

Subject: Storm damage at 300 Pleasant Dr on 6/20
Date: Wednesday, July 1, 2020 at 8:19:17 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Kevin Schell
To: Wendi Hundley
Attachments: IMG_2264.jpg, IMG_2267.jpg, IMG_2266.jpg, IMG_2272.jpg

<<<Looks like I forgot to hit send on June 20th. Cleaned up 30+ cubic/ft of debris. Wendi, since you have been gracious enough to visit the property, no need to come again for this storm. Unless you want too :-) >>>

This morning's storm was the 3rd storm in two weeks that resulted in my property flooding from storm drainage running down Pleasant Dr. The drainage this morning damaged the city built retaining wall, eroded the yard on the other side of that damage, and left significant debris from properties up the hill. There was also more damage done to the ingress point of the drainage pipe at the corner of Pleasant and Nixon which is already dangerous and an eyesore. Fortunately, during this short storm the water did not backup into the house. However, there was one vehicle in the driveway at the time. It was an SUV and water only got to the axle. Our other car is a flood car because of this problem. :-(

I understand that things are challenging during COVID times. However, I would like to meet in person, socially distanced, in my yard so you can see first hand the damage and what my family and I have to live with. You may have been by in the past but since we haven't met in person, it is time we do. Especially, given ongoing discussions to fund other drainage projects. Having lived here for 20+ years, I'm pretty familiar with drainage and the city's budget challenges. There are alternatives to the KFries solutions that are worth discussing. Also you may not be familiar with all the history surrounding this problem. I've been pretty patient but I would appreciate starting a dialogue.

For the record, I appreciate the value of your time and that you have taken on a volunteer role that has to be unimaginably challenging at times. I may not always agree with what city leadership is doing but I respect the heck out of the people that take on that role in Rollingwood. Fine line between crazy and hero. :-)

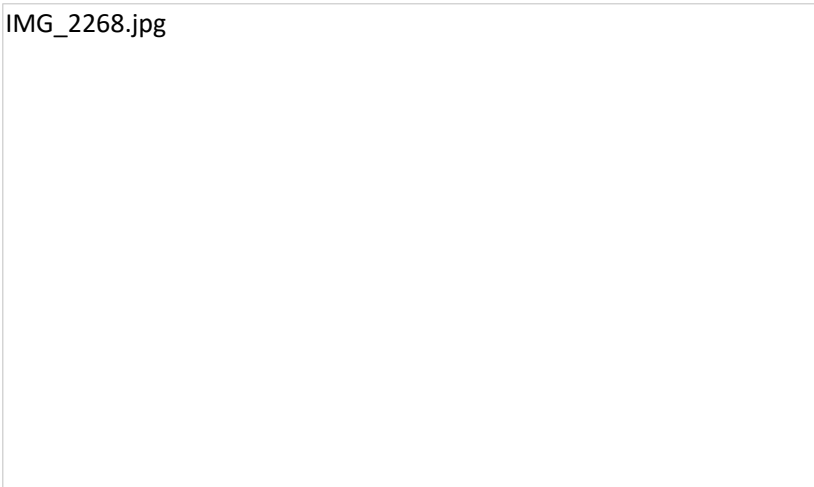
Please let me know that you received this note and when would be a good time to discuss further.

Attached are some pics of the aftermath from this morning. They don't really do it justice. The storm was too dangerous to go out in this morning to get live shots. It is obvious from the debris field how high the water got.

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Kevin Schell
300 Pleasant Dr

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Subject: Re: KFrieese Report and the council meeting

Date: Friday, March 6, 2020 at 2:48:19 PM Central Standard Time

From: Kevin Schell

To: Wendi Hundley

Thanks again for taking the time to talk the other day. We had some family problems that evening so I'm just now getting back to this. :-{

You mentioned making an introduction to the new director of public works. If you don't mind, I'd love to get his thoughts.

Last thing, the Mayor did respond to my last attempt to reach him. Thank you if you mentioned something. Hopefully, I can connect with him in person soon as well.

K-

On Wed, Feb 19, 2020 at 2:15 PM Wendi Hundley <whundley@rollingwoodtx.gov> wrote:

Hi Kevin,

Thanks for the email. I've read through the report and have a lot of questions that are similar to yours.

If there are questions you have that you would like me to ask on your behalf from the Dias, I am happy to. Do you want to give me a call when you have a chance? 512-797-1152

Best,
Wendi

Sent from my iPhone

> On Feb 19, 2020, at 11:44 AM, Kevin Schell < wrote: >

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> Kevin Schell

> 300 Pleasant Dr

Subject: KFrieese Report and the council meeting

Date: Wednesday, February 19, 2020 at 11:43:56 AM Central Standard Time

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To: Wendi Hundley

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Kevin Schell
300 Pleasant Dr

Subject: Storm on 5/8/19
Date: Thursday, May 9, 2019 at 4:30:48 PM Central Daylight Time
From: Kevin Schell
To: Kevin Schell
Attachments: IMG_2132.JPG, IMG_2131.JPG, IMG_2129.JPG, IMG_2127.JPG, IMG_2130.JPG

It rained again. Existing infrastructure overwhelmed again. Water in my garage because I can't drain my own water off my property again. There was some good news. Sun came out.

The count is now 6 storms in 5 months where the existing drainage solution is overwhelmed. Yesterday was lighter and shorter than the previous two. For about an hour the drainage pipe, the road and the curbs on Nixon and Pleasant were under water.

2 new things i noticed yesterday. With the storm being at lunch time more traffic was out. More than a few drivers hit the pooling water at speed. With that much water they were getting 10ft rooster tails and being almost brought to a stop. That is dangerous. No one on this thread should be surprised when a car ends up in the ditch.

Second thing I noticed was when the drain pipe is submerged I can't drain the water out of my backyard properly that pools on the back of my house. I call this "my water" as its not coming from the street. I have a drain pipe under the driveway to move that water into the front yard (down hill). When the front yard is full, that water has nowhere to go. So it backs up and puts water into my garage. It is one thing to have neighbors drainage tearing up the yard. But it is a much bigger issue when it is putting water in my house because I can't get rid of it because of someone else's drainage.

Below are some more videos and photos of the aftermath. BTW 4-8 hours to cleanup after each of these storms. I'm the oldest person on this thread so please understand there is an old spine tax involved. :-)

View along Pleasant: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=TdVGPZvDgW4>

View along Nixon: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dSPeT7sL0sc>

View of the above mentioned garage issue: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZehRm3XUMzY>

Pictures attached. These don't really do it justice. Particularly the eroding drain, rock pile and exposed Live Oak roots.

Subject: Corner of Pleasant and Nixon is now underwater again.

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 12:41:33 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Kevin Schell

To: Kevin Schell

Not as bad as last night yet but yard is almost full. Water entering along multiple spots on Pleasant. Come take a look.

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Subject: Re: Thank you!

Date: Thursday, April 18, 2019 at 8:27:29 PM Central Daylight Time

From: Kevin Schell

To: Wendi Hundley

Thank you. I think that was super painful for everyone involved. Minimally, I hope everyone took away my point that a smaller working group on something like this is a lot more efficient and less frustrating for all. I did appreciate the attention mostly everyone had during the conversation. Particularly, trying to come up with solutions based on their observations at the area as well fixes done near their homes. That really drove home your earlier point about being neighbors.

I wasn't happy that I let my emotions get the better of me. I was really thrown off by LNVs presentation (Facts wrong, using video/images that supported the project but didn't convey the problem, tasked with designing a bandaid). To be fair, they did have a lot more data then the last time I asked for it. I want to believe the money would have never been invested in that design had we started there. I did forget to bring up that Jay/Marcus designed a significantly higher capacity system that would have completely addressed Mr Marin's driveway/steps problems and given us more options on Pleasant. Would have liked to hear why that was scrapped. Most certainly it was above the \$150k budget. With that said, it also gave us a lot more than a 54" box that never be used. The city will never grow the tax base big enough to justify running a 54" pipe up to Park Hills. I also failed to make the point that most of the people up the hill already have solutions to move the water off their property. Plus they don't have the confluence of water given where they are relative to the top of the hill. The solution doesn't need to be this mega option that gets tossed around. Assuming of course you trust/enforce the new building permits and our goal is not to have 10,000 sq/ft homes on every lot.

If you do have some time next week, I would like to meet briefly to continue our last conversation. A walk around the block might be useful to see where all this water comes from. It would also help me to get some live feedback of what would have been more helpful for me to have done in the meeting. I'm one of those freaks that likes productive criticism. Okay, like might be a little strong. :-)

Have a great weekend. Thanks again.

K-

On Thu, Apr 18, 2019 at 3:17 PM Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com> wrote:

Thank you both for coming to and participating in the meeting last night! It was a long night, we finished up at 2:15am. However, it was worth the time to have so much more information to help us to figure out how to move forward.

I am sorry we haven't found the solution you were hoping for yet but I pledge to you to keep working on this. If you need my help to get response on a question, if I can help in any way, or if you just need to vent please don't hesitate to contact me. My cell is 512-797-1152z

Sent from my iPhone

Subject: Storm events on 5/3 and 5/7

Date: Wednesday, May 8, 2019 at 9:15:18 AM Central Daylight Time

From: Kevin Schell

To: Wendi Hundley

Sending this note to all the leadership in Rollingwood.

Quick Executive Summary (details below)

- Last two storms sucked. Worse than April. More damage.
- Emergency workers impacted last night
- Bigger storm expected today. Please try to drive by to see during the storm.
- Who do I speak with about the regional study?
- Like to meet in person to further discuss options. Especially those of you have not met with yet.

As you are likely aware we had two significant rain events in the last week. Both events produced more rain than in the video I presented at the April council meeting. For 5+ hours on the 5/3 and 2 hours on 5/7. The drainage coming down Pleasant overwhelmed the existing drainage system. Unlike the video you last saw, during those times the water was entering my property the entire length of Pleasant. Yes, the entire length. That curb/wall is 14". Significant damage was done both to the wall, yard, and fence on the other side. All of that water then has nowhere to go because my yard is already filled up because the drainage pipe is way too small to keep up. This has the knock on effect of not allowing me to drain the water from my backyard that is coming from both neighbor's properties. This puts water into my garage. Unfortunately, there is nothing I can do with those problem areas because there is no where to put the water because of what is coming down Pleasant.

Included in the drainage is significant debris including landscaping rock from up the hill. There were a couple that were close to 15lbs. My front yard is littered with a lot more a smaller one. Plenty of trash, debris and who knows what fertilizers as I can't get grass to grow in that area.

Unfortunately, I had technical difficulties so I was only able to capture one video at the tail end of Friday's storms. Last night I tried but witnessed the lightning strike that damaged 301 and 303 Pleasant. It was obviously unsafe conditions.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hvB7mwEpOR4>

Emergency services was dispatched twice last night to those addresses. Barry Delcambre at 301 Pleasant will tell you of a conversation he had with one of the emergency responders that didn't feel safe coming through the intersection on Pleasant and Nixon. I witnessed one of the police explorers lose traction coming around the corner into the torrent of water coming down Nixon. Given you can't see where the corner is when it is under water that could have been much worse. Mr Marin and I also witnessed the same thing with a truck crossing the intersection during the storm Friday. The water is strong and deep enough for a lighter vehicle to lose traction. This also happened to Barry's wife on Friday. I'm sure he will share.

We are now at 5 storms in 5 months that have overwhelmed the existing infrastructure. That is a now a pattern. Today's storm is predicted to be worse.

As I have repeatedly mentioned the last design by LNV was not sufficient to handle these events. There was a previous design that involved replacing the pipe under Nixon and using more of my property to capture water along Pleasant. That should be revisited. Given that we are at the bottom of the hill, there isn't a solution that doesn't involve capturing the water above Nixon and getting it off that plateau.

I have not heard from anyone doing the new regional study. Who do I contact to get involved in that conversation?

Finally, Heavier storms are predicted for today. If you have the opportunity please drive by to see first hand the severity of what is going on. Videos/pictures don't do it justice. I don't expect you to get out and walk around in the mess but please come take a look. That small action will give me and the neighbors a small piece of mind. Right now we could all use some from our neighbors and city leaders.

Thank you again for listening. Any assistance would be much appreciated.

Kevin Schell
300 Pleasant Dr.

Subject: Re: Drainage Issues at 300 Pleasant Dr
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 11:58:35 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Kevin Schell
To: Wendi Hundley
Attachments: image001.png, image002.png

Thanks again for your time today. That was super informative.

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On Tue, Apr 16, 2019 at 8:37 AM Kevin Schell wrote:

Thx. I'll be in the backyard cleaning leaves if I don't see you coming.

K-

On Tue, Apr 16, 2019 at 8:29 AM Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com> wrote:

Great, I'll come by at 9am. Thanks!

Wendi



From: Kevin Schell
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 8:20 AM
To: Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com>
Subject: Re: Drainage Issues at 300 Pleasant Dr

Appreciate you getting back to me. Today at 9 or 12:30 work. Let me know and I'll be sure to be around.

K-

On Mon, Apr 15, 2019 at 1:51 PM Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Schell,

I'm sorry for my delay in responding. I have an opening in my schedule this afternoon and can come by between 2-2:30. Tomorrow I can meet at 9am or 12:30pm, if either of those time work for you?

Thanks,

Wendi



Wendi Hundley
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From: Kevin Schell

Date: Friday, April 12, 2019 at 1:38 PM

To: Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com>

Subject: Re: Drainage Issues at 300 Pleasant Dr

Sorry for the delay. I was exhausted of this topic last night.

Thank you for your response. I wasn't really looking for a drainage expert. I've discussed this issue so many times with the last 5 mayors, city engineers/lawyers and poor Amber and Jackie Bob. I'm more of an expert then I ever wanted to be. Which is an important point. I knew when I bought my house that it was part city's drainage system. At the time it wasn't a problem. Now it's become a nightmare.

Your comment about the open meetings act was super helpful. Part of my frustration with all of this has been poor communication, contradictory information, starts/stops, etc.. A simple explanation like you just provided goes a long way. Thanks for that.

I have been asked by other council members to speak/attend the upcoming meeting. I'm not a big fan of public speaking. It's not clear what would be productive or helpful for you as a city council to hear. That would be helpful to meet over.

The other reason is to give you the first hand scope of how big the problem area. The videos/pictures don't really do it justice. Sara Hutson came by to look at it Sunday right after the storm. That combined with the video was eye opening for her. What really surprised me though is that she had never seen any of the material I had shared with the city in the past. As a council member voting on priorities and budgets I was shocked. Your response did make me realize that at some point you just have to trust the experts. Seeing everything isn't practical.

Your call if you want to meet. I can be available pretty much whenever works for you. Just listening up to this point and responding has been helpful.

K-

On Thu, Apr 11, 2019 at 4:41 PM Wendi Hundley <wendihundley@cityofrollingwood.com> wrote:

Hi Mr. Schell,

Thanks for reaching out. I'm not an expert in drainage but we have hired a n engineer firm to do an infrastructure improvement project so we can identify and prioritize problem areas around the city.

I have heard from the City that this issue you bring to our attention will be on the agenda at next weeks City Council meeting. I hope that you can attend? I think it would be good to get your concerns on the public record and for you to have the attention of the full council. Due to open meetings act we, on the city council can not discuss city business with one another except at a public meeting.

I am happy to meet with you but I'm afraid I won't have the expertise or answers you might get with speaking with our city engineers. However I am happy to meet if you think it would be helpful. I am usually available on weekdays from 9-2

Best,

Wendi

512-797-1152 (cell)

Sent from my iPhone

On Apr 10, 2019, at 8:51 AM, Kevin Schell <> wrote:

Good Morning. I'm Kevin Schell the property owner and resident at 300 Pleasant Dr.. I've had the pleasure to live in Rollingwood for 20 years.

I'm reaching out to you because I'm desperately frustrated with the worsening storm drainage(and subsequent mess) that impact me and my neighbors. It has come to my attention that you may not know of the severity of the issues at the corner of Pleasant and Nixon. If you have time this week, I would appreciate meeting with you to discuss.

To give you some context below is a link to a video I took Sunday morning. Not the best quality given the conditions and I was freaking out. The full video is about 3 minutes of me walking around. Below are the highlights that should help and allow you to fast forward. For context this is mostly looking at the drainage being funneled down Pleasant from properties up the hill.

<https://youtu.be/XvfqPziWt-M>

0:00 - Driveway at 302 Pleasant. Water is already cresting the retaining wall. Later that part of the wall is washed away. Making things worse.

0:13 - Walking along Pleasant towards the corner. Note the curb is fully submerged with the water near the top of the wall.

0:36 - Shows all the drainage from 301 Pleasant entering the street crossing to my side. This is where the volume of water significantly increases. (bigger wall or drain at this point is required)

0:53 - Water pouring on the my property significantly damaging the retaining wall. This is the biggest problem area with drainage entering my property well above the proposed solution on Nixon.

1:29 - You can see the yard has filled above the existing drain. Before the event is done the patch of grass you can see on Nixon is mostly underwater.

1:48 - Different angle where you can see Nixon and parts of Pleasant underwater. Note that if someone is dumb enough to drive or walk through that, they cannot see where the corner or the drain is. That would be a disaster.

2:25 - Gives you a good idea of how much of the front yard is underwater.

I cannot express the emotional toll these events take on us. Keep in mind this event wasn't

small but it was relatively short in time and things have been pretty dry. It has been worse in the past and will be again. This is the 3rd time since December that drainage from the street has crested the city built improvements damaging my property and requiring significant cleanup on my part.

If you don't have time for the video, here is a picture from a past storms that sums up how bad it gets. That is looking out on my front yard at the corner of Pleasant and Nixon.

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Thank you for time and service to our city. I look forward to speaking with you.

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Subject: Fw: Upcoming City Council Meeting Agenda Item - Drainage
Date: Tuesday, April 16, 2019 at 11:17:58 AM Central Daylight Time
From: Kevin Schell
To: Wendi Hundley
Attachments: winmail.dat

Here is the message Amber sent Mike, Jerry & me. Emails included.

----- Forwarded Message -----

From: Amber Lewis <administrator@cityofrollingwood.com>
To: kschell >; Michael D. Marin;
jdfengr
Cc: Michael Dyson <michaeldyson@cityofrollingwood.com>; Robyn Ryan <cityadmin@cityofrollingwood.com>
Sent: Friday, April 12, 2019, 4:25:02 PM CDT
Subject: Upcoming City Council Meeting Agenda Item - Drainage

Dear Neighbors at Nixon and Pleasant,

Per your email requests to discuss the drainage situation near your location, the City Council will be discussing the following items at their meeting. We are inviting you to attend and discuss your concerns with the elected body. The meeting will be held, Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at 7:00 p.m. We expect that this will be among the first items to be discussed.

Presentation of the drainage conditions at Nixon and Pleasant, discussion of the hydraulic analysis performed by the City Engineer, discussion about the design of the proposed 2019 Drainage Improvements Project, and discussion of potential budgeting and financing for the Project.

For the City Council's consideration, they have received the emails and videos most recently received, the analysis completed by LNV, the complete design, bid tabulation document, and the draft easement documents as attachments to the item. The City Engineer and City Attorney will be available to help answer questions.

There are action items later in the agenda that involve a discussion of the wall at 300 Pleasant and awarding the bid for the valley gutter. We invite you to stay and discuss those items, too.

We are hopeful that this forum will provide the neighbors with the opportunity to express concerns, participate in discussion and be fully informed about the City's plan to address the area.

Many thanks,

Amber

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