

**MOUNTAIN BROOK CITY COUNCIL
PRE-MEETING AGENDA
TEMPORARY CITY HALL
3928 MONTCLAIR ROAD, SUITE 230
MOUNTAIN BROOK, AL 35213
APRIL 8, 2013, 6:00 P.M.**

1. Paul Stramaglia to address the City Council requesting speed humps or rumble strips in the 3400 block of Mountain Park Drive as well as a three-way stop at Mountain Park Drive and Richmar Drive. (See attached information.)
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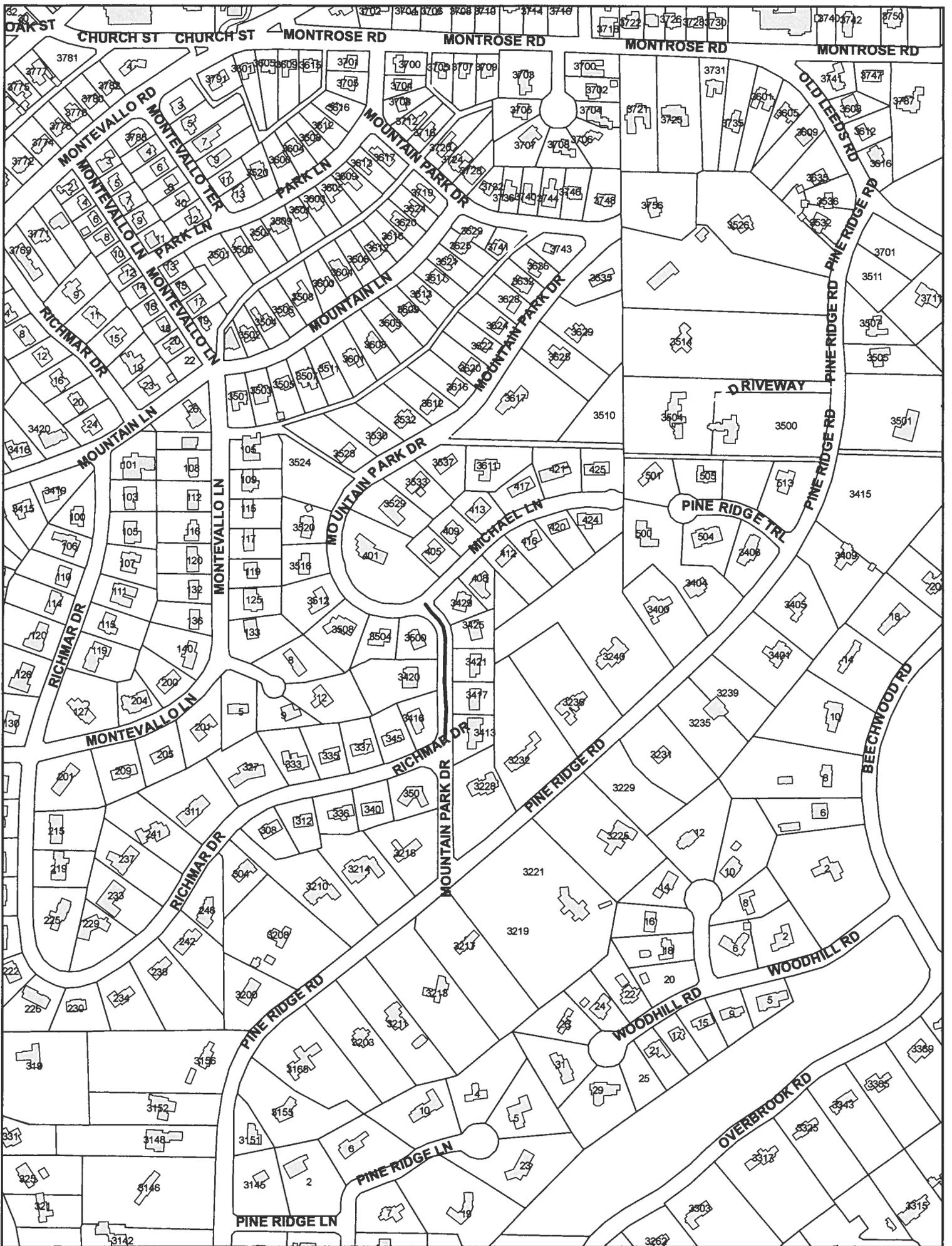
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From: Trent Boozer
Sent: Thursday, March 28, 2013 12:13 PM
To: gastons@mtnbrook.org
Cc: sboozer@studiobythetracks.org
Subject: Sidewalk

