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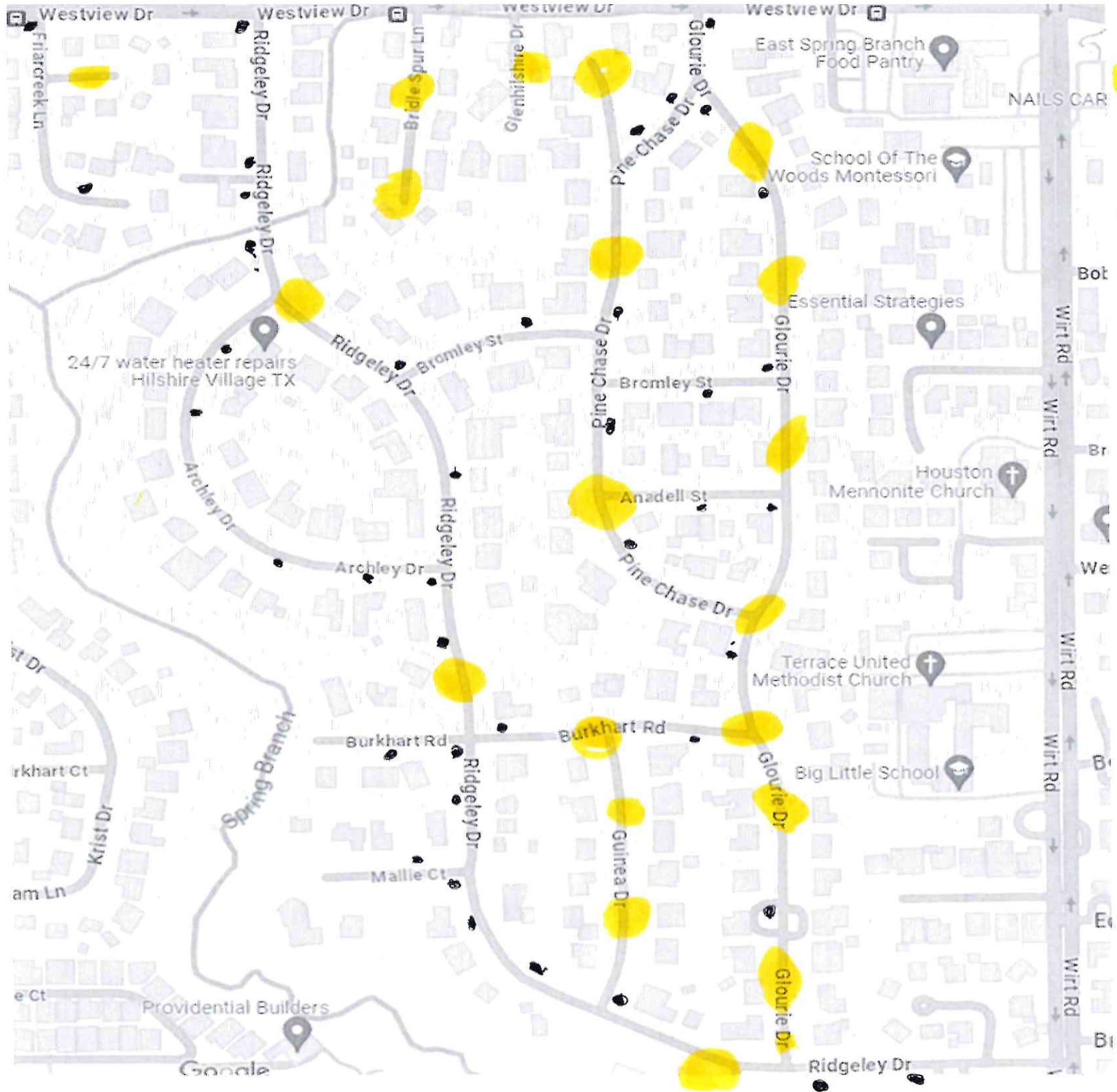
Reference: Lighting Hilshire Village

Captain Lane,

Attached to this letter is a map of the City of Hilshire Village. The map details the approximate location of both current street lights and areas in which the City could use more lighting (see map key). It is my understanding that the citizens of Hilshire Village enjoy the "country feel" that Hilshire Village currently provides and I know more lighting could slightly effect that feel. From a safety and security perspective, increased lighting provides a safer area for the children at play, citizens walking their dogs, and overall provides the village with another form of a crime deterrent. For example: from the viewpoint of a possible suspect(s), a suspect driving east bound on Westview Drive that passes by Bridle Spur Lane during the night time hours, which currently has no street lights then continue east down Westview Drive and observe Glourie Drive with numerous streets lights. The likelihood of a criminal act such as a theft, burglary, or robbery, etc. would be exponentially more likely to occur on a not so well lit street, using the cover of darkness, than that of street that has appropriate lighting. Some crimes are planned and thought out and other times there are crimes of "opportunity". It is my belief that more or improved lighting could deter these crimes of "opportunity". After reviewing the current lighting throughout Hilshire Village, there should be well lit intersections and turn areas in which Hilshire Village is extensively lacking. The current map does not show Pine Creek Street, but there is no lighting down that street as well. Although lights may not deter all crime, any added security or visibility for cameras or witnesses could be of immense value for the safety of our citizens and their property or at a minimum, provide displacement of crimes of opportunity.

Respectfully,

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● - lighting needed

● - existing light poles