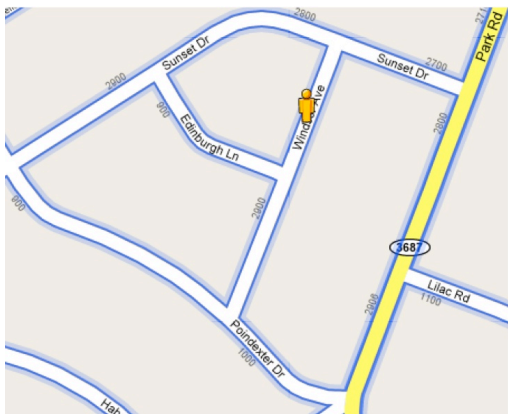


# Help Us Save Our Homes, Trees And Yards

## *Protect Sedgefield*



### **Alert:**

- The City has announced plans to install a sidewalk on the Sedgefield-side of Park Rd. from Sunset to Poindexter.
- Due to elevation and setback requirements, most of the mature tree canopy along this block will have to be destroyed. Trees to be cut down or killed include large magnolias, 60-year old hardwoods, and others.
- Sections of front yards will be acquired.
- The public right of way will be brought much closer to homes.

### **Damages:**

- Our front yards and trees are a critical factor in buffering the busy road.
- We have invested in our homes, maintained them and nearly all are owner-occupied.
- Our homes have historic value. Many were built in the 1930's.
- The destruction of our trees and sections of our front yards will cause significant loss to our home values and quality of our life.
- We are the perimeter of Sedgefield. Devaluation, or conversion of our homes to rentals, will also negatively affect Windsor Ave., Sunset Dr. and Edinburgh Lane.

### **Safety:**

- Public safety is not served by encouraging pedestrian traffic on both sides of Park Rd in this block.
- It is preferable to direct pedestrians to cross at intersections.
- The movement of pedestrians on this side adds to the safety hazards of entering and exiting our driveways to and from fast-moving Park Rd.

### **Costs:**

- The sidewalk is unnecessary. Pedestrian traffic is minimal. No residents request it. It is not required by law. No hearings will be held. Local resident approval is not required. The sidewalk is only a priority of city staff.
- Measured against loss of mature trees, lost property value, damage to a historic residential area, negative safety value, and high cost of construction during a Recession, this project cannot be justified. Other areas have real needs for sidewalks where residents want them.

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