



Keystone Soccer Complex's New Entrance

As many of you have noticed, a new entrance to the Keystone fields was opened on Memorial Weekend, just in time for the Cherry Capital Cup. Having entrances on both ends of the complex was a great traffic reliever during the tournament of course, and we've received a lot of questions regarding why the old entrance closed after the tournament ended.

Over the last couple of years, TBAYS had a lot of complaints from the railroad regarding the amount of traffic passing through our entrance. The entrance we have used over all the years since the fields opened is actually a commercial railroad crossing that belongs to Consumer's Power. At the time we were granted permission to use this crossing, neither Consumer's nor TBAYS could have predicted how much traffic there would eventually be. Late last fall, the county received a letter from the railroad indicating that they were closing this crossing, and cutting off all access to our fields as of February 2008 because they considered it unsafe and a potential liability for the railroad. Without the funds to build a new entrance, we were in a serious bind. Fortunately, the county was able to come to our rescue with funds and a crossing permit that allowed the road commission to build the new crossing. The county also negotiated on our behalf to get the railroad to extend their deadline until the new entrance was completed. All of this was based on our agreement to immediately discontinue using the Consumer's Power crossing.

In the end, we did stretch our agreement just a bit and left the old entrance open for the 3 days of our tournament. As soon as the Cherry Capital Cup ended however, we closed the gate on the old entrance. Unfortunately it will have to remain closed permanently. The good news however, is that we did gain some additional parking as a result and now have a roadway that stretches to provide easy access to all of our fields.