Mr. Gaston,

My family and I live at 49 West Montcrest Drive and are curious/concerned about a proposed sidewalk project in front of our home.

Let me first say that I heard about the sidewalk project from my neighbor. My wife and I didn't receive any type of notification from the city, either official or unofficial. I would prefer to have addressed this much earlier, but now I am just happy that the subject was raised a week or so ago during a conversation in my driveway.

I am a supporter of projects that are sensible, and will make our community safer, and more appealing. I feel it is unique for our children to be able to walk and ride their bicycles to Crestline school. My three children were able to do this during their elementary school years. Most communities in this country cannot enjoy safe streets and safe neighbors, and this is one of the primary reasons we live in Crestline.

I am perplexed about the reason for, and/or the feasibility of building a sidewalk that extends from Euclid Avenue down the hill in front of my house on West Montcrest Drive. Without speaking with you first, I may be on the wrong track. But please allow me to make some assumptions and a few remarks that I feel are valid.

1. There are no children that walk in front of our house to get to Crestline School. For this reason, a sidewalk will not address any safety concerns.
2. Any children that live on Euclid cut through the woods and neighbor's yards to get down to Montcrest, W. Montcrest and Dexter.
3. Providing a painted crossing area at the bottom of W. Montcrest will not address any safety concerns because no children will be using it.
4. I believe that having a sidewalk on Dexter may make more sense, but as a parent, don't feel it is absolutely necessary.
5. I have one of the smallest yards in Crestline, which includes a tree that we planted 18 years ago when we built our home. My wife was told that the tree would have to be removed for a sidewalk project. I have two other trees that I am concerned about, including a magnificent magnolia that I dug up with a shovel and re-planted 18 years ago that separates mine and my neighbor's driveways.
6. My sprinkler system with 4 heads, and my water main runs up to the gutter in front of my house. All of that would have to be changed.
7. I have brick pavers around my driveway that would have to be removed.
8. I respectfully must say that, making these types of changes never turns out the way anyone expects. I personally feel this project would create out-of-pocket expenses for me and my family to get everything restored to our satisfaction.
9. A sidewalk in front of my house on W. Montcrest drive will not address any pedestrian safety concerns (we don't even have trick-or-treaters to use that hill on Halloween)!

Sam, a neighbor suggested that the city has federal money that must be spent for pedestrian safety, sidewalks, safer neighborhoods, etc., or whatever it is earmarked for. I want to plead with you to not move forward with a sidewalk project on the hill in front of my house to justify applying/spending the money. If we had a very large

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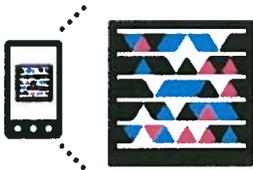
yard, and the project would not completely change the look, feel, and landscape of our home, I would endorse the project wholeheartedly; just to be agreeable and easy to get along with. HOWEVER, the project would still not make any sense!

You can check our record. The Boozer's have never made any trouble or complained about anything at all since moving to 711 Euclid Avenue, and then 49 West Montcrest Drive, 26 years ago. But this sidewalk project just doesn't seem to serve any purpose at all for the community and the wonderful people that live here, except to inconvenience the 3 families that reside on the hill.

Thank you for your time and thoughtful consideration. Please feel free to contact me on my cell phone at: 205-901-2414. I am available to talk anytime, night or day.

