



JIRC Policy - Regarding requests for opening the gate

Our gate is a source of both revenue and security for our island. Requests for the gate to be left open, while providing convenience for event planners, compromise both revenue and security for all islanders. Recognizing that there are historical precedents regarding this subject for specific events, we have made several modifications to our procedures and have implemented the following policy and practices in order to accommodate various circumstances and serve the needs of all island residents.

1. We published an annual schedule for 2010 noting the date of change and the new code – by quarter, for the entire year. This will be an annual process for future years as well. This should accommodate anyone who is planning an event in the future and give them the ability to communicate on the invitations, advertisements etc., and the proper code for the date of the event. Our thinking was targeted towards wedding invitations, garage sale ads, party invitations, etc.
2. Requests for providing the convenience of an open gate vs. the need to communicate the code to guests and invitees we must view as just that, convenience requests. The gate code is the determined vehicle to provide free access to friends and invitees under our charter. We strongly suggest avoiding, whenever possible, requesting the gate to be left open. If circumstances or desire for convenience require an event to have an open gate we require 1 month advance notice of the request. With the exception of our Memorial Day celebrations, our policy is to require a convenience donation of \$ 50 for up to 4 hours of open gate time, paid at the time of request. For greater than 4 hours, up to an entire day, this donation is \$ 100. Receipt of these convenience donations puts the events open gate requirements on the schedule.
3. As part of our procedures, we will notify the Marblehead police of any scheduled open gate events and request additional diligence from them during these periods of decreased security.
4. When the safety or pass ability to and from the island is compromised, we reserve the right to exercise judgment on opening or closing the gate as needed.
5. For events held at the JIOPA clubhouse we have suggest adding the option of “open gate” which if taken, the details of when and for how long must be communicated with the 1 month notice to a RC member, amounts to be collected by JIOPA and reimbursed to the RC prior to the event.

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6. Any for profit event should realistically expect to contribute vs. harm the funding of our roads and as such, a contribution is expected.
7. Non-Profit events such as fundraisers for political purposes, civic events etc, though not for profit many times have monetary value as their intent - fundraising. Our nominal convenience fee should not significantly impact the success of these events if their planning desires an open gate vs. communicating the gate code to invitees. If one of the island homeowners associations has traditionally sponsored or supported these events, we have no issue with the organization paying for the open gate time associated with the cause they choose to support if they do not want to assess the group or event. Alternatively we suggest taking a little extra effort to communicate the code to invitees.

Recognizing that we all have different views and in many cases “historical precedent” regarding this issue we ask each homeowner to consider the nature of our changed management of the gate. The gate is no longer one specific homeowner associations purvey. It is an island security device as well as a source of funding for maintaining our roads and causeway. While the gate is open, it generates no income and provides no security. In order to be fair to all islanders, none of whom are all involved in any specific event, but all of whom are in some way affected, we have created this policy. We believe that these procedures strike a reasonable balance and serve the conflicting needs for security, convenience and revenue in the best manner we could determine. If any homeowner has specific concerns, input or suggestions on how we can make this process better serve the needs of our island, please attend our next public meeting on

9:00 AM, Saturday February 13th
Independent Living Activities Room
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