

SPRINGDALE ESTATES ASSOCIATION



SUMMER NEWSLETTER

July 14th, 2019

From: President, Steve Collins & SEA Executive Board Members

To: All current Springdale Estates Association members

Greetings and Happy Hot Days of Summer!

The Board had our quarterly meeting this past Tuesday. Here are the highlights of that meeting and other updates.

SPRING CLEANING

Many thanks to the small group of devoted neighbors who volunteered to help with the neighborhood Spring Cleaning. We hope you have noticed that many street signs have been straightened and the old concrete street posts have been painted. Every little bit helps!

8619 ONeal Road

I am sure that you have also noticed that the home construction at 8619 ONeal Rd. has stopped. There was a snag concerning the Raleigh Tree Ordinance which has held up permitting. The Board has been working with the owners and, hopefully, the builder will be back on the job soon.

Rezoning property adjacent to Woody Hill and Trailing Cedar

As mentioned in my previous letter, we are watching this situation closely. So far, we have heard nothing more from the city nor the owner. Obviously, our strong turnout at the initial meeting proved to be successful in generating second thoughts for the owner.

Oh DEER me!



Last month, I received a call from an owner on Lakewood informing me that there was a dead deer by the edge of the big lake. I called the city to see about removal and was informed that it had to be by the street to be picked up. I located the deer, hoisted it into my wheelbarrow and hauled it to the street – I only tipped it over 3 times. I ultimately got it to the street and called the city again for an expedited pickup. Later that day, our Facebook page lit up with folks concerned about speeding on Lakewood which caused the deer's demise. Not so. It was me! Too funny!

Adult Social



We had planned to have an adult social in June, but the widening of Leesville Rd., the re-zoning issue, and other concerns prevented us from pulling this together. We now plan to do this on October 5th. We plan to have the fishing rodeo for the kids in the AM and the social Adult Social in the PM. There WILL be adult beverages other than Ensure! If you would like to volunteer to help with either project, we would more than welcome the assistance.

LEESVILLE WIDENING

Without notification to us, Raleigh City Council approved a plan for the Leesville Road widening. I must say that our attendance at the May 2nd DID have a positive impact. The new plan calls for a 2-Lane divided (median, side walks and bike lane) from the South O'Neal entrance to Fairbanks – then a 4 lane divided road from Fairbanks to Westgate. I have attached the meeting minutes as well as a road cross-section.

<http://www.springdaleestates.org/CityCouncilMeetingLeesvilleRoad-20190715144730580.pdf>

<http://www.springdaleestates.org/RaleighUDO2-LaneRoad.pdf>

You can see from the minutes that Councilwoman Mendel (who attended the May 2nd meeting) was pushing our side. While this is better than 4 lanes, we still think the proposal is more than is needed at this time – We will be having further discussions in the future. Kelly will post this info on our Facebook Page and your comments would be valued! Thanks to Jim Brennan for staying on top of this!!

Leesville Road Safe Routes to School project

This is another city/State project that is entirely separate from the Leesville widening project. You will begin to see activity at the South O'Neal entrance soon. There will be a new sidewalk extending down from Shadow Wood to Leesville. This sidewalk will include handicapped accessibility. Work will be done around our monuments, but they will not be destroyed. I have met with the city planner to confirm their activities. The SEA and the homeowner are being compensated for the disruption and for replacing shrubs or flowers.

Directories



Our plan is to have new directories out by the end of the year. We will be selling ads on the back cover to offset the cost of production. We are selling 10 ads for \$200 each. If you are interested in advertising, please let me know. If we still have spots to sell, I will be approaching local businesses starting in September. Please make sure your information has been updated and/or edited. Contact directories@springdaleestates.org

DUES

Just a reminder to those homeowners who haven't paid their dues for 2019. We are trending a little behind relative to this time last year. Many thanks to those who promptly remit their dues!!



AND – we love new volunteers and new board members. New ideas are always needed. Come on in, the water's fine

Warmest regards,

Steve

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