

Springdale Estates Association

October 21, 2018

From: President, Steve Collins & SEA Executive Board Members

To: Current SEA Members

Fall is finally here, and we have a lot coming up in Springdale Estates!

ANNUAL MEETING

Our next ANNUAL Association meeting will be December 4th at Tabernacle Baptist Church from 7-8:30pm. Please plan on attending. We will send out an agenda before the meeting. If you have a topic for discussion, please submit to the board at least 1 week prior.

We had a most productive quarterly board meeting last week. Here are the topics we discussed and resulting decisions:

FLORENCE EMERGENCY PLAN

Our storm emergency plan proved to be quite successful. We had a tree fall across Sawyer and within an hour we had multiple volunteers on site to clear the way. We also had requests to check on senior neighbors and to check properties where the homeowner was away. Thanks so much to everyone who volunteered. This is the ultimate example of the kindness and unselfish actions of our neighbors. Again, thank you!

DIRECTORIES

The directories are out. Thanks to all those volunteers that helped with the distribution.

Unfortunately, there was a glitch transferring the data from past years. Some folks were "designated" non-members and vice versa. We truly apologize for the mistakes. Our plan of action includes:

- Reprinting the directories sometime next year.
- Having several pairs of eyes to help with accuracy.
- Giving everyone the opportunity to update their personal info (family members/pets' names, etc.).
- NO LONGER "bolding" names to reflect paid memberships – we will put together a new strategy to convince non-members to join our association.

- Considering advertisements on the back cover (which is now blank) to offset expenses. We are thinking of business card size ads. We will ask members/neighbors first before we approach other possible supporters. The price will most likely be a little less for homeowners.

Please let us know what you think – we will also discuss this at the upcoming Annual Meeting on December 4th.

2019 Budget

We have just approved a new 2019 budget which we will share at the annual meeting. John Goodman has done an excellent job of watching our pennies. Stay tuned for a new strategy for increasing membership.

PAVING

While the new roads are excellent, there are still some unfinished items (such as retaining fences). We think that the state requires them to stay in place for a specific amount of time. We are checking into this.

THE BIG DAM

As we have discussed previously, to stay in compliance with the State Dam Act, we need to be proactive in keeping the trees along the dam thinned and trimmed. Last week we had an arborist visit to evaluate the current situation. The trees are in serious need of pruning and the arborist, in conjunction with our Garden Club, will be making recommendations. Thanks to the Garden Club for coordinating this effort!!

SPEEDING

The morning dash to the high school is significantly better, but we have a few that have not gotten the message. If you have a license plate #, we can give it to Leesville High School. Kelly is working with the LHS principal and is sending him a thank you note from the neighborhood. He has been a tremendous help and we are sorry to see him leaving. He seriously deserves his recent promotion!

SCHOOL BENCHES

The school bus benches have been a big hit. Soon it will be time for staining and we will be looking for volunteers to help! Again, thanks to Jim Brennan and his crew for the excellent job!

COMMUNICATION

The new Facebook page is up and running – this page is strictly for our residents. Again, thanks to VP Kelly Scofield. Lots of great and timely info!

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

SEA Attorney

Our attorney, Todd Whitlow, has had staff turnover and is still working on clearly delineating ownership and title of all common areas. We want to be completely certain of appropriate titling. This will help as the Leesville Road project begins. We should have more detailed information before the annual meeting.

BLOCK CAPTAINS

We have a goal to utilize the block captains more in the future. They can be a huge help with the directory, concerns in their area, welcoming new neighbors and assisting in emergency situations. We are assessing the current “blocks” and “captains”. Then we will put together a job-description to get everyone on the same page.

CREEPY Cul-de-sac Halloween

This will be in Duckview Ct. (off Lakewood) the afternoon of October 27th (3:30 – 6:30) Pizza and dessert!!! Katie Kellett has been kind enough to organize this event. It should be a spooky event for the neighborhood ghouls, ghosts and goblins!

FISHING RODEO

We are set! Come try to lasso the biggest fish! The date is Saturday, Nov. 3 from 9-11AM, with prizes awarded immediately following. We have decided to recognize two groups. Children 8 and under and children 9 and above will be eligible for T-shirts. SE owners and their guests are invited. We hope to see you there.

OTHER ISSUES:

- Please be aware that Wake County has a leash law. We have had a few complaints of dogs being walked without leashes.
- Please remember to respect your neighbors’ and everyone’s property values by keeping your yards neat in accordance with the covenants. Downed trees should be removed and compost piles should not be in the front yard.
- Please be considerate of neighbors when blowing leaves.

Hopefully, you can see you have a busy and dedicated Board of Directors. We appreciate your support and will continue to ask for volunteers for future projects.

Thanks to everyone for making Springdale Estates such a great neighborhood! We hope to see you at the annual meeting!

Steve Collins and your SEA board,

VP	Kelly Scofield
Secretary	Trish Collins
Treasurer	John Goodman