

Springdale Estates Association
President's Letter
August 16, 2022

Greetings during a hot humid summer! I am ready for some cooler weather, and so is my lawn.

Welcome to our new residents — we encourage you to come to one of the neighborhood events this fall (see Upcoming Events), such as our fishing rodeo, adult social, Fall Fun Run, Halloween party, or Christmas light contest. Look out for announcements and further information.

The Board is working a few key projects. We welcome your input, concerns, and questions.

Long Term survey: We will be sending out a survey in September 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 at the www.springdaleestates.org/7.html website).

The survey will ask about the priorities for you and your family:

- 1) Community aesthetics and maintenance issues such as: the white fencing along Leesville, vegetation along the dam at the big lake, landscaping at our entrances and other common areas, and stormwater management/ flooding
- 2) Communication about issues in Springdale Estates, content and ease of navigation on our webpage, President's letters, and timeliness of alerts
- 3) Neighborhood events such as the neighborhood yard sale, Fall Fun run, Halloween, Springdale Cleanup day, and luminarias in the winter holidays
- 4) Community safety topics

Big Lake and vegetation along the dam: The big lake and the dam are owned by the Springdale Estates Association. We have been implementing several recommendations made in the 2008 Long Range survey and NC dam guidelines to improve the safety and resilience of the dam, and improve the lake water quality. Specifically, beneficial aquatic and shoreline plants were planted to mitigate the erosion along the lakefront and improve the water quality in the lake itself. We understand it is important to balance access to the lake as well as preserving its natural beauty. We will be asking for your input on how to manage the shoreline vegetation in the Long Range survey.

Landscaping at the entrances: With the onboarding of our new gardener, Norman Rabins, owner of Garden and Art landscaping (<https://www.landscapingraleigh.com>), and the completion of the sidewalk project at the

south entrance (traffic light), you will notice Norman and his crew working to rehabilitate the entrances. When you see their neon green safety vests, please make an effort to slow down on your way in and out of the neighborhood.

Speeding: with students soon to return to school, it’s worth saying a few words about speeding. Whether it’s students trying to get to school on time, or others cutting through the neighborhood and driving too fast, speeding is a problem. Speeding is a safety issue, makes our neighborhood less desirable and we will continue to deploy new solutions to address this issue! **Drivers making sudden moves can also be a problem**, as evidenced by a recent crash into our white brick wall at the north entrance. Thank goodness, no one was hurt. An insurance claim has been made and we expect to have an adjuster on site soon.

Springdale Estates Association Board: we recently voted in Ryan Wilson as Area Director for Area 3, replacing Van Cotter, and Sonia Vega for Area 5. **We currently need an Area DIRECTOR for Area 2.** What are the obligations? Approximately a 2-hour meeting quarterly and a desire to make an impact where you live. Topics we address include community aesthetics and maintenance, events, and other issues of concern. Please see the website for recent Board minutes, and contact us if you are interested.

Springdale Estates Association Board (Aug. 20 2022)

Title	Name	Term
President	Alyson Emanuel	2022-2023
Vice President	Todd Baughman	2021-2022
Treasurer	Frank Segal	2021-2022
Secretary	Kelly Scofield	2022-2023
Area Director 1	Krysta Marcuson	2021-2022
Area Director 2	vacant	2022-2023
Area Director 3	Ryan Wilson	2021-2022
Area Director 4	Maddie Segal	2021-2022
Area Director 5	Sonia Vega	2022-2023

Upcoming events:

- Springdale Estates Cleanup day: October 2, 2022 from 1-4 pm
- Fall Fun run Saturday October 29, 2022 starting at 2 pm, followed by the Halloween Party from 4:30 - 6:30 pm

- Springdale Estates Association Annual meeting: November 16, 2022, 7 - 9pm.
Southbridge Fellowship Church, 12621 Strickland Road

Thanks for your support! If you haven't already, please take a moment to pay your \$150 dues for 2022. You can pay 2 ways:

1. Paypal, by clicking [this link.](#), or
2. Send a check to:
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Raleigh, NC 27613

Alyson Emanuel, SEA President, and the rest of the Springdale Estates Association Board