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Neighbors of St. John Lutheran Church,

For several years, our congregation has been exploring the opportunity to expand our ministry of care to our membership by converting a portion of our current property on Rings Road into a memorial garden/cemetery preserve. This would allow St. John to provide the spiritual care for our congregants from the waters of baptism until they are ultimately laid to rest. As this is no small endeavor, we felt it prudent to reach out to all of you as our neighbors to convey our plans and allow an opportunity to receive feedback from the community that we share with all of you.

In order to allow a sounding board for our neighbors to ask questions and express any concerns that may be had, St. John will be hosting a community meeting on Friday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at 6:00 PM in the gymnasium of St. John Lutheran Church at 6135 Rings Road in Dublin. This meeting will allow our planning committee to present our project outline for the space and our projected timeline. This meeting will include an open Q&A session with both the committee and members of our Executive Council. We strongly encourage anyone that would like to know more about this plan to attend the meeting where we can provide answers directly.

As part of this process, we will be petitioning the City of Dublin to re-zone portions of our current property for use as a memorial garden/cemetery preserve. In so doing, St. John hopes to be presenting this plan at a meeting of the Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) on Thursday, February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2024 at Dublin City Hall. Members of the community will also have an opportunity to provide their feedback at this open meeting.

If you have any question in advance of the January meeting, please forward them to Anthony Reedy, Executive Director for St. John at [executive.director@stjohndublin.org](mailto:executive.director@stjohndublin.org). I am happy to provide any answers that I can in the interim. We at St. John value our community and our neighbors and we hope to see you at our community meeting in January. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a safe and happy holiday season.

Warmest Regards,

Anthony Reedy  
Executive Director  
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## **NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING RE: 6001 & 6041 RINGS RD.**

### **January 12, 2024 Agenda**

1. Introductions
2. Property Rezoning
  - a. 6001 Rings Rd. currently zoned as R-1B – Limited Suburban Residential
  - b. 6041 Rings Rd. currently zoned as R2 – Limited Suburban Residential
  - c. Requesting of and recommended by City of Dublin to rezone both properties as a Planned Unit Development (PUD)
    - i. Planning & Zoning Commission (PZC) will review, discuss and provide non-binding feedback
    - ii. The public will have opportunities to attend future meetings from the commission and provide public comment
3. Slide presentation with goals and pre-planning/conceptual designs for Memorial Garden/Cemetery Preserve
  - a. We wish to meet the existing congregation's desire & need for memorial and burial garden space in this area of our land
  - b. We **WILL NOT** develop the area as a "traditional cemetery" space
  - c. Our goal is to develop a hybrid memorial area that will maintain and preserve the existing natural pasture and wooded landscape.
  - d. These concepts apply to approximately 5 acres on the 6001 & 6041 properties with development occurring in the front half of both properties, from south side of Cramer Ditch(creek) and Rings Road
4. Our next steps are to submit an Informal Review application to garner support for the proposed concept, followed by PZC review mentioned above. If favorable feedback is received at the Informal Review, then we will proceed with the PUD and Rezoning application process which includes multiple applications
5. Questions and/or concerns

## MINUTES FROM NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING

A neighborhood meeting was held at St. John Lutheran Church gymnasium on Jan. 12, 2024 at 6:00pm regarding the rezoning of the 6001 and 6041 Rings Rd. properties. There were 15 people (8 of which were neighbors) present along with 6 committee members.

Anthony Reedy, Executive Director, opened the meeting introducing some of the committee members. Upon entry, an agenda of the meeting was passed out to attendees. An explanation of why we are here was given. The church wanted to provide this meeting to convey to our neighbors our plans and allow an opportunity to hear from them any questions or concerns. The church has requested to have the two properties rezoned from Limited Suburban Residential to a PUD (Planned Unit Development). The goal is to provide cemetery space for the congregation and be able to provide spiritual care from cradle to grave. This cemetery would not be the traditional type, but a Memorial Garden/Cemetery Preserve.

A 15- 20 minute slide presentation was given by Ernie Robertson explaining where our properties lie and our vision for the Memorial Garden/Cemetery Preserve. There would be a hired professional planner to design the space. It would have restrictions concerning the size of grave stones.

The floor was opened for any questions or concerns. The following comments and questions were addressed:

1. That they would like to see the design plan.
2. Would there be some buffering?
3. Would property values change?
4. Would the community garden still exist?
5. Liked the idea of the memorial garden instead of the traditional type
6. Appreciated the information and allowing their input

In closing, Anthony Reedy thanked everyone for coming and passed out a tablet for attendees to provide an email address for future follow-up; and, if they had any other questions or concerns to feel free to reach out to him.

Darlene Becker passed out a Quick Facts sheet about the rezoning request of the two properties. The meeting ended at 6:50pm with refreshments served.

## QUICK FACTS

### **Rezoning Request of 6001 & 6041 Rings Rd.**

- St. John-Dublin of 6135 Rings Road has requested property rezoning by the City of Dublin for 6001 and 6041 Rings Road to permit a Memorial Garden/Cemetery Preserve
- Meetings with City of Dublin's Planners are ongoing
- Goal of conceptual slide presentation of Memorial Garden/Cemetery Preserve:
  - Provide memorial space for our congregation
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**From:** [Darlene Becker](#)  
**To:** [Dave Guappone](#)  
**Cc:** [Ernie Robertson](#)  
**Subject:** Fwd: ty  
**Date:** Thursday, February 15, 2024 11:31:01 AM

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Dave, here is the one and only response from all the emails I sent out individually to each neighbor who attended. I seldom use my gmail address, but in this case I did. Didn't know if you wanted to attach it to the zip file I sent you a few minutes from my frontier email.

SERVING HIM,

Darlene Becker

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----- Forwarded message -----

**From:** **Nelson Yoder** <[ngyoder@me.com](mailto:ngyoder@me.com)>  
**Date:** Sat, Jan 13, 2024 at 8:45 PM  
**Subject:** Re: ty  
**To:** Darlene Becker <[beckerdarlene378@gmail.com](mailto:beckerdarlene378@gmail.com)>

Thanks Darlene! It was great to meet you and others from the committee and staff. I am so grateful that the church is reaching out early in the process so the neighbors and St. John can work together in bringing a new cemetery & memorial garden to the church. Looking forward to collaborating with you along the way.

In Christ,

- Nelson

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On Jan 13, 2024, at 1:21 PM, Darlene Becker <[beckerdarlene378@gmail.com](mailto:beckerdarlene378@gmail.com)> wrote:

I want to begin by thanking you for attending our Neighborhood Meeting at St. John last night. It was a pleasure meeting you and other neighbors. We want to continue to keep you informed as we attempt to proceed through this very long process of our rezoning request. I want to reiterate that we want to be good neighbors along with being good stewards of our land. I personally feel very strongly about keeping good lines of communication. And I hope you will always feel free to contact any of us if you have a question. As a reminder, Tony Reedy's contact information is

at the bottom of our initial letter to you. You have the church information at the top of last night's agenda. And now you have my email.

Thank you once again!

SERVING HIM,  
Darlene Becker  
Committee Chair

# MINUTES FROM 2<sup>ND</sup> NEIGHBORHOOD MEETING - March 4, 2024

A second neighborhood informational meeting was held at St. John Lutheran Church on March 4, 2024 at 6:00pm. This meeting was implemented to keep the neighbors informed regarding the church's request to rezone the 6001 & 6041 Rings Rd. properties from Residential to Planned Unit Development (PUD). Also to share the preliminary site plan of a Memorial Preserve Garden/Cemetery.

Darlene Becker, committee chairman, welcomed everyone present which consisted of 8 neighbors, 2 individuals from Dublin city (Taylor Mullinax and Bassem), and the church committee members. Dave Guappone of G2 Planning was introduced and shared a large booklet with the plans of the cemetery with each guest.

As Dave started his presentation explaining the areas of property involved for the Memorial Preserve Garden and the possible selling of the back south end to Dublin, which would not include the cemetery, questions arose what would be developed there. Not knowing what would become of this property was a strong concern for the neighbors on east side of St. John property. Taylor from Dublin City could not at this time confirm any decision regarding the possibility of purchasing, nor future plans of this plot. Some other thoughts /concerns mentioned were as follows:

- the security of the area (by Linda Garrido)
- the entrance of the cemetery driveway is close to the next door neighbor's (Linda Garrido) property
- the safety of the bridge for traffic flow
- would like evergreen plantings to border against neighbor's (Linda Garrido) property lines and possibly some mounding.
- traffic concerns on Rings Rd. during a funeral procession. Asking for possibility of different entrance into the cemetery property
- the effect of their property values

Gene Bostic mentioned trying to get all concerns addressed before the April 11th informal review with the Planning and Zoning Commission. Taylor welcomed all to come to the meeting and/or could place their questions or concerns online.

Another follow up neighborhood meeting before the April 11th informal review was requested. The plans will be reviewed again to address these concerns. The meeting adjourned at 7:10pm.