

Demand Dist. 99 Board
listen to 'the people'

What this communication is about is the abuse and misuse of authority and responsibility given by the people to their elected representation on the Community School District 99 School Board. The board and its superintendent have accorded the people who elected them as well as the Constitution and the principles of "by the people ... and for the people" a slap in the face.

This is about a piece of land owned by the (district) in Woodridge. The board wants to sell this land to a developer of high-density housing -- unwelcome in the community as was attested to by a recent meeting of approximately 300-plus Woodridge citizens in protest of this action by District 99. It is not merely a piece of land, though.

As concerned citizens, leaders and representatives of Woodridge and surrounding communities, please join us in raising your voices in protest over this betrayal of trust placed in the hands our elected representatives in School District 99.

There is enough concrete, wood and plaster in our lives now. Allow this little patch of green and color to remain as a calming and soothing element in our lives. Also, the board in its arrogance will not explain where the money is coming from to pursue their actions in court (even though the Freedom of Information Act demands that they do so).

They have been contending over the past months how services and activities may have to be curtailed in the schools due to lack of funds. Again, in stubbornness and arrogance the District 99 board has refused to discuss this matter with Woodridge officials by refusing their latest three appeals for such a meeting with the District 99 board. The board refuses to discuss an agreement made between the board and Woodridge back in 1978 to allow Woodridge to have the first right to purchase this land at a fair market price.

Again, contact your elected representatives, no matter what community you live in and ask for -- no, demand -- their support, for you/we are the people!

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