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Blaine Mayor & Council:

Re: Utilities Easement Between Montfort and Bayview Avenue

We have a question and a request that I hope you will be able to respond to.

When property owners #1 and #2 were beginning to look at building placement we were told by planning staff that the area between our properties was an easement for utilities only. We could never use it as an alley, or for any access to our properties. We planned and built accordingly, fronting all windows and patios toward the view believing we would have privacy.

Property owner #3 then begins to build, applies for, and receives, a temporary permit to open up the utility area during construction with the proviso that the access lane would be closed upon completion of construction.

Property owner #4 gets a permit to use the utility easement as an alley and personal driveway because his architect designed plans with a garage on the east side of home abutting easement. Well, we all know who controls the architect so this appears to be a bogus claim by property owner #4 and we now must all suffer the consequences.

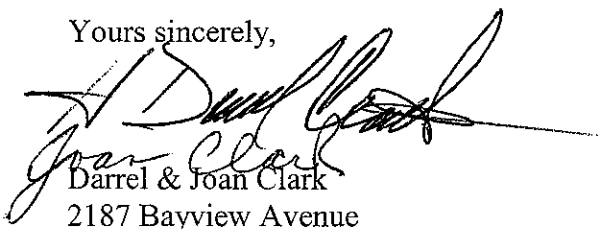
Our privacy has been non-existent since the opening of the easement as the owner of property #3 has a driveway from the easement to the **main road**, and regular traffic uses the easement and driveway as part of a "circle tour."

I question the need to have this access at both front and back on shorter lots. Who will maintain and provide drainage to this easement plus protect all the utilities in this narrow area?

Why are the rules so very different for each one of us on the easement? Why were we not given any notification that the easement was going to change and be opened up for the public now that owners 1,2 and 3 have already built and sited all buildings?

Please close the easement and let it be used for what it was intended - a utilities easement.

Yours sincerely,



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