

# **REZONE ALERT!!**

**Subject: Planning & Zoning Commission Meeting**  
**Date: Wednesday May 19, 2004**  
**Time: 6:00 p.m.**  
**Place: Municipal Center West, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor**  
**300 S. Seventh**  
**Springfield, IL 62701**

**Docket No. 2004-47 4000 – 4200 blocks of Westgate Drive**

A petition to rezone property in our neighborhood to allow Wal-Mart Stores, Inc. to utilize said property as part of its development of a Wal-Mart retail store and shopping center. The reclassification will allow the petitioner to construct, own and operate its retail store and shopping center.

## **WHAT WILL THIS CHANGE DO TO YOUR SUBDIVISION????????!!!!!!!**

Things to think about:

- Wal-Mart will have two exits onto Meadowbrook and three onto Archer Elevator – NO WABASH exit. Could the reclassifications of zoning cause there to be more exits on Westgate?
- The zoning had been S-2 since the development of Cobblestone, over 10 years ago. If the change isn't important, why does Wal-Mart want it?
- Road issues – Archer Elevator, a country road with a deer crossing, deep ditches and a history of accidents – Iles Ave another country road. Meadowbrook will become a major thoroughfare. Meadowbrook is scheduled to continue to Old Jacksonville Road past Mill Creek. The work is already starting. Think about Christmas and the traffic lined up. Wabash is a State road and State of Illinois would have to make improvements. Is it in the current budget? Shouldn't all roads be improved before building starts?
- How will the increased traffic affect your family's safety?
- Do your children walk or ride their bikes to Vachel Lindsay School, or even to the park?
- Drainage issues – the map drawn by CMT indicates the spill off will go into the pond off Hedley. Can that pond support more water? Meadowbrook and Westgate already flood each heavy rain.
- Ask the people around White Oaks Mall how the mall has changed the crime in their area.
- The superstore will most likely be open 24 hours a day. Can you handle the traffic at all hours of the night?

**PLEASE ATTEND THE MAY 19, 2004 PLANNING & ZONING COMMISSION MEETING. WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE IF WE SHOW OUR NUMBERS!**

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