Regards,

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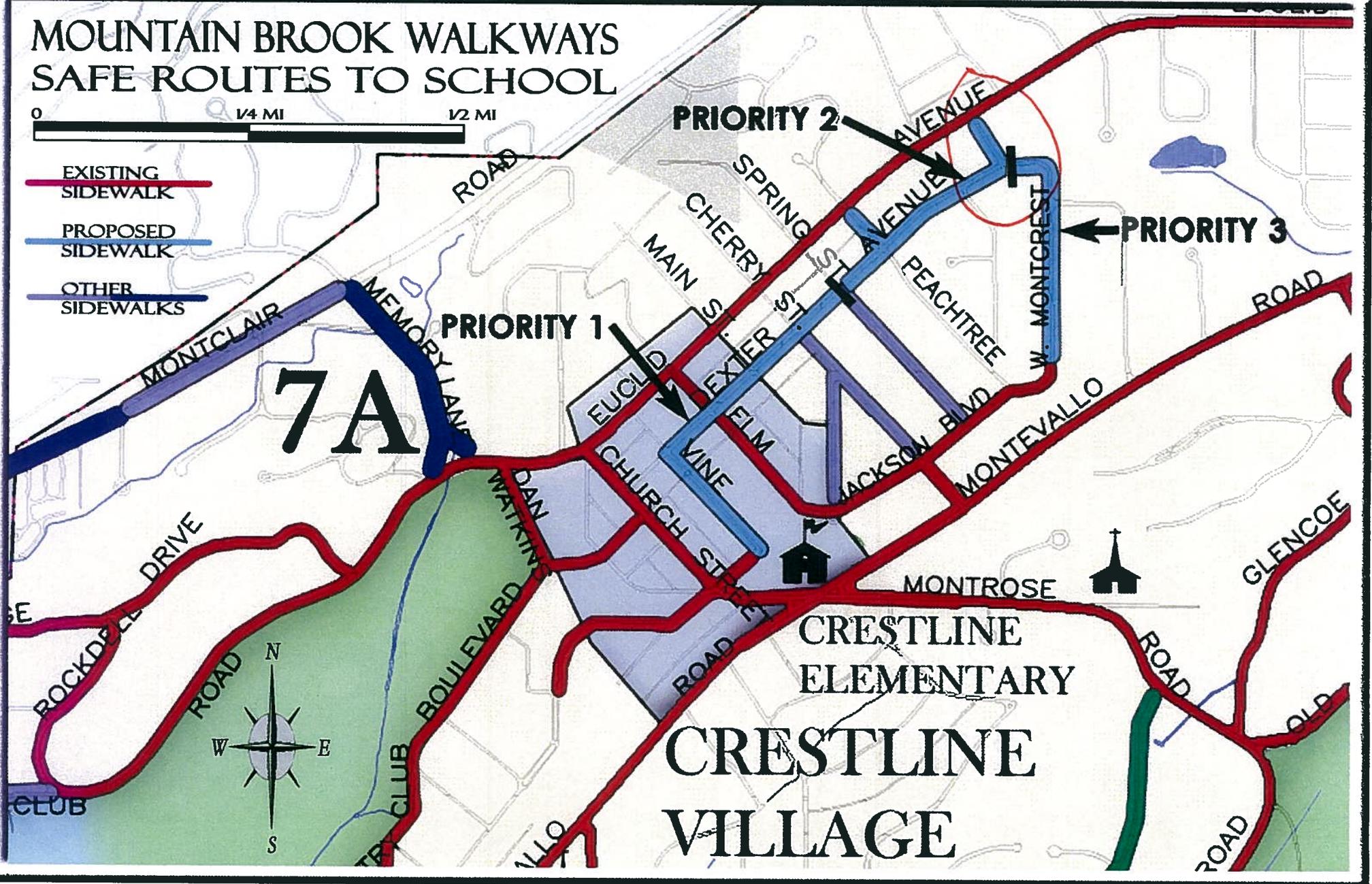




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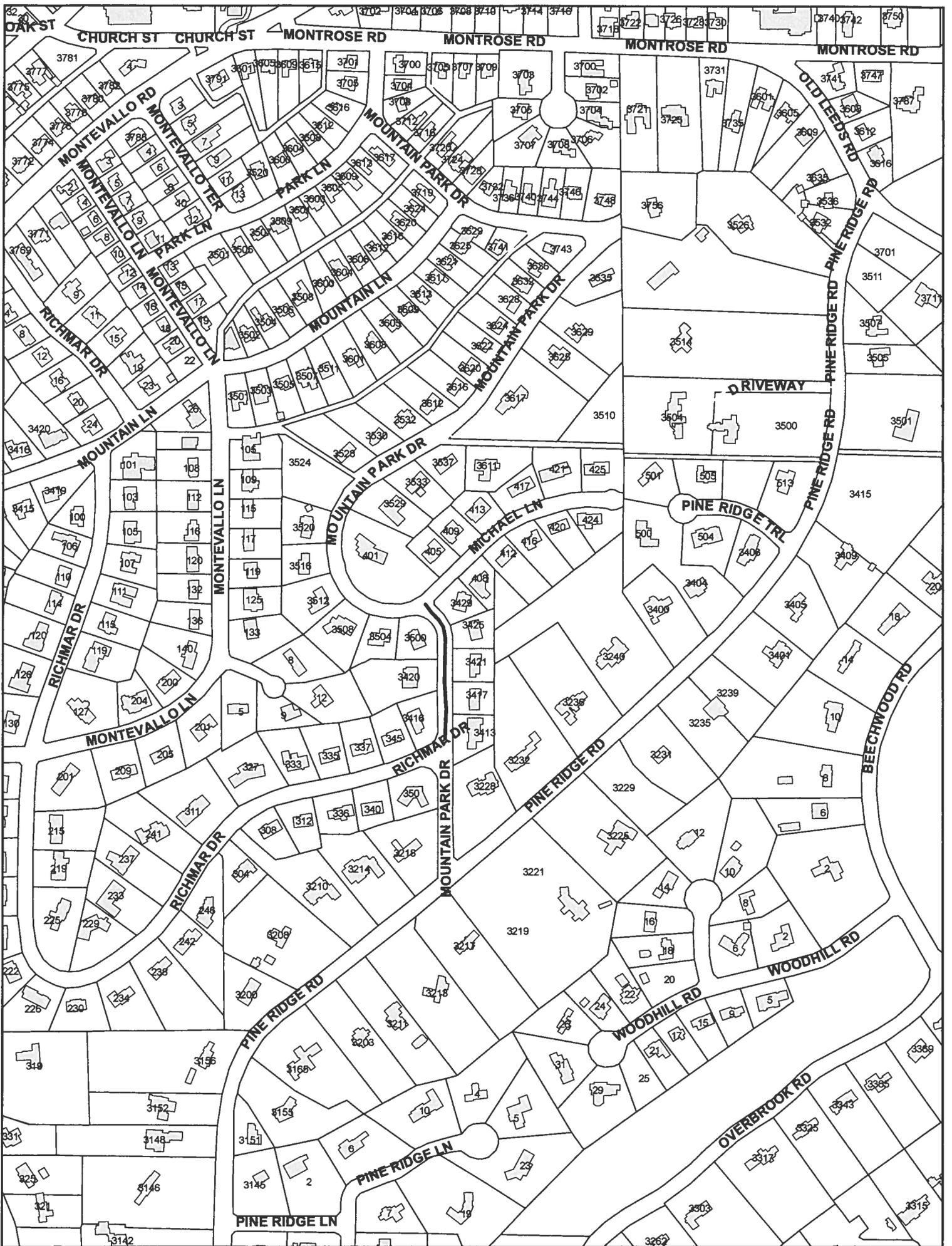
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