

Springdale Estates Association Quarterly Update

January 24th, 2020

Greetings neighbors! We trust your 2020 is off to a great start.

As far as Springdale Estates we will be facing many challenges and opportunities. The first board meeting of the year was held this past Tuesday, and there is a lot of information to share!

LEESVILLE ROAD WIDENING

It looked like many of the neighbors attended the pre-planning meeting at Leesville High School. The board discussed the current plans at length and have decided that certain modifications would improve the safety of the project and lessen the impact to Springdale Estates. I have written a letter (approved by the board) to the head engineer of the project which outlines our concerns and suggestions. The letter is attached for your review. Schematics are on the SEA website. The key items are:

1. The project involves much more than what we feel is needed.
2. By not permitting a left turn out of, or into O'Neal Road at the North entrance would only lead to an increase in traffic throughout the neighborhood and be a major safety concern for children and walkers.
3. If a traffic light and turning lane were added at the North entrance, this would allow pedestrians to cross Leesville Road at both entrances.
4. If pedestrians were allowed to cross at both entrances, that may alleviate the need for a pedestrian path on both sides of the street – possibly saving some yards and the large oak trees.
5. If this is a State project that is being implemented by the City, we feel we should have the opportunity to meet with a state representative. We have asked for this to be arranged.

STRICKLAND TOWNHOUSE REZONING

Everyone has noticed the signs in the neighborhood alerting you to the City Council meeting on February 4th at 6:30M. A vote will be taken that night.

Just to keep everyone up to date on the latest, Kirk Stull and I have met with 4 of the council members and another is scheduled this week. All those we have met with, including the councilman representing our area (David Knight) seem to be in our court and cannot figure out why the City Planning Commission would propose such a deviation from the City Long Term Plan. All of the council members we have met with say the meetings were most informative and give them a much better perspective of the situation. You may attend the meeting, but we will have a strong turnout. At the meeting, Kirk Stull of Woody Hill, Chris Grindstaff of Springdale Gardens and me (Steve Collins) will be allowed 2 minutes each to speak. The 3 of us are meeting again this afternoon to coordinate messaging so that we are not all saying the same thing. Man, I will be glad if we can put this one to bed. Kirk and I are now on a first name basis at the City Council office!

DIVIDING LOTS

For some reason, we have recently had a few requests from owners asking to divide their lots. As stated in the covenants, no lot may be divided! If a property owner were to do that, ANY other property owner in Springdale Estates could initiate legal action.

SPRINGDALE LAKE DAM

You may recall from the annual meeting, that the State has changed the “risk” level of the dam from medium to high. This could impact our insurance. The reason for the change is there is one house downstream that could be impacted resulting in “loss of life”. That homeowner has informed us that he is not even in the possible flood zone and has city sewer. He fought with the city for many months and has all documentation which he will share with us. Consequently, we will be appealing the State’s latest assessment.

MEMBERSHIP

At the last annual meeting, we also discussed our declining membership in the Association. Over the past couple of years we have had significant turnover in the neighborhood. We will be developing a letter for all current non-members asking them to join. We realize that many new folks do not even know about the Association. Hopefully this will increase membership. If you can help with new neighbors, that would be greatly appreciated.

FINANCIALS

The SEA is in excellent financial shape. John Goodman has done a magnificent job keeping our expenditures in line. We still need new members and resulting income. We hope to do some major improvements around the Lake.

The next Annual Meeting will be Nov. 17th at Tabernacle Church – 6:30 pm – 8PM.

Upcoming 2020 Events:

Easter Egg Hunt / Fishing Rodeo / Halloween Party/ Antique Car show/ Adult Social and More

Thanks to everyone for being caring neighbors!

Steve & the Board