

# Springdale Estates Association Quarterly Update

September 2023

## **Back to school, and speeding is yet again an issue**

The anti-speeding committee has prioritized 3 groups of activities:

- enabling clear line of sight: there are several homes on O'Neal and intersection streets where vegetation blocks/ impairs the ability to see oncoming cars. We will be working with these homeowners to cut this vegetation back. The large shrubs at the entrances that block/impair ability to see traffic on Leesville Road will also be pruned or removed.
- law enforcement at random times and data on number of car and speeding (deploying car counting and "your speed is" devices). We also will have a meeting with LRHS new principal Ms. Shejuanna Jacobs in September.
- traffic calming options: we have learned speed bumps are not allowed on state maintained roads, but speed tables are (see link below). Stop signs are not recommended by NCDOT because they find drivers ignore them. We are looking into the cost and impacts of installing several speed tables. The topic will be voted on at the Annual Meeting.

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## **Directory refresh**

Paul MacDougal will be sending out the information for each household in the current directory for changes or confirmations.

## **Special meeting approved and irrigation project approved**

70 SEA members voted in the special meeting, and the irrigation project was passed by a margin of 2:1 (47 yes, 23 no). In addition, the voting by email was strongly supported (62 yes, 8 no). The SEA Board has authorized the service providers to submit permit applications, which can take several weeks. We will be updating the Irrigation Project Background on the website.

## **Upcoming events:**

**Clean up day:** Saturday, October 14th from 1 - 3. Need 10 volunteers! Free safety vest! Coordinators: Katie Coss and Alyson Emanuel. Proposed tasks:

- Wash street signs, stop signs, speed limit signs etc (6-8 people).

- Pick up trash/ sticks on Leesville Road, cut back vegetation along white fence (2 people). There will be a truck to walk behind to throw the trash, sticks and cut vegetation.

**Bring your branches and sticks to the curb! On Friday - Saturday October 13 - 14,** SEA members can bring your big sticks and branches to your curb. With the recent storms, there are a lot of sticks and branches along the roads, and we are sure some in your yards. We have hired Norman Rabins and his crew to pick them up — no shrub clippings or leaves (or trees), and take care not to block your mailbox. If you wish to participate, please send an email with your name and address to [pres@springdaleestates.org](mailto:pres@springdaleestates.org) so we can plan appropriately.

**Halloween:** Saturday, October 28 from 4:00 to 6:30, at the cul de sac at the end of Lakewood Drive (the north end or the end farthest from O'Neal). We will have games, prizes, and a parade! And a costume contest for the adults!

**Annual Meeting:** Wednesday, November 15 @7 - 9 pm, at the Southbridge Fellowship Church 12621 Strickland Rd, Raleigh, NC 27613

### **Volunteers needed!**

The current SEA Board has the following vacancies:

- Treasurer: immediate opening, as Kevin Welsh has resigned his role (effort required is estimated at 2 hours /week, more during dues collections and immediately proceeding the Annual Meeting). We thank Kevin for all his work and support.
- Secretary: Maddie Segal will be ending her term end of 2023. Effort estimated at 4 hours/ month
- Area 2 Director: Effort estimated at 3 hours/month
- Area 5 Director: Effort estimated at 3 hours/month

Please contact Alyson Emanuel ([pres@springdaleestates.org](mailto:pres@springdaleestates.org)) for more information or you are interested!

*Alyson and the SEA Board*