

**Kimberly Powell**

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Dear Brevard County Commissioners,

To say that I am disappointed in the handling of the “trimming of trees” along Rockledge Drive is an understatement. I will make this statement brief and outline 2 major sources of my disappointment: First is the lack of serious community outreach and secondly is lack of concern for safety within the work zone of this project.

I have lived on Rockledge Drive for many years, and I personally do not have a tree to be “trimmed”. Brevard County employees and Commissioners know that the cutting of the trees will insight many emotions among residents and non-residents alike due to the scenic nature of the roadway. I ask why there was not an outreach to all residents within Brevard County's portion of Rockledge Drive and scheduling of a community meeting. I feel the County would have been able to provide full transparency to the residents about the nature of and reasoning for the trimming. I hear safety, future sanitary sewer project and road paving are the drivers of this work. However, there have been no recorded accidents associated with the trees since the “restricted trucks” signs went up in 2019.

I have two concerns with work zone practices that are serious. Number one is the contractor executing the tree work that violated OSHA safety clearances to the overhead power lines on multiple occasions (I have pictures documenting this). I told at least one Brevard County employee on site, and nothing was done. This man could have made contact with 7620 volts of electricity! Number two is MOT (maintenance of traffic) on the project. There were multiple times where traffic was directed onto unpaved, private property to navigate around the work vehicles. The tree company bucket truck and the County's crane was set up crossing over the yellow line, so that passing traffic did not have a full lane to navigate. Yesterday, the MOT team navigated a school bus onto unpaved private property. Shortly after, this same school bus hit a tree that Brevard County had already cut (stump of the tree was all that remained after the “trimming” – this being a serious point of contention that what the county called tree trimming ++ was actually cutting the tree with the stump only remaining.!!!!)

I would appreciate it if this letter would be included in the Tuesday, May 21, 2024 commission meeting minutes. Thank you.

Sincerely,

Sue Ellen Williams