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Mission Maintain safe roads. Bring issues to the attention of the Road Commission and obtain their help to correct them. Maximize the lifetime of road pavement, keep the roads in good condition, and help them to look as good as possible. Monitor road maintenance issues and develop a 5-year plan for best maintenance, with consideration for the county's responsibilities. Get immediate, severe problems fixed with help from the Road Commission. Keep an inventory of ongoing road problems, review easement issues, and monitor sewer drains. Maintain a good relationship with the Road Commission to keep them aware of our road needs. Work with their appropriate members to report issues, hazards, and keep them cognizant of their responsibilities.

History

In 1987 the dirt roads were paved via an assessment of LSA members and under supervision of the Road Commission. The original pavement lasted for 31 years. When the road condition deteriorated in 2017, the Association voted to improve them. In 2018, a repaving of the roads was completed under the supervision of the County. The LSA paid \$1.6 million in a county special assessment, and the roads were engineered with a 20-year life expectancy.

Plan

Encourage all residents to monitor road/drain issues, especially near their homes, and report problems to the Committee for resolution as quickly as possible. Develop a 5-year plan for road maintenance.

The Committee is currently focusing on the quality of the roads and preparing a maintenance plan. After only five years, there are many cracks on the edges of the road as well as some in the road. There are unsightly rust spots on the surface of the entire road system that are of uncertain maintenance concern. Erosion is especially noticed on the hill entrance/exit shoulders of Ledgewood Dr. The committee is engaging with several road consultants to help with a 5-year plan and develop a maintenance budget to complement the county's plans. The Committee has a proposal from a firm to develop a 5-year plan though it is not yet prepared to recommend it.

The current pavement from the 2018 paving has a projected 20-year life span, of which there are 15 years remaining. We hope to extend the life span and defer the next repaving as long as reasonably possible. Representatives from the Road Commission state that they expect to complete a road maintenance and crack sealing project in the future; this will be the solitary county-paid project of its kind during the 20-year lifetime of our roads. If further preventive maintenance is required, besides filling potholes, it will be at our discretion and from our budget.

The intersection at Ledgewood Dr and Faussett Rd was thought to be a safety issue as a partially blind intersection; upon the committee's request, the county severely cut back bushes and trees along Faussett to lessen the problem. Last year, the committee brought the dangerous curves at the dam area to the attention of the Road Commission, and new signage was placed to advise motorists. The Committee seeks input from residents about other safety issues so they can be resolved quickly. We are especially concerned about winter safety issues.

The Committee also wants to encourage residents to maintain their easement areas and road shoulders near them that don't have nearby residences. We can expect periodic maintenance from the County, but certainly not frequent enough to keep the area looking good. This includes trash removal, weed/grass mowing, drain cleaning, downed tree removal, and miscellaneous eyesores! We certainly thank many residents for the wonderful cooperation provided each year to keep the road shoulders in good repair! Two members planted daffodil bulbs along the length of Ledgewood Drive to beautify the area each spring!