

# SCENIC FOOTHILLS COMMUNITY COUNCIL

## April 2005 Newsletter

### SCENIC PARK UPDATES

#### Sound Barrier

There has been a lot of ongoing discussion about the fate of the old sound barrier along Tudor Road as it starts its curve to Muldoon Road. Some portions have been removed, but to date nothing has been reconstructed.

Because the barrier sits within the State's road right-of-way, Municipal tax money cannot be spent for the fix. Some State funding was obtained by Representative Harry Crawford and his predecessor, Ramona Barnes. Design work and the necessary right of way and utility relocations were obtained. The remaining funds were insufficient to complete the project, now managed by the Municipality on behalf of the State, when it was bid by the contractor during the Patterson Road upgrades.

Neighbors have raised legitimate safety concerns as well as noise complaints from the lack of a proper barrier.

Project Manager Russ Oswald will be at our April meeting to describe an alternate design believed to be feasible with existing funds. **It is very important that neighbors from this Scenic Park area review these plans at the meeting.**

#### Drainage issues

There have been several discussions at past Council meetings about the existing drainage problems, particularly at James & Deborah streets and also James & Irene streets. Concerns have also been raised about the possibility of the problem increasing from the adjacent development of the Scenic Park View subdivision and their inadequate maintenance or improvement of the existing drainage swale between the old and the new subdivisions.

A new storm drain system on James Street cannot be installed until the new subdivision has completed its drainage system, anticipated later this summer.

At the April meeting Russ Oswald will describe the current status of this project.

## **REZONE FOR PARKSIDE CHURCH SALE**

Wayland Baptist University is purchasing the property on East 32<sup>nd</sup> and Old Muldoon Road which in the past has been the Parkside Campus for the Faith Christian Community.

Although the church was a "permitted use" under the current residential zoning, in order for classes to be offered, Wayland University is seeking permission from the Municipality to rezone the property as PLI, or Public Lands and Institutions.

A presentation will be made at the April 7 meeting by the representatives of the University seeking the Council's support for the rezone and to answer any questions you may have.

Previously there were some complaints about noise, traffic and parking for the existing use. These representatives will be able to describe how such concerns are intended to be addressed by the new owners.

## **YARD SETBACK VARIANCE - UPLAND DRIVE**

Case No. 2005-56 has been filed with the Zoning Board of Examiners & Appeals, requesting a variance to allow the awning of the house located at 3300 Upland Drive to encroach into the required 20-foot front yard setback.

The petitioner will be invited to our April Council meeting to describe the request. You may also access information and comments on the variance request by its case number online at the following website: <http://munimaps.muni.org/planning/home3.htm>

## **ELECTION OF COUNCIL OFFICERS**

**The annual election of officers for your Community Council will be held during the April meeting.**

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**Next Meeting April 7, 2005**  
**7:00 PM Scenic Park Elementary**

**AGENDA**

Minutes

- APD Report
- Assembly Report
- Legislative Report
- School Report
- Board Officers Reports

Old Business/Updates

- Tudor Road sound barrier
- Scenic Park drainage

New Business

- Parkside Church rezone request
- Upland Drive variance request
- Election of Officers

Other Reports