was completed on my watch.

Following is some information and a few tips on keeping our new streets looking good.

The asphalt needs time to cure. An asphalt surface can take more than 30 days to cure depending on temperature variations from night to day. However, as you already know you can drive on the surface if you are careful.

The hot weather can add an increased temperature to the asphalt, and the asphalt will hold in this added heat. This can make the new asphalt susceptible to structure damages.

- Neither the County nor the contractor will come back to repair the new asphalt. If it becomes damaged it will stay that way until it is repaved in 20 years.
- No heavy equipment on the asphalt for a minimum of three weeks to two months.
- Walking and driving on the new asphalt can be done in 24 hours, but you should not walk on the new asphalt with high heels. The heels can dig into the new asphalt, causing ruts and holes in the new asphalt.
- Any sharp shoes such soccer cleats need to stay off the asphalt until it has fully cured.
- Don't drive on the edges of the asphalt.
- Try not to use motorcycle or bike stands on the asphalt for up two weeks.
- Until it fully cures, heavy trucks will cause damage to, and make indentations in the asphalt in very hot weather.
- Avoid getting gas or oil on the asphalt. (If your car leaks oil don't park it on the street.) Asphalt is a petroleum-based product and oils, gasoline and brake fluids act like a solvent, causing the surface to soften.
- If you are pulling in or out of your driveway, turn your wheels while you are moving. If you stop and turn your wheels you will create "Scuffing" in the new asphalt.
- Tire scuffmarks are caused when you turn your car's steering wheel while the car is stationary. If it is a hot day and the asphalt has not completely cured, the surface will get a blemish like grinding your heel into a soft substance.
- When parking campers or trailers, place a piece of plywood under the tongue jack.
- Avoid using jack stands or car ramps unless a large piece of plywood is placed under them to help distribute the weight.

Take care and be aware.

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