



Mount Prospect Public Works Department

INTEROFFICE MEMORANDUM

TO: DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS

FROM: PROJECT ENGINEER

DATE: APRIL 15, 2026

SUBJECT: FNSP – LAKE BRIARWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD – INITIAL PUBLIC OUTREACH SUMMARY

The Village has initiated a traffic calming study in the Lake Briarwood Neighborhood after a petition signed by 47 residents was submitted to the Village and the Village subsequently found the neighborhood to be eligible for the Friendly Neighborhood Streets Program as determined by traffic counts. As such, the Village sent out a letter introducing the study and soliciting input on existing conditions from residents. The letter and distribution map are attached to this memo.

The letter was sent via mail on March 26th, 2026. The survey was open until Friday April 10th, 2026. The letter was sent to 156 addresses. 13 surveys were returned for a 8.3% return rate. The letter asked residents to describe concerns regarding traffic in their neighborhood, the location of traffic issues and any other comments. The breakdown of responses are provided at the end of the memo, note some responses mentioned multiple concerns or locations.

Overall, speeding was the primary concern of residents, particularly because there are no sidewalks or streetlights causing visibility issues and potential conflicts with pedestrians and cyclists. In the past, the HOA voted against sidewalks and there was not enough support for streetlights. However, in general, residents did not want major intervention, such as speed humps or median islands as they could create additional conflict points with pedestrians.

The following responses were received regarding traffic issues in the neighborhood:

- 9 responses mentioned speeding
- 5 responses mentioned safety of walking
- 3 responses indicated there are no issues
- 2 response mentioned safety at the intersection of Algonquin Road and Briarwood Drive
- 1 response mentioned a lack of lighting

The following responses were received regarding traffic issue locations:

- 3 responses listed on the curves, particularly with pedestrians and vehicles mixing
- 3 responses mentioned straight sections particularly for speeding
- 2 responses indicated there were no issues
- 2 responses listed the intersection of Algonquin Road and Briarwood Drive
- 1 response listed near the entrance
- 1 response called out Briarwood Drive East
- 1 response mentioned parked vehicles

Other comments included:

- 3 responses said they do not want speed humps
- 2 responses requested street lights
- 1 response requested speed humps
- 1 response mentioned speeding school busses and delivery drivers
- 1 response requested automated speed enforcement
- 1 response mentioned test drives from the car dealership at the neighborhood entrance
- 1 response didn't want any obstacles in the street
- 1 response concerned about strip mall traffic using Briarwood Drive

While Staff will consider all survey responses as a preliminary design is developed, reducing vehicle speeds while avoiding negative impacts to pedestrians and bicyclists will be the primary goal of the study.

Luke Foresman, PE



Project Engineer

Attachments:

- Resident Information Bulletin
- Distribution Map
- Survey Response Data (without addresses listed)

Resident Information Bulletin

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INTRODUCTION:

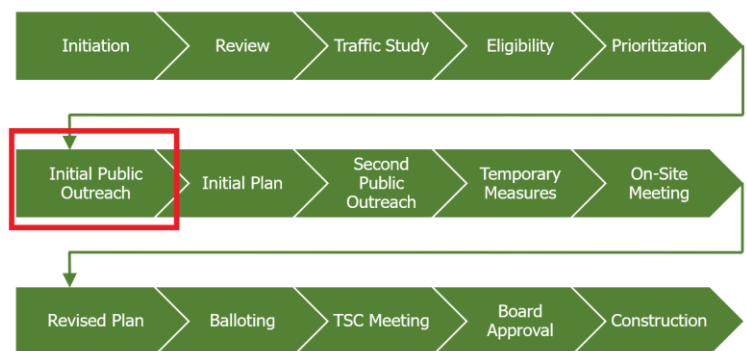
The Village is conducting a traffic study in the Lake Briarwood Neighborhood and is seeking your input on existing traffic issues. In May of 2024, the Village Board adopted the Friendly Neighborhood Streets Program, a program that allows residents to submit a petition to request traffic calming measures be installed on their street to address traffic issues. Traffic calming is infrastructure designed to slow vehicle speeds or reduce the number of vehicles on a neighborhood street to increase safety for all users.

LAKE BRIARWOOD NEIGHBORHOOD:

A petition requesting traffic calming from the Lake Briarwood Neighborhood was submitted to Public Works in the fall of 2025. Traffic counts were completed in October and found the street to be eligible for the Friendly Neighborhood Streets Program.

TRAFFIC CALMING PROCESS:

The traffic calming process can be found in the Friendly Neighborhood Streets Program on the Village website by searching "Traffic Calming". We are currently at step 6, Initial Public Outreach. See timeline to the right. We are collecting public input on existing traffic issues on the street to make sure any proposed improvements address resident concerns.



PUBLIC INPUT

The Village is seeking public input regarding existing traffic issues in the neighborhood. Your observations will be used to inform the traffic calming study going forward. A comment form has been included in this letter. Public comments can be submitted to Public Works by using the enclosed comment form and mailing it to or dropping of at Public Works, Attn: Luke Foresman, 1700 West Central Road, Mount Prospect, IL 60056. Residents can also submit comments by phone at (847) 870-5640 or by email at publicworksdept@mountprospect.org. Please put "Lake Briarwood Traffic Calming" in the subject line of your email.

The comment submittal deadline is Friday, April 10th.

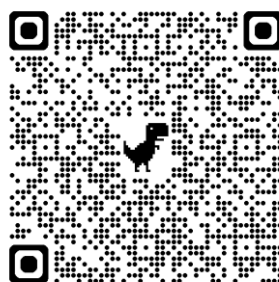
More information on this study can be found on the study website. Please scan the QR code below or search "Traffic Calming" on the Village's website.

Thank you for your participation in this study, be on the look out for future mailings with updates.

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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

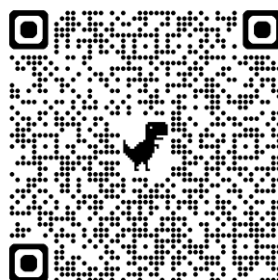
Where are traffic issues most common?

