

Report on Meeting with neighboring HOAs on dealing with the influx of people coming to the two eclipses here in Kerrville. I think we had at least four HOAs represented.

Even though the eclipses themselves do not last long people will be here for several days. Hotels are demanding several days minimum stays. RV parks are already booked.

For the October 14, 2023 event the city is projecting up to 55,000 visitors.

For the April 8, 2024 event the city is projecting up to 300,000 visitors.

Past eclipse events have resulted with cities having the following problems:

Grocery stores emptied.

Restaurants are not able to meet demand.

Gas stations running out of fuel.

ATMs being depleted of cash.

Pharmacies running out of prescriptions.

Traffic congestion in streets.

Squatters camping on private property. This is a real concern for the area behind Victory Lane and the empty lots on Vantage Circle.

Internet and cell phone coverage down or slow due to excess demand.

Streets filled with parked cars as well as cars blocking drives and parking in people's yards.

Undesirable people that take advantage of large crowds for their nefarious activities and general upswing in crimes.

Police and first responders being overwhelmed.

What was proposed at this meeting was:

Check with the police department about setting up barriers on Yorktown at Stadium Dr. and one at either the end of Victory Lane where Vicksburg Village ends or at Norfolk Lane and Holdsworth Dr. This would block off all the concerned HOAs. The logistics of endeavor would include asking for volunteers to man the barricades and getting the barricades made. Also devising a method that allows HOA residents to be identified and allowed entry. This proposal was made after realizing that the timing to hire a security company at this late date would be difficult even as the police are having to hire out-of-town personnel. Consensus was with blocking off the two entrances would negate the need for security.

Should the barricades not be allowed by the city another solution needs to be devised.

It was also proposed that HOAs advise their residents to take the following actions:

Stock up for a weeks' worth of food, water, prescriptions and have a full tank of gas. Have cash on hand. It was suggested that you park your car at the end of your driveway to keep individuals from using it as it has happened in other cities

As of now the HOAs have agreed to meet on August 10<sup>th</sup> to hopefully finalize preparations.

I will keep you informed of any updates and if you have a suggestion, please let me know.