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Subject: Suggestion for the river committee

Please consider a "Keep on Floating" policy. Many of the problems occur because tubers start the 2 hour ride and stop along the way at several party spots. One major spot is the boy scout hut and others are by the dams. There may be more. It clogs up the ride and then more and more tubers congregate. The tubers that want to keep on floating can't get by. Then the ones that are just standing, drink a lot just standing in the water. More tubers are staying on the river while more and more are getting on at the beginning of the float. Then the river is overcrowded. Fewer problems occur while tubers "Keep on floating". When they stop, they start getting out on people's property, fight with other tubers and get drunk.

If there is a continuous flow of the tubers, just as many get out as get in. It would be like a ride on the Schlitterbahn, no congregating.

Most families that I talk to are excited because they will tell me, "We floated the river 3 times today". Some tell me more than that.. These people are enjoying the float, catch the shuttle, and start over. The people that stop at the areas and stand and drink only float the river once and when they get out, some have had too much to drink. It is a "wet bar", not a water activity. However, if they were at a private bar, they would probably have been asked to leave.

It is also a safety issue. On one occasion, a storm came up, and everyone tried to get off the river at one time at the last get out. It was a very dangerous situation. It makes sense to "Keep on Floating". The mass exodus in case of emergencies would not be as difficult because just as many are getting off as are getting on... It would be easier for the police and emergency people to get to specific tubers if the river is not overcrowded. If there was a "keep on floating policy" in effect, the river would be safer.

Thank you for the work that you are doing to help New Braunfels.

Mary Ann Frazier

Another problem is that there are not enough places for people to get off the river. Sometimes there are reasons, like sickness, bathrooms, tubes are punctures, dehydration, kids are crying, lost, some just see it as their right to get off where they want to. (like by their car) etc. Last summer, many got in the river or out of the river on private property. If we were here, they

usually asked. If not, they just came through our property. I saw quite a few people go through our neighbor's property. However, it is not our problem to let these people go through our property. This was not a problem when Schlitterbahn was not fenced off. People would get out and walk down their sidewalk. I can see why they didn't like it particularly, but it worked. Now, they can't get out on that side of the river so they come through the condos and our yards. In real emergencies, we don't mind helping, but they run through the yards just because it is convenient sometimes. You can't call police for trespassing because it is a quick thing and they are gone.

Sometimes, they get on the river through the condos and yards to keep from paying. Many times, they are going through yards where people are not at home. I really don't have a answer to suggest for this problem, just needed to let you know.