

A letter from an individual visiting the Rita Ranch area: Otis Setser. It brings to light one of the hazards of the narrow streets within our subdivisions. -- September 8, 2010

Hi,

I have been visiting here for a few weeks. I am writing the following letter in hopes that you can help and/or for you to share this with whoever may be able to help in this concern.

I don't know if you're aware of it but there have been a few fender bender incidents happening in the Rita Ranch Subdivision. These are caused by vehicles parking on the street across from a home owners driveway. Even though this is legal it is very foolish to park in this area, not only from the point of possible vehicle damage but if a person was about to open their doors they could be seriously hurt also. I think it would be in the best interest of the home owners if it was posted on the website, telling people to be considerate of the possible danger of collision and/or physical damage to themselves and to monitor their visitors to the situation too. My idea might include asking them how they would feel if one of their family or a visitor was to be hurt. I talk from experience because I did collide with another vehicle this way. Was it my fault? After all there is poor lighting and your sight is very limited. Yes, it was, but it's a good preventative measurement to be taken to decrease the chances of this happening. This experience scared the daylights out of me. If a child would've been there I would have to live with this the rest of my life. I realize the persons parking their car in possible harms way is doing it legally but let's face it. Wouldn't people rather be alive than dead right? To me it would be better to send letters to everyone to have a better chance of them reading it. Cost prohibitive? I think you have to compare the cost against your conscience. Or perhaps a yellow paint strip across from driveways. Even, if laws allow it, if everyone was given a special association fee of \$4 or \$5, it would be in the best interest of their safety and be well worth it. Another resort to this would be to have the association make flyers that can be handed from door to door via volunteers. I for one would be very willing to do my part in this. It would be a Good Samaritan effort and I'm sure many would accept this responsibility favorably. From the discussions I've had

alone, there has been concern from homeowners, both from personal experience in either hitting another vehicle or a close call. Please consider this request seriously. It's of a very important nature. If I can be of service, please contact me at 630-353-0035. Let me know when your meetings are and I'll make sure to be there, to either tell of my experience and/or become involved as a volunteer. Thank you for taking the time in reading this. Regards, Otis Setser