

Neighbors,

We are off to another year here in Stephens Grove. The annual meeting held on January 17th was well attended and proved that many people are interested in what's going on in their neighborhood.

In this letter I would like to share with you some of the questions and thoughts from the annual meeting brought to discussion and highlight what actions have taken place.

- I have heard that there will be a nature trail in the common area.
 - This is only in the infancy stages. We will start with a feasibility study and then a survey. Once we have determined if it is feasible, then information would be brought to the membership via the Board Meetings for discussion. Chris Zangara, the Vice President on the Board has taken ownership of the Nature Trail project.
- How can we get additional street lights?
 - A member of the community is currently researching the feasibility of this request.
- When will the town resurface the streets?
 - Not soon. From previous discussion with the town, our streets are not scheduled for resurfacing for several years; however Audrey Cruz and Kevin Fox at the Town are the best contacts to try to expedite this.
- A member of the community has been in contact with the Town to discuss expanding the sidewalks to the neighborhood from Richard Barry Park.
 - One part that may take place with Federal funds (if available) is a sidewalk from Barry Park to Stephens Road.
- Lighting for the basketball court?
 - As the common grounds close at dusk, the Board decided not to pursue lights for the court.
- Who can we contact about potholes in the turn from Beatties Ford Rd. onto Stephens Rd?
 - NCDOT. These are state-maintained roads.
- What can we do about habitual speeders in the neighborhood?
 - The Board did look into speed bumps, but due to the roads being town roads and low usage, this can not be accomplished. We did have mobile radar set up for all us to view our speed on Stephens Grove Lane. The town will also be painting stop strips at our stop signs.
 - **Note: when I was jogging the other day, I observed neighbors ignoring the stop signs when the entering the neighborhood.**
- Can we get a broadcast email reminding people not to park in the street?
 - Please contact Hawthorne Management; they will follow up as necessary.
- A Community Survey, either by paper or by the website, was discussed as a method to get a firm understanding of the homeowners' priorities. This idea was met with enthusiastic agreement.
 - A survey was discussed at the February Board meeting and will be reviewed for publication.
- When was the last time the Stephens Grove Directory was updated - 2007?
 - We have a volunteer, look for updates

I want to thank the numerous residents for the e-mails I received over the past couple of weeks since being in this role. I hope for a great year and look forward to working with the board and meeting many of my neighbors.

I am sure that many of us are ready for the warm weather to return and as my children asked the other day, when does the pool open?

Thank you, Bob Brethen