

SPRINGDALE ESTATES ASSOCIATION

QUARTERLY LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

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Greetings neighbors!

Happy Tax Day! YUK

EASTER EGG HUNT

Let me start with the most recent news....We had a great Easter Egg Hunt yesterday, in spite of off and on rain droplets. There was a great turnout and LOTS of eggs! Plus, there was a special visit from the Easter Bunny. Thanks to Sharon Waidler and Katie Kellett and Mary (bunny) Oestreich for pulling this together.

Now, on to more serious info.....

LEESVILLE ROAD WIDENING

We are most fortunate to have Board Member, Jim Brennan following this situation closely. Jim has provided his brief overview to be included in this letter.....

Rummel, Klepper, and Kahl, LLP to perform professional engineering services on the project. The improvements will widen the existing roadway from Westgate Road to O'Neal Road at the Leesville School Campus to a 4-lane median-divided street section with curb and gutter, sidewalks, bike accommodation, lighting as well as landscaping along the corridor. The improved street will also provide pedestrian and bike accessibility to the Leesville Road School campuses. The Roadway Design and Construction Division has also completed negotiations with Rummel, Klepper and Kahl, LLP and has finalized an agreement as well as a fee for professional engineering services. The consultant is proposing to utilize 4.91 percent Minority and Woman Business Enterprise participation.

This is exactly what was designed north of 540. Citizen input is not part of the process, until the initial design is complete.

Regards, Jim

So – that is the proposed plan – We plan to get more involved as the project moves forward. Obviously, there is not enough space to do everything that is proposed. We will be pushing for a modified version of the plan. Again, thanks to Jim for staying on top of this evolving situation.

SPEEDING

After my last letter I was quickly informed by several neighbors that the speeding situation on O'Neal is as bad as ever. We have made calls to the Sheriff's Department with little success. We will be taking pictures of the offenders and taking them to the high school. And we plan a visit with the new Principal. If you have students at Leesville High, maybe they can mention our intentions to their fellow students. The speeding really does not help them get there any faster – they end up waiting in a long line of traffic at the light where O'Neal crosses Leesville.

LEASH LAW

There is a leash law in effect in Wake County. I have received multiple complaints and requests for dog owners to keep their dogs on leashes while walking through the neighborhood. Also, there are many who elect not to clean up after their dogs. Please help keep our streets safe and clean for everyone

YARD MAINTENANCE

The intended recipients of this message will probably not see this, but I will try anyway. Now that spring is here it is the perfect time to clean up our yards. I get multiple complaints about neglected properties. Some owners appear to do nothing to maintain their property which has a negative impact on us all. We have such a beautiful neighborhood – please do your share to maintain what the majority values so much.

SPRING CLEANING

A great segue to this topic...Last year we had planned a cleaning day for the common grounds of the neighborhood. Then the paving started and we got the County to replace some of the signs. Now, we will conduct the proposed cleaning day on Saturday May 4th – 9AM till Noon – you will have plenty of time to get ready for the Kentucky Derby later that day! So please volunteer to help with this project. We will meet at the Big Lake. We will have cleaning supplies, but we may need a few ladders. We plan to clean all signs and straighten those that are a little tipsy.

ADULT SOCIAL

Speaking of tipsy, (it has been a long time coming), we are planning an ADULT social at the “Big Lake” on a date to be determined in June. We will have a cookout and adult beverages. It will be a great way to meet your neighbors.

DIRECTORIES

As previously mentioned, we will reprint the directories in the last quarter of the year. We really want to make them as complete as possible. Recently, you should have received an e-mail request from Paul MacDougal to update your profile. Please, please update your info. Some have not been updated in many years. And, if you are interested in purchasing a \$125 ad

for the back cover, let me know. pres@springdaleestates.org We will sell 10 ads to cover the cost of the printing. Of course, an electronic version will also be made available.

FACEBOOK

Please do not forget we have our own neighborhood Facebook page. This is exclusively for our local residents and offers very helpful information. The access is by invitation only. Please contact our VP, Kelly Scofield for an invite. vp@springdaleestates.org

VOLUNTEERS

As with most voluntary organizations, it seems that the same individuals do most of the volunteering. We would really like to have some new skin in the game. We need Block Captains, Architecture Committee members, and more. The responsibilities of the Block Captains are being outlined and will be sent out soon. If you have a little time, please consider helping the neighborhood.

DUES

At this time, we have only collected dues from 45% of the homes. I am sure this is just an oversight? Please pay your fair share. It is only \$125 per year!

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Spring Cleaning	May 4 th	9-12
Neighborhood Yard Sale	May 18 th	In coordination with Springdale Gardens
Adult Social	June	(TBD)
Fishing Rodeo	October 5 th	
Halloween Party	Oct 27 th	
Christmas Caroling	Dec 22 nd	
Luminaries	Dec 24 th	

On a personal note, I am switching real estate firms and will need to use my personal e-mail. If you need me, slconsult@atmc.net is the best address.

As always, thanks for your support!

Steve Collins