

March 24, 2022
815 East Scharf

To: Our Vergas City Council
Vergas, MN

Dear Major Bruhn and Council Members,

Thank you for all of your dedicated efforts to keep our little village a good place to live!

We are writing to you as a part of the Scharf neighborhood in lieu of our presence at the meeting you will have on March 28, 2022, as a Public Hearing about the Keilley Shores additional lots. We do have questions and concerns regarding this 14 lot addition to our East Scharf Avenue. They are as follows:

1. The recent building of new one family homes on this street on existing lots have required the usage of East Scharf for a large amount of heavy trucks and equipment. It took a heavy toll on the quality of the pavement and will already need a sizeable amount of repair. Has the city planned to address the repair needs already incurred and what will occur during the amount of construction anticipated on the added lots? We would also point out that there are still at least 6 empty lots already on Scharf that will also be built upon, incurring even more damage to this road.
2. East Scharf Avenue is currently the only entrance and exit for the 33 lots already in this neighborhood. It already seems a hazard threatening our access to enter and exit our own properties when there are large trucks blocking the road. In the event of a natural disaster, an emergency, excess snow, large equipment, even too many parked vehicles, access for the people residing here is easily blocked and prevented. This is a potentially dangerous situation for the entire neighborhood.

We hope to see another street being planned by the city on the east end of Scharf to accommodate the traffic and emergencies that are inevitable before the addition expands.

3. The homes on the east end of East Scharf may be threatened by the water runoff which already has been a problem for some with water coming from the south open field behind them.
4. Will the city zoning codes keep this street for single family dwellings only?
5. East Scharf is frequently used for walking and biking by entire families; their only alternative is to walk directly on the road. At least one sidewalk should be provided for pedestrians with consideration that there will be additional pedestrian presence on this small street.
6. As we suggest the street repairs needed, the need for another road to access East Scharf, water runoff drainage allowance and construction, and provisions for pedestrians, we wonder if we will be paying for the improvements needed because Keilley Shores is an attractive place to live and will be growing. We would like to point out that the residents already living here have little to gain from the sale of the additional 14 lots and should not be expected to pay for improvements needed due to property sales and profits of others. Many of us on Scharf are on fixed and limited incomes and being a part of Vergas should not be allowed to burden us financially.

Thank you for your careful and thoughtful consideration on this matter.

Respectfully,

Stephen and Carmen Moore