The Flower Estates Civic Association Board is looking out for you.

It’s been a busy first half of the year for the FECA Board. We want to share some of the highlights in this mid-year update. Before we begin the list below, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to the family of Ken Miller for his years of service to the FECA Board. His kind and wise presence is missed by all.

--Assisting N. Dogwood homeowners negatively impacted by the developer of the construction site where “Fat Spoon” is located. This work includes repeatedly contacting Code Enforcement, Parish Planning, and attending Zoning Commission meetings as necessary.

--Repairing damaged lighting at the Flowers North sign at Zinnia Drive; saving money by having Cleco illuminate the sign from existing pole.

--Working with Wildlife and Fisheries and state Environmental Services to stop discharge of raw sewage at Pelican Landing Strip Mall.

--Shutting down a drug rehab facility being operated by a renter on Zinnia Drive.

--Communicating with Brookfield Properties, the new owners of the Colonial Pinnacle/Nord du Lac site to have the aeration system repaired on their large retention pond and to stop commercial trash dumpsters from being emptied at 3:30 a.m.

--Interacting with Brookfield Properties regarding their interest in opening a Costco on the same site. As explained in last December’s Annual General Meeting, deed restrictions in place since the Smart Growth Tammany lawsuit against the original developer prohibit any big box store being built on the site.

Some board members are opposed to any modification of the deed restrictions. Other board members feel that negotiating possible modifications in order to obtain protections for the residents of Begonia Drive (who will feel the most impact from whatever is built on that site) makes sense. If Brookfield presents a proposal with appropriate protections for the residents, the decision will be in the hands of the Flower Estates lot owners as set forth in the lawsuit settlement agreement. Any change requires 51% of the lot owners to agree.

At the Annual General Meeting, when Nancy Wagner presented a history of the deed restrictions, she was unaware that apartments are permitted in Colonial Pinnacle’s HC-3 zoning. Apartments could be built by Brookfield without any need for them to request a change of zoning.

--Working with Councilman Marty Dean to pursue adding a right-turn lane on Hyacinth Drive to Hwy 21.

--Working with Marty Dean to request the parish conduct a traffic study to have stop signs installed at the PJs/Chase Bank strip malls.

--Working with the parish and DOTD to monitor and promote progress on the long-proposed bike path along Hwy. 21 and into Colonial Pinnacle.

--Defeating a new resident’s request for a variance of the required 50 foot front setback at the parish Board of Adjustments. Both the Flower Estates restrictive covenants and the parish’s zoning rules require a 50 foot front setback; the resident was requesting a 25 foot setback.

--Consulting with Chase Bank’s Facilities Manager to have them remove the storm-damaged fence between their parking lot and the first house on Hyacinth Drive and replace it with a new fence. Communications included following up with the Facilities Manager to thank her for the good job done by their contractor.

--Starting in July/August to clean up and improve the park at Zinnia Drive.

--Starting in July/August changes to our website, one of which includes a way to pay the annual dues ($35) online.

--Special thanks to Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on N. Marigold for the invitation to use their parking area in light of a possible high water event. Fortunately Barry wasn’t as bad as predicted, but in the event of other threatened high water, the church said the offer continues to apply.

*Greetings residents of Flowers Estates! My name is Danny Koyn, and I am the Pastor at Holy Trinity Lutheran Church on N. Marigold …we wanted to invite anyone who needs to store vehicles, boats, etc on higher ground to use our parking lot…We merely ask you start at the back and work forward! We are glad and proud to be your neighbors and we wanted to make our parking area available to you. Be safe, and Lord's Blessings to all of our neighbors. -Pastor Koyn*

--If you have a question, concern or suggestion, please contact any of the board members. Contact information is posted on the Flowers’ website [www.flowerestates.com](http://www.flowerestates.com).

The FECA Board

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