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Parking concerns in the vicinity of Arlington High School - for upcoming Town Selectman meeting agenda (Dec 20th 2021)

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Hi Lauren:

Thanks again for your time today and discussing the process of getting this put forward for the next Selectman's meeting.

To summarize, I wanted to bring up the ongoing issue of Arlington High School students routinely parking their vehicles before, during, and after school hours, in excess of signage citing 2 hour parking on streets including Newman Way, Churchill Ave, and Bailey Rd.

Additionally, in the surrounding area there is spillover into streets without enforceable signage (i.e. Wildwood Ave) but I'd like to propose we discuss all these areas holistically, as they encompass the general vicinity from where the issues arise.

I have spoken to a few of my neighbors, including those cc'd here, and the basic consensus among us is that we would like to see this issue addressed based on the following observations:

- The use of these streets has led to constricted roadways, which impedes the flow of traffic for various commercial vehicles, including construction, delivery, etc.
- The continued presence of parked vehicles makes it challenging for municipal vehicles to conduct their business. This includes trash, recycling, tree maintenance, utilities, etc.
- The drivers tend to park close to residential driveways, making it difficult for entry and exit into our own private parking spaces
- The drivers at times have exhibited aggressive behaviors (e.g. speeding) on the roads, which are frequented by pedestrians including families, young children, and people with pets, creating a potential hazard while walking along the already crowded streets.
- There is occasionally waste/litter left behind by the students, which creates a nuisance as we are individually responsible for maintaining our sidewalks

I would like to propose some potential solutions, if it's not too early in the process.

I realize additional discussions may need to take place in the appropriate forums before these actions can be undertaken, but am putting them in writing in the event they will be of use:

- Suggest routine enforcement of the violations of existing 2 hour signage during the hours of 8am-6pm, especially as they pertain to Newman Way, Churchill Ave, and Bailey Rd, in coordination with the police department
- Suggest discussing the possibility of adding similar 2 hours signage to Wildwood Ave, as there is currently no enforceable signage of any kind.
- Suggest the possibility of rezoning/new signage as permit only should the above solutions not remediate the situation in the coming months

Thanks for your consideration of these issues, and please let me know if you need anything in addition to what I've written here.

Sincerely, Sachin K Shah

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