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Subject: Re: 385 Eastwood Place - Remodel
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Correction: My address is 965 Eastwood Place!

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On Mon, Oct 19, 2020 at 8:39 PM Liz Blank <liz@davidtroyer.com> wrote:

My name is Liz Blank. I live at 365 Eastwood Place. Over the years we have experienced many large projects on our street which is a long court. These projects have included large and mid-scale remodels, plus the removal of three pools and the recent addition of 2 new pools. These projects do enhance our property values but are also very disruptive for long periods of time and when they are back-to-back it feels like a war zone.

My concerns come from experiencing these projects. For example, my next door neighbor did a significant remodel and used contractors who put out OPEN dumpster containers they would fill to the brim and just a tad over before dumping! They did not cover this dumpster - it did not have a cover. On a regular basis, things flew out of that dumpster into my yard and other neighbors' yards plus into the street and my neighbor doing the work never seemed to notice the mess.

- Questions:
 - How do we compel our neighbors to respect our street and our properties during

the project? What are the things they have to do per code and what SHOULD they do?

- Who is responsible for keeping the street clean when trucks and workers leave substances of all types in the street? How is this enforced?

In addition, while the street becomes a work zone, many of us are working full time from home - working serious full-time jobs. It would be nice to compel neighbors to remember this and if appropriate at times when some of the work going on will be especially noisy we would be provided with some type of heads up in order to plan our work meetings or other work commitments accordingly. My husband's job requires that he have regular daily meetings with colleagues and employees who reside in different cities, states and countries. I am sure others on our street have other concerns about this that are specific to their circumstances which have become even more challenging during COVID.

- Questions

- Is there any way to compel neighbors to be responsible communicators? (I can hear the chuckles from your desks....)
- What can I do to effectively express my concerns?

One last thing, these neighbors are a nice young couple with two very small children. They own one of the largest homes on the largest lot on the street. There are only two drivers in their household and they have a three-car garage they have never used. They have three cars....two are on the driveway and one, which rarely is driven - sits on the street. In fact, right now they can't move it because the battery is dead. So it sits. We have a history of cars sitting on our street that never move. Our street is fairly narrow and has a bit of a curve to it when you turn onto or off of it. So cars block views for us on the street. Kids walking dogs and riding bikes can be hard to see. I bring this up here because all new construction projects require parking for trucks and workers' cars.

- Questions

- Can we have this particular car towed after 72 years?
- Can we compel people to use a certain portion of their garage for at least one car especially when there is a 3-car garage (yes, I hear more chuckling....) I am just frustrated by this!

Bottom line, I would like to understand the duration of the project, the noisiest portions of the work and the timing of these portions, and would like to be reassured that the construction company will be responsible for keeping all work 'artifacts' (garbage) off my property and off the street every single day they are working on our street. Is this realistic?

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