

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Don't count on developers for infrastructure

Columnist Edgar Lyngar ("We need 'all of the above' to solve the housing crisis," Dec. 16) would have us believe that allowing development in areas that flood, or have "environmental concerns" would "be a catalyst to not only expand housing but fix crumbling roads."

Pray tell, how will that happen? The city has so little money they cannot afford to buy one fire engine. The county has no money either. And the developers are not required to contribute anything.

Recall a recent development proposal for about 5,000 homes where the developer, asked to do something for schools, said he would sell the school district the land "at market rates." Recall a proposed development south of town (about 2,000 homes) where a then-member of the Planning Commission said publicly that the developer could not be asked to provide for a fire station "because that would cut into his profits." Until this attitude changes, these developments should be shelved.

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