

**NEWS RELEASE**

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**Temporary bridge to affect Lake Woodlands access for Spring 2022**

THE WOODLANDS, TEXAS (December 17, 2021) – The Woodlands Township has been recently notified by Howard Hughes Corporation of their intention to begin the development of East Shore Island.

The early stages of development require a floating bridge to be installed, which will affect direct access from the lower section of The Woodlands Waterway to Lake Woodlands, and vice-versa.

Installation of a floating bridge across the mouth of The Woodlands Waterway is expected to occur on or about Saturday, January 1, 2022. The temporary floating bridge will affect all watercraft in Lake Woodlands from accessing the immediate area; however, users are directed to navigate to the southeast side of the island and go underneath the East Shore Island Bridge. A buoy line will be assembled on each side of the temporary bridge as a reminder not to approach the construction load-in area.

Clearance underneath the permanent East Shore Island bridge is approximately 6.5 feet during normal lake level conditions. Watercraft available for rent from [Riva Row Boat House](#) can use this alternative route to and from Lake Woodlands, and [Lakes Edge Boat House](#) will still be able to access the lower Waterway from here as well.

Residents using their personal watercraft on The Woodlands Waterway are advised to use caution when navigating under the permanent bridge, keeping in mind the clearance. Many pontoon-style boats may not be able to cross under this bridge. No one should attempt to cross over or under the temporary bridge, which will sit at the surface level of the water.

The current plan calls for the floating bridge to be removed in time for IRONMAN Texas which takes place Saturday, April 23, 2022.

For any questions or for more information about The Woodlands Township, please call 281-210-3900 or visit [www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov](http://www.thewoodlandstowship-tx.gov).



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