

**From:** [peter tynberg](#)  
**To:** [Participate](#)  
**Subject:** The material below is to be included in the Public Comments for the September 18th City Council Meeting  
**Date:** Saturday, September 9, 2023 5:29:10 AM

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I am a partner in the Wood River Group duplex at 500 Wood River Drive. This spring the City permitted neighbors (including the new project at Rember and Bird Drive) to deposit unwanted aquifer run off into the wetlands system on our property and the property of our neighbor. Transporting unwanted water to a City street or to another property is a violation of the City ordinance. I understand in the emergency that developed last spring the City “granted a waiver” to protect homes. There is also a City culvert which also deposits unwanted rain water and snow melt water into this wetlands system and aggravates the problem. Because our property is the low point in the neighborhood a large area of west Ketchum is using our property to get rid of unwanted water.

The City has an obligation to address this problem. This unwanted spring run off needs to be returned to the Big Wood River, and the construction of a storm drain from the culvert to the river would solve the problem. This will continue to be an ongoing problem in the future and needs to be addressed. This solution has been suggested to the City. See the correspondence below.

Respectfully,  
Peter Tynberg, M.D.

On Sep 7, 2023, at 4:37 AM, peter tynberg <[pltyenberg@gmail.com](mailto:pltyenberg@gmail.com)> wrote:

Thanks Mr. Bradshaw,

I was hopeful that the City would be sympathetic to this issue. Our lot should not have to be inundated with the unwanted snow melt water, rain melt water, and aquifer spring run off water from

so many of our neighbors in West Ketchum. All of this water eventually goes into the river, but it is unfair (and against the City ordinance) to run it all through 490 Wood River Drive, and over burden the wetland pond system that is partially on our property. Placing a storm drain from the culvert under Wood River Drive that is next to our property line and having it empty into the river is the logical solution to this issue. I believe that the City is acting improperly in disregarding my concerns and suggestions.

As I informed you, I have written several courteous emails to the developer of 490 Wood River Drive in the last few months, but have not received any response from him. By making this problem (which affects us as the developer’s neighbor), the developer’s responsibility, the City is ignoring their responsibility to me. I am not aware of any other similar area in Ketchum where the City is diverting unwanted water (with the use of a culvert) and allowing neighbors (with the use of blue tubes in the spring to divert aquifer run off water) to also divert water onto private property. I am at a disadvantage as the site of the diverting is not on my property, but just a few feet from the property line.

I believe that the City has chosen to ignore its responsibility to our property in this matter.  
Respectfully,  
Peter Tynberg, M.D.

On Sep 6, 2023, at 3:33 PM, Neil Bradshaw <[NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:NBradshaw@ketchumidaho.org)> wrote:,

Hi Peter

Thanks for your email. We did get a chance to meet to consider your situation.

Here is what I would say:

- 1) The applicant in the neighboring property is expected to go through the public process with the P&Z sometime in the next few months. This would be a good opportunity for you to share your thoughts with the P&Z commission.
- 2) From our preliminary conversations the applicant is looking at ways to mitigate the drainage situation. This includes looking at how offsite drainage issues can be mitigated
- 3) Any development in the neighboring property cannot exacerbate the drainage issue through their property
- 4) While our code says that people cannot pump onto the public right of way - we usually grant a waiver to that rule during flooding events
- 5) I would also encourage you to look at ways to mitigate any flooding issues that occur on your property - if you have any proposal for work on your property then that would require a city review

As planning director, Morgan Landers will be leading the P&Z process. She has my full support to make the determinations that she sees fit. Feel free to reach out to Morgan if you have any follow up items  
Hope this helps

Cheers

Neil

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