

Good afternoon John,

My name is Mike Loiselle and I reside at 28 Forest Drive with my wife Amy and son Owen who is 9.

We have had an ongoing issue with cars speeding excessively by our house for years. Unfortunately, we are right at the end of Forest drive so cars that are leaving the neighborhood use our road as a dragway. Not only are they driving incredibly fast, we have a lot of younger kids that drive in and out of the neighborhood distracted by texting while driving.

My major concern is that my son and his friends play out in front of my house. They're kids so we have basketball hoops set up, they ride their bikes, draw with chalk, play street hockey etc. And there have been numerous times where they have literally had to jump out of the way of an oncoming car to avoid being hit. It got to the point where I put up a traffic cone on the corner of the street and we actually had someone who lives in the back of our neighborhood call the police and complained saying "Why are these kids playing in the street, they should be in their yards or inside playing." And we have actually had people yell profanities at the kids to get out of the road.

It's absolutely ridiculous that we have to fear for our kids' safety while they are playing outside. I even made a sign that says "Slow down or go around". Meaning go Lakeshore Drive when you come in and out of the neighborhood. And the fact that the speed limit in our thickly settled neighborhood is 30 MPH, is also ridiculous. You and I both know what 30 MPH means....people are going to drive 35 - 40 MPH. The ENTIRE town of Amesbury, MA even their main roads speed limit is 25 MPH.

In a perfect world, I would love to find out how we could possibly get some speed bumps installed like this picture of Amidon Ave in Amesbury, MA...the yellow line is a speedbump

This is probably a long shot but if this isn't possible, I was wondering how we would propose to get stop signs put up. There is one at the end of Lakeshore Drive so why would we be able to get one put up at the end of Forest Drive? I took a screenshot. If you look at it, the red dot is where there is a stop sign. But we would love to have 2 more put up marked with the green dots.

That's pretty much it. I really hope you take this into serious consideration. Could you imagine if something doesn't get done and then one of the kids gets hit and killed by a car simply because they don't know how to slow down for kids playing outdoors?

I really appreciate your consideration with this.

Also please let me know if you do get this email, as sometimes they can end up in spam.

Thanks so much Jon.

Mike Loiselle

Fastforwarding to today 5/17 2023 3:42 approximately. I understand from the email chains that speed bumps are more of a nuisance than they are helpful (most likely for snow plowing reasons I'm assuming). However I did notice yesterday that in between Staples and Kume, there are bolted down temporary speed bumps. I would assume these are "seasonal" and are removed in the winter time. Could we possibly discuss doing something like this for the spring/summer/early fall seasons?

And also to piggyback off speed bumps being a nuisance, there is a giant speed bump next to the elementary school cafeteria. I feel as though those compared to regular size speed bumps which are about 3"-6" high and about a foot deep, would be a lot more maneuverable for a DOT plow.

Deputy Chief Gelineau did also say that at the meeting the "Police Chief will comment on what Officers have observed for traffic activity". I would hope the board would take into consideration that they may not have a lot to share with their observations as the speed limit is 30 MPH in our thickly settled neighborhood.

I think that pretty much wraps it up.

Please let me know what next steps I need to take.

I appreciate you hearing us out on this!



