

# *SPRINGDALE ESTATES WINTER NEWSLETTER*

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Greetings Neighbors!

Tired of the cold? Groundhog Day is Saturday and hopefully Punxsutawney Phil will deliver a warmer forecast!

I am happy to report that the state of our neighborhood is quite good. We had a very successful year in 2018 and we were able to accomplish most of our objectives. We have newly paved roads, bus stop benches, and speeding is on the decline. We have our own "Facebook Page", and our neighborhood events proved to be lots of fun!

We also had a very well attended annual meeting – please plan on attending this year's meeting on Nov. 19<sup>th</sup>!

In 2019, we have several goals:

- Be proactive regarding the proposed widening of Leesville Road
- Fill all vacancies – block captains and committees
- Coordinate an adults-only social gathering
- Reprint the Directories
- Continue to improve communication
- Stay in compliance with NC State directed maintenance for the ONeal Dam
- Continue to recruit new members for our SEA

## ***Leesville Road***

As most everyone knows, the City is planning to widen Leesville Road from Westgate to ONeal (high school entrance) . Initial plans call for a center median, sidewalks and bike lanes. Certainly, one can easily see, that would mean significant encroachment to neighbors' properties and our entrances.

Rest assured, the board (specifically Jim Brennan) has been attending planning meetings where other neighborhoods are well past the initial planning phase. Their most important recommendation to Jim has been; get involved early! We plan to do just that. We also plan to meet with adjacent neighborhoods to develop a united strategy. John Goodman and I are also meeting with our attorney relative to property ownership issues and possible compensation due to encroachment.

The current proposal would call for a median which forces right turns and consequent u-turns. A more simple and realistic approach would be to add only a center turning lane. While we know we may not get all we ask for, if we are proactive, we may be able to alter the current plan in our favor. The best way to accomplish this is to be involved in the process. We will keep you updated as to how you might help along the way.

## **Block Captains**

We need a few new block captains. The role of the captains is being re-defined. Essentially the captains would be part of our emergency communication plan, welcome and recruit new neighbors, remind their neighbors about important meetings or issues, and help keep the directory accurate. Stay tuned for more information about specific areas.

## **Adult Social**

This has been requested by many neighbors and is in the planning stage- probably early summer.

## **New Springdale Directories**

We hope to reprint these before the end of the year – we will be selling 8 adds on the back page to help cover the expense. Ad space will be offered to the neighborhood individuals first, before we approach business neighbors, etc. The ads will probably cost \$200 each. More to follow!

## **Communication**

Kelly has done a tremendous job with the new “Facebook page”. You must be a Springdale resident or approved by the board to join the page. This is strictly for Springdale residents. There is great information about what is happening in our neighborhood! We also plan to update the website this year.

## **ONEAL Dam**

The dam is in great shape. Trees have recently been trimmed and we are in full compliance with the State.

## **MEMBERSHIP**

As always, we invite all Springdale residents to be members. Your association works hard to maintain the common areas, preserve home values, and positively influence property values. Please help us recruit those who may not be members.

## **IMPORTANT DATES**

<b>SEA Board Meetings</b>	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup> / July 9<sup>th</sup> / Oct. 8<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Community Yard Sale</b>	<b>Early May</b>
<b>Adult Spring Fling</b>	<b>TBD – June?</b>
<b>Fishing Rodeo</b>	<b>Oct 5<sup>th</sup></b>
<b>Halloween Party</b>	<b>Oct 26</b>
<b>Annual Meeting –</b>	<b>November 19 – Tabernacle Baptist Church      7-8:30 pm</b>
<b>Caroling</b>	<b>Dec 22<sup>nd</sup></b>
<b>Luminaries</b>	<b>Dec 24<sup>th</sup></b>

*Please let us know if you would like to be more involved this year! Only the best, Steve*

