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## PRESIDENT'S CORNER

### On Co-existing in a Fast Paced World

As a nation we love our cars. Since its inception, our interstate system has lured us to the open road, to new adventures, to greener grass. An entire industry was born because of this love affair with our vehicles. Fast food became a staple when we did not have to leave our cars to grab a meal, forever changing the way we feed our families in this country. Other entrepreneurs recognized the allure and added drive through windows to make life "easier," giving us even more time to spend behind the wheel. Even in our neighborhood, where we take pride in living the modern life at a slower pace, we still love our cars. We build massive garages in our backyards, sacrificing our lawns for our cars. Where garages won't fit, we park en masse on the streets, crowding our roads and altering the streetscape.

Of course, we need to drive. Our city is built for travel by car. We must go to work and buy groceries and ferry our children to soccer practice. We choose to walk when we can, but even in a neighborhood so close to downtown, we can't really get where we need to go in the time we have to get there any other way. Although our bus system is sprawling, it does not always provide us with a ride exactly when we need it, and our time is precious. No one would argue against saving time for family and friends and leisure.

The trouble comes when our need to drive (and our need to hurry) intersects with the sidewalk life that we also love here in Lockeland Springs. Walking our children to school and our dogs to the park is an everyday event for us. One of the attractions of our neighborhood is that we can walk to our locally owned bars and restaurants, enjoy a night out, and walk home without the danger of driving after having a drink. Our community lends itself to just stepping outside our doors to run or bike instead of getting in the car and driving to the gym. We like that.

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But, I am the first to acknowledge that I need my car. I value the freedom that it gives me to shop in a variety of places and to zip home from work as soon as I am finished instead of waiting for a bus. Yet, I, like you, would say that human life is more valuable than the extra seconds that rolling through a stop sign or failing to slow down at a crosswalk will gain me.

We have been lucky here in Lockeland Springs. We have not recently suffered the kind of horrific accident that took the life of my seventeen year -old student, Elena Zamora. We have not had to comfort inconsolable parents at the loss of a child to an inattentive driver or weep at the death of a dear friend to one distracted by a busy schedule. Driving is our right, but life is greater than liberty. Pedestrians are precious members of our society definitely worth the few minutes it costs us in the pursuit of our American driving dream.

Elizabeth Smith

President, Lockeland Springs Neighborhood Association

## LOCKELAND SPRINGS CHA CHING

So if you're like me, not too long ago, you started wondering what in the world was going on with the housing market here in Lockeland Springs. I mean there is not a week that goes by now that I don't thank God for the fact that we stumbled upon our home right before all hell broke loose with the market! Our house could sell for WHAT now?!!

I'm trying to get this. So you will understand where I am coming from, here is a little background. My husband and I were actually rescued from dwindling music royalty checks by real estate, so a few years ago, we became professional real estate...well real estate everything! We manage property, own property, buy and sell property, decorate property, stage property, well, you get it, we love this stuff! As much as I love it, I am still trying to understand this whole maddening change in property value and the desire of seemingly EVERYONE wanting to live here!

My husband, a musician and songwriter by birth, always moonlighted as a real estate guru. He always knew which neighborhood was going to be the next hot thing. I admit that I was a bit nervous moving to the East side, but I knew that he knew what he was doing and boy he was right again. I know, I know. Location, location, location! But I know there is more that makes this Lockeland Springs so great!

Lockeland Springs...hmmm. Cool name. Close to everything. Hip, trendy, cutting edge. I know

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An artist that was in prison for 30 years for a crime he didn't commit.

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This is our neighborhood and the PEOPLE are why it is so great! That's the Cha Ching.

**Written by Debra Geiger.**

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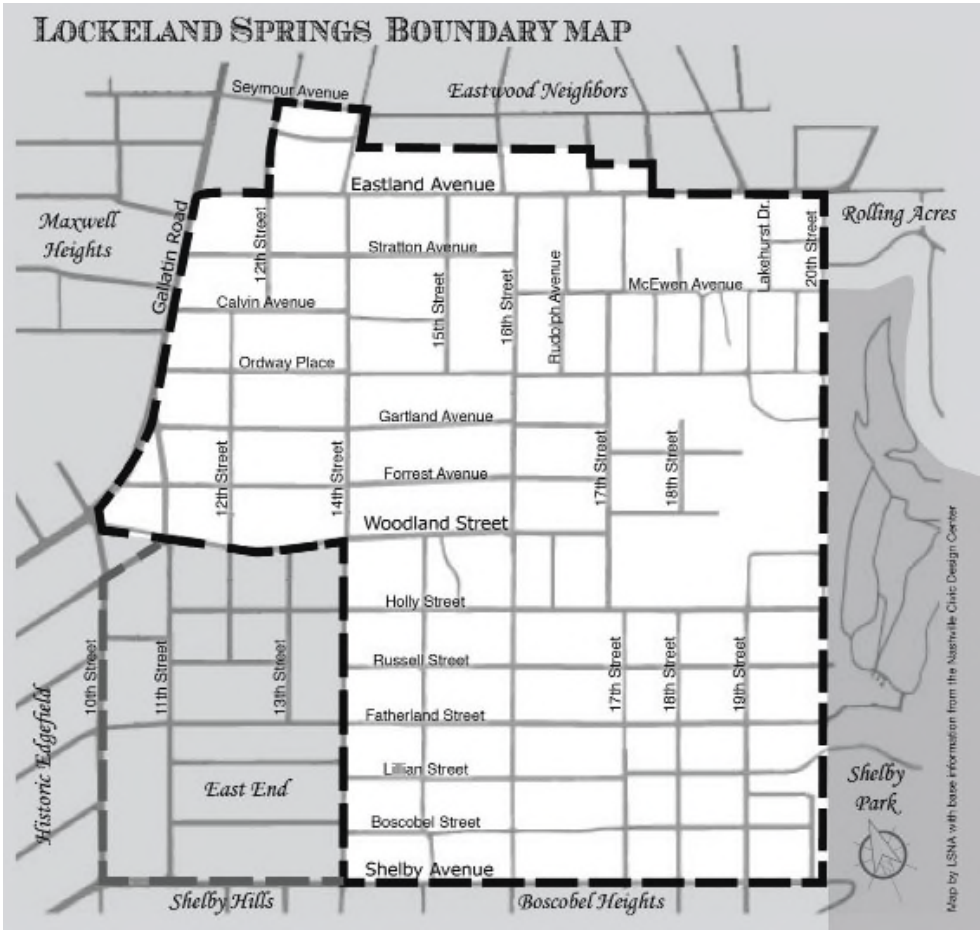
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