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## **Springdale Estates Association**

### **President's Letter**

**April 10, 2022**

I am very pleased to serve as the President of the Springdale Estates Association for the next two years. Kelly Scofield did a tremendous job during a very tough time; I hope I can do so as well!

We first lived in Springdale 1994 - 1998. When we had the chance to move back to Raleigh in 2006, we couldn't resist the opportunity to live here again. Springdale is just that kind of neighborhood — a highly desirable place to live due to its location, large, wooded lots with mature trees and diverse housing styles. People are always surprised by the size of our neighborhood and that there are over 350 homes hidden in here! I admit I am still learning the roads, courts, trails and cul-de-sacs.

In becoming President, I took the opportunity to review the 45+ years of newsletters, Board minutes, files and memorabilia. As the neighborhood approaches 50 years, some issues are still the same - unleashed dogs, speeding, and how best to maintain our iconic white fence on Leesville Road. Other issues - like the beavers that caused a lot of trees to fall over into our big lake in the 1990s and had to be relocated, or the planned widening of Leesville Road — have receded for the moment.

Through all of those 50 years, what has impressed me most was the neighborly bonds between many residents, and the volunteer efforts that make Springdale Estates function. From digging ditches for drainage and erosion control, laying new gravel paths for our big lake, or cleaning and painting the fence, the work volunteers have contributed through the years is significant.

I hope to meet more of you in the coming months - whether at our neighborhood yard sale April 30th, one of our other events we look forward to planning in 2022, or if you are walking down the end of Lakewood Drive (where we can talk about my garden!)

We welcome our many new residents and encourage you to come to one of our events this year - with the COVID 19 restrictions eased, we can once again have our neighborhood yard sale, neighborhood cleanup day, fishing rodeo, adult social, Halloween party, and Christmas light contest. Look out for announcements and further information!

- **SPEEDING:** watch your speed - whether it's students trying to get to school on time, or parents driving their kids to school, or a resident driving to work, speeding is a perennial problem. You may have noticed a "your speed is" sign on O'Neal. There are also residents using apps that can capture your speed as you drive by. We continue to have good productive conversations with all of the principals at the Leesville campus and the Wake County Sheriff's department. Speeding is a safety issue, makes our neighborhood less desirable and we will continue to deploy new solutions to slow down!
- **NO OPEN BURNING ON RED FLAG DAYS:** Although open burning is allowed in Wake County, you must check first if there are any **red flag alerts** -- [www.weather.com](http://www.weather.com) and [www.weather.gov](http://www.weather.gov) are two places that can be checked.

A **Red Flag Warning** means warm temperatures, very low humidities, and stronger winds are expected to produce an increased risk of fire danger.

- If you are allowed to burn in your area, all burn barrels must be covered with a weighted metal cover, with holes no larger than 3/4 of an inch.

- Do not throw cigarettes or matches out of a moving vehicle. They may ignite dry grass on the side of the road and create a wildfire.

- Extinguish all outdoor fires properly. Drown fires with plenty of water and stir to make sure everything is cold to the touch. Dunk charcoal in water until cold. Do not throw live charcoal on the ground and leave it.

- Never leave a fire unattended. Sparks or embers can blow into leaves or grass, ignite a fire which can quickly spread.

- **SPRINGDALE ESTATES NEIGHBORHOOD YARD SALE:** April 30th, with Springdale Gardens.
- **DOGS:** Dogs should be leashed and owners should be conscientiously clean up after your dog.

- LONG TERM SURVEY: We will be sending out a survey to get your thoughts on what our priorities should be in the next few years. Our last long term survey was done in 2008 (available on the [www.springdaleestates.org](http://www.springdaleestates.org) website).

SPRINGDALE ESTATES OPEN BOARD POSITIONS: we currently need Area DIRECTORS for Areas 4 & 5 and come summer also in Area 3. What are the obligations? Approximately a 2-hour meeting quarterly and desire to make an impact where you live. Topics we address include front entrance and lake beautification and maintenance, events, and issues of concern to residents (i.e., speeding, open burning, vandalism, etc.).

**Current Springdale Estates Board:**

President	Alyson Emanuel
Vice President	Todd Baughman
Treasurer	Frank Segal
Secretary	Kelly Scofield
Area Director 1	Krysta Fuchs
Area Director 2	Gene Addresso
Area Director 3	Van Cotter
Area Director 4	open
Area Director 5	open

**Upcoming events:**

Springdale Estates Association Board meeting: April 20th

Annual Meeting: tentative date November 15, 2022

***Thanks for your support! If you haven't already, please take a moment to pay your 2022 dues.***

***Alyson Emanuel, President, and the rest of the Springdale Estates Board***