

**THE UNIFIED GOVERNMENT OF ATHENS-CLARKE COUNTY
COMMISSION AGENDA ITEM**

SUBJECT: Falling Shoals Drive - Parking Prohibition

DATE: ~~March 24, 2021~~ July 8, 2021

BUDGET INFORMATION:

REVENUES:

EXPENSES:

OTHER: \$500 Material Costs

FUNDING SOURCE: Traffic Engineering FY21 Operating Budget

COMMISSION ACTION REQUESTED ON: ~~May 4, 2021 6/1/2021~~ August 3, 2021

PURPOSE:

To request that Mayor and Commission approve the prohibition of on-street parking on the south side of Falling Shoals Drive from its intersection with Falling Shoals Trail to its intersection with Lacebark Trail and for a distance of 100 feet east and 100 feet west from the point of the curve's tangent on both the north and south sides, as shown in **Attachment #1**.

HISTORY:

1. On June 2, 2020, Transportation & Public Works (T&PW) staff received a work request to evaluate if on-street parking on Falling Shoals Drive created a safety hazard.
 2. On June 2, 2020, T&PW staff completed a field review on Falling Shoals Drive where they observed that parking on the north and south side of the street does reduce sight distance around curves and on hills. When cars are parked on both sides of the street, access for emergency vehicles could be impeded.
 3. On July 22, 2020, T&PW staff completed a sight distance study of Falling Shoals Drive. Staff determined that the curve in the roadway and the topography of the hills reduces sight distance and the ability of vehicles to drive around parked cars.
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FACTS & ISSUES:

1. Falling Shoals Drive is a two-lane residential roadway with a width of 23 feet.
2. Due to the curve in the roadway and the topography of the hills on Falling Shoals Drive, there is not enough sight distance to allow vehicles to drive around parked cars. The actual sight distance is approximately 120 feet. According to the Policy on Geometric Design of

Highways and Streets as published by the American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO), there should be 155 feet of sight distance.

3. Due to the width of Falling Shoals Drive, safe access for emergency vehicles and larger service vehicles is impeded when vehicles are parked on both sides of the street.
4. T&PW staff recommends the establishment of a no-parking zone on the south side of Falling Shoals Drive from its intersection with Falling Shoals Trail to its intersection with Lacebark Trail. Staff also recommends that curves be restricted from on-street parking for a distance of 100 feet east and 100 feet west from the point of the curve's tangent on both the north and south sides.
5. The future cost to maintain this yellow curb will be approximately \$500 every 5 years plus the salary cost of several staff hours.
6. This recommendation supports the following Mayor and Commission Strategic Commitments:
 - Transportation Mobility and Connectivity
 - Safe and Prepared Community

OPTIONS:

1. Mayor and Commission approve the prohibition of on-street parking on the south side of Falling Shoals Drive from its intersection with Falling Shoals Trail to its intersection with Lacebark Trail and for a distance of 100 feet east and 100 feet west from the point of the curve's tangent on both the north and south sides, as shown in **Attachment #1**.
2. Mayor and Commission do not approve the parking prohibition.
3. Mayor and Commission defined option.

DEPARTMENT RECOMMENDED ACTION: Option #1

DEPARTMENT: Transportation & Public Works
Prepared by: Tim Griffeth, Traffic Engineer



Steve Decker
Director

March 31, 2021

Date:

ADMINISTRATIVE COMMENTS:

ADMINISTRATIVE RECOMMENDATION: Option #1



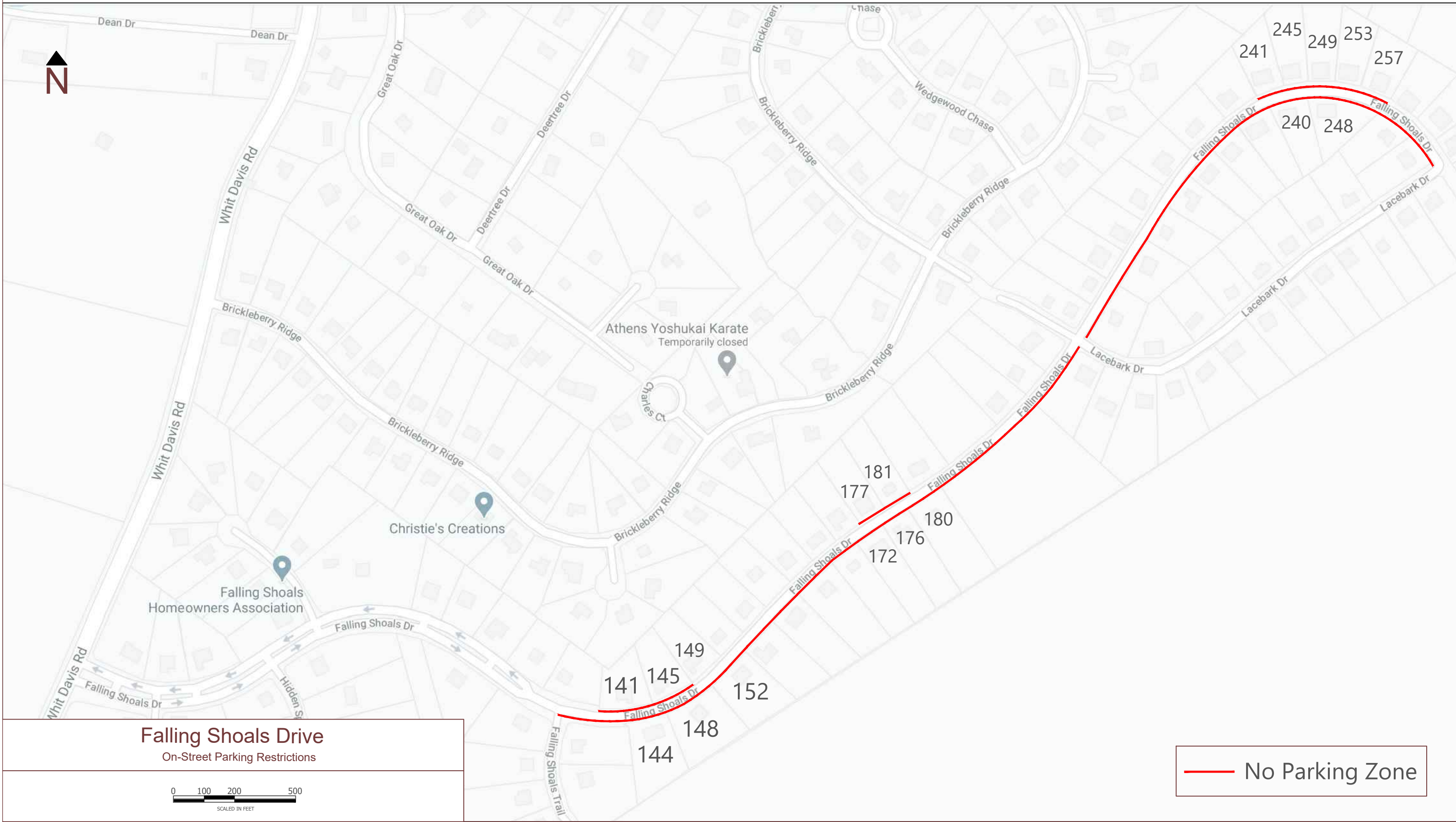
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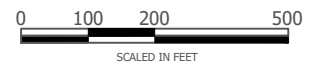
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ATTACHMENTS:

Attachment #1: Falling Shoals proposed no parking



Falling Shoals Drive
On-Street Parking Restrictions



 No Parking Zone