

September 2, 2005

City Council of Lee's Summit
207 SW Market St.
Lee's Summit, Missouri 64063

Dear City Council:

The Raintree Lake Property Owners Association (RLPOA) hereby requests that you install a sidewalk along the east side of Ward Road, between Raintree Parkway and Raintree Drive. We ask that this work be completed within the upcoming fiscal year.

There is a continuous 4 mile sidewalk loop around Raintree Lake, except for a short section on Raintree Drive just south of County Line Road and the aforementioned section on Ward Road between Raintree Parkway and Raintree Drive. The stretch on Raintree Drive is being developed now, and we expect that section of sidewalk to be completed some time next year.

The portion of the loop along Ward Road is approximately 1500 foot long, and slopes down from Raintree Drive to the south arm of the lake and then back up to Raintree Parkway. This stretch is currently a significant safety hazard to joggers and runners. With no sidewalk along this stretch, pedestrians walk against the traffic on the edge of the road pavement only a couple of feet from vehicles that are traveling 35 mph+. Although most vehicles do swing out across the double yellow lines to provide more distance between themselves and the pedestrians, this creates an additional hazard because the drivers, especially when southbound, cannot see on-coming traffic over the hill.

We prefer that the sidewalk be concrete to the maximum extent possible, however, even asphalt would be a big improvement. Either way, a 1500 foot sidewalk is needed along this stretch of Ward Road to eliminate the safety hazard that now exists. The RLPOA appreciates the time and effort of the members of the City Council and their careful consideration on such matters that affect the quality of life and safety of Lee's Summit residents.

Sincerely,

RLPOA Board of Directors