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Monsoon Road Repair Fund Drive September 17, 2021

Dear Neighbors,

The storm in late July was devastating to many parts of Joshua Tree. Thanks to the preventative work we've been doing our neighborhood fared relatively well, but the new issues that were created have taken much longer and eaten up far more resources than we would've hoped. Additionally, **we still have much work to do, and that's what's bringing this request to you.**

We were able to make the roads passable with a relatively modest outlay of \$3,440. However, necessary near-term repairs threaten to deplete the MMNA's reserves before the oft-rainy winter months. An additional \$5,250 has been spent or authorized for clean fill dirt, and \$3,300 has been authorized for planned tractor labor, for a single-storm expense of \$11,990, so far. Add to this that our grader and fellow Manor resident Sean Molina and his team have been working long days for us all at a generous rate, and we simply have had more work to do than the time and workforce to do it.

More repairs are needed to address the storm damage, including filling in some large ruts and removing build-ups of soft sand. Even more ominous is the possibility that we are not through the worst of this monsoon season. In 2018, the last big monsoon happened in October.

So while we need to keep working on the current state of the roads, we also need to maintain our ongoing reserve, which will be fully depleted by mid-October at this rate. **If you have not yet contributed this year, or if you would like to contribute additional funds this year** to help us complete this work, we would greatly appreciate it, and ALL funds donated go directly to work on the roads.

Ways to send in your donation to maintain our roads:

PayPal: Go to our website (www.monumentmanorneighborhood.com) and click on the yellow button (Donate) and follow the instructions to submit a donation.

Zelle: Enroll in Zelle through your bank's app, then add MMNA to the contact list, using our email address (monumentmanorna@gmail.com), then select the amount you would like to send, add a memo (like "donation for the roads"), review, and click "confirm". Your bank's app may be a little different, but that's the idea.

Check: Make the check payable to "Monument Manor Neighborhood Association", and mail to: Monument Manor Neighborhood Association, PO Box 892, Joshua Tree, CA 92252.

Please send questions our way, and know that we are working as fast as possible to get everything repaired.

Sincerely,
Geary Hund, Road Repairs Chair
Bill Gilman, President