

Road Conditions, Traffic, and Safety Assessment Update Spring, 2018

Over the last few months, the LRSCA board has become aware of a variety of transportation related concerns in our neighborhoods – including poorly repaired potholes, illegal speeding and parking, faded and outdated street signs, and congestion during school pick-up times. In response, our Planning and Zoning Committee has agreed to conduct a thorough assessment of these and related roadway issues.

Currently, we have volunteers walking each section of neighborhood street, photographing any potholes, broken sidewalks, unreadable signs, parking violations, or traffic flow problems they encounter. We also plan to obtain school bus route information from DeKalb County School District and traffic accident data from the DeKalb County Police Department. This information will help us evaluate the severity of these concerns and prioritize the most critical areas to be addressed.

You can assist in this effort by reporting any for the following to LRSCA*:

- Potholes, road buckles, excessive debris, or any other significant road surface imperfection
- Broken, uneven, or overgrown sidewalks; dangerous locations lacking a sidewalk
- Any traffic sign (stop, parking, speed limit, crosswalk, etc) that is in disrepair
- Locations with chronic speeding, parking, or congestion problems
- Blind turns/hills, dangerous intersections, or other areas lacking appropriate signage
- Other transportation infrastructure concerns, including streetlights and storm drains

Please include a photograph of your concern, if possible. Also, please note that our jurisdiction only covers residential streets within Laurel Ridge / Shamrock neighborhoods. If you have concerns about N Druid Hills Rd, Lawrenceville Hwy, or Pangborn Rd (or any other road within the larger North Decatur / DeKalb County area), address those directly to the DeKalb County Department of Roads and Drainage at (404) 297-3840. If the Roads and Drainage department is not responsive to your concerns, feel free to let us know.

For those of you who have already made your concerns known to LRSCA, you are probably wondering when your issue is going to be addressed. We know it is frustrating to drive over the same pothole day after day, but we assure you that we are making steady progress toward addressing your concerns.

Right now, LRSCA is gathering information about all roadway related concerns in our neighborhood. Once we document and prioritize our wants and needs, we will speak in greater detail with the County regarding realistic options to address our concerns. LRSCA then plans to present available alternatives to all Laurel Ridge / Shamrock residents for feedback. Finally, it will be up to the Roads and Drainage Department to execute whatever improvements are agreed to. Also, our Representative Renitta Shannon has agreed to lend us her support with fixing potholes.

This leads to the final way you can help guide the direction of this project -- We appreciate any feedback you have on how you would like to see these issues resolved. Informally, we have had discussions with residents about possible speed bumps, modifications to school parking zones, and crosswalk improvements. Any requests we make will be subject to financial considerations, but for now "all options are on the table." So, if you think you have the perfect solution for addressing traffic, parking, or speeding on your street, we want to hear from you!

*Please address all inquiries, tips, or feedback related to the LRSCA road conditions/safety project to Whitney McGinniss at (404) 904-1254 or wlmcginniss@gmail.com.