

Springdale Estates Association

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From: President, Steve Collins & SEA Executive Board Members

To: Current SEA Members

Happy hot days of summer!

Here is the latest neighborhood news. The Board had a very productive meeting a couple of weeks ago, and we are moving forward with many of our 2018 objectives...and more!

DIRECTORIES

The new directories are at the printer!! Coming to your home soon!

Thanks to Paul MacDougal!!!

PAVING

While the new roads are excellent, there are still some unfinished items. The Board has had several complaints about the road edges with the lack of dirt/grass seed and the placement of the hay rolls. I have recently been in contact with the Fred Smith Company (contractor). They are "getting back to me" with an update. It is strange that Springdale Gardens (which was paved after SE) already has grass growing. I pointed that out in my letter to the FSC. Please stay tuned!

SPRING CLEANING

We have been on hold, waiting for the State to clean and update the street signs. We are still on the list. I did try to nudge them along just a bit with an e-mail asking if they could complete this task before school starts, and, the early morning "hot rods" get into full swing.

SCHOOL BENCHES

I hope everyone has seen these awesome benches. This was VP, Kelly Scofield's idea. Go Kelly! And we also owe special thanks to Jim Brennan (past president). He put his construction crew to work on a "slow" day and completed four benches. They were placed at the neighborhood corners with the most bus activity. These benches will be stained in 3 months and lettering will be added.

COMMUNICATION

Again, thanks to Kelly. The new Facebook page was her idea. Here is Kelly's update – Neighbors, our Facebook page is growing. We have over 78 members. If you haven't signed up, please join. You will be asked to verify your address so that we ensure only Springdale residents are joining.

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1789174141385906/>

STORM DRAINS

If you have a storm drain near you that needs repair or is blocked, you may contact the NCDOT 919-733-4768 or...

1. <https://www.ncdot.gov/contact/Pages/form.aspx?UnitName=culvert&sourceUrl=/contact/>

MEETING OF THE MINDS

Treasurer, John Goodman and I met with the SEA Attorney, Todd Whitlow. Among the items discussed were Springdale deeds, common areas, and "condemnation" issues we might face when Leesville Road is widened. It is a little pre-mature to comment on some of these. This information will be coming when we have definitive answers. We *have* decided to remain a voluntary Association. It would be quite difficult to change at this point. We do, however, strongly encourage participation and we implore you to help convince any of your neighbors who are not members to join. The yearly dues of \$125 is a minimal price for what this neighborhood has to offer!

THE BIG DAM

Another neighborhood goal is compliance with the Sate Dam Act, so the dam needs to be “appropriately maintained.” While on the phone with the State official, he conducted a Google map meeting with me, and pointed out that he thought we should trim or thin out some of the trees on the dam. This would help maintain their integrity in the event of a major storm. Having been given this information, the Board feels we should take the advice and prove we are “not negligent” with our maintenance. I will be reaching out to the Garden Club for their advice on who to call and what to trim.

Apparently, several years ago, a trimming project went terribly bad. We will let our expert neighbors guide us on this one.

Also, the big dam is designated as “moderate” risk, so we do not have to have an emergency plan, but we must provide proper maintenance. Our lawyer indicated that individual liability in the event of a breach would be negligible. Very good news!

BLOCK CAPTAINS

Please, we need block Captains! I am attaching a map of the designated “blocks” so that everyone will know which Block they are in. The block captains will be an integral part of getting messages out to the neighbors – especially in emergency situations.

FISHING RODEO

This is still planned for the fall, but we need a volunteer to spearhead this project this year. Please let me know if you would like to volunteer and/or help! We have the information and tools/supplies from the event last year.

INDIVIDUAL YARD MAINTENANCE

The Board gets repeated requests from homeowners who ask us to contact individuals to tidy up their yards. Please, if your yard has large limbs or downed trees, it would be greatly appreciated if they were picked up. We realize that this can be an overwhelming task. I have made some personal visits with little success. Please help.

Thanks for listening to me ramble. Your Board loves this neighborhood and we know you do also. Thanks for helping wherever you can.

Steve Collins and your SEA board

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