

December 14, 2021

Hello Friends!

It's been so nice to see our neighborhood so beautifully decorated for the holidays! We have a few things to share in this update:

- Requests for Help
- Financial Status
- Speed Limit Survey Results/Progress
- Stop Sign Replacement

Requests for Help

Several of you have asked how you can help with our efforts. Here are a couple of suggestions:

Welcome Committee

We would like to start a welcome committee, to provide a small welcome basket/information when new neighbors move in. However, the Board is already stretched thin, so if this is to happen, it will need a small group of volunteers. The Board will provide the information regarding home turnover, but we are looking for someone to lead the outreach to new neighbors. If you can help with this, please let us know!

Realtor Information

If your family decides to move, PLEASE inform your realtor of our Road Maintenance Association. We are happy to provide any information needed directly to the realtor if you will just provide them our contact info: ledforddownsroads@gmail.com or 336-688-5335. It is imperative to our long-term efforts that new neighbors moving in are aware of our Association when they purchase their home.

Speed Limit Survey Results

The speed limit survey was sent to all LDRMA members, and we received 33 responses.

94% agreed to **use the LDRMA funds** to purchase speed limit signs. **58%** voted for a neighborhood-wide speed limit of **20 MPH** (21% for 15 MPH and 24% for 25 MPH). As for the **number of signs** needed, the large majority fell between **2 and 6**, with a few outliers at 8-10 and even a bit higher.

Board Decisions

The Board reviewed the results in detail at our December meeting and decided that **we will start with 6 signs**:

- One on White Oak near the entrance to the neighborhood
- One on Beech Ridge near the entrance to the neighborhood
- Two on White Oak near the Bent Pine intersection, one facing each direction (on the right side of the road)
- Two on Beech Ridge near the Bent Pine intersection, one facing each direction (on the right side of the road)

Sign Installation

If you live near any of these areas, we may reach out to you soon regarding placement of a sign in your yard. Rest assured that **we will have all utilities marked before digging/installing these signs**, and we will keep the signs **within the standard right-of-way** near the edge of the road.

We have a neighbor who can obtain 12' sign posts at a reduced cost for us, but **we need a post driver (machine) and expertise in using it to perform the installations**. *Does anyone in our neighborhood have access to this and/or knowledge in this area?* This would save us money on installation costs.

Sign Design

Below is the design that won the most votes, and we have ordered 6 of these:



Financial Update

After purchasing the speed limit signs, we now have about \$5500 in the bank. Giving has been slow over the past couple of months. While this is not entirely unexpected, given the “big push” we had in September to pave, and the fact that it’s the holidays, we encourage everyone to reevaluate their pledge at the beginning of the year. Keep in mind that **if each family contributes \$50/month, we will be able to pave Phase 1b within the year**. This is only **about \$1.50 per day**, a worthwhile investment for our roads, our cars, and our home values!

Stop Sign Replacement

Perhaps you’ve noticed the new un-graffitied stop sign at the top of White Oak. This is thanks to:

- a suggestion made by a neighbor as part of our recent speed limit survey
- a few minutes of research and a request made to the DOT by a Board Member
- the DOT fulfilling the request in just a day!

Who knew it would be that easy? A little effort goes a long way toward making our neighborhood better!

As always, let us know by email or at 336-688-5335 if you have any questions or concerns. You can send payments via Paypal or Venmo to ledforddownsroads@gmail.com. You can also mail a paper check to:

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We wish you and your families a very happy holiday season!

Your LDRMA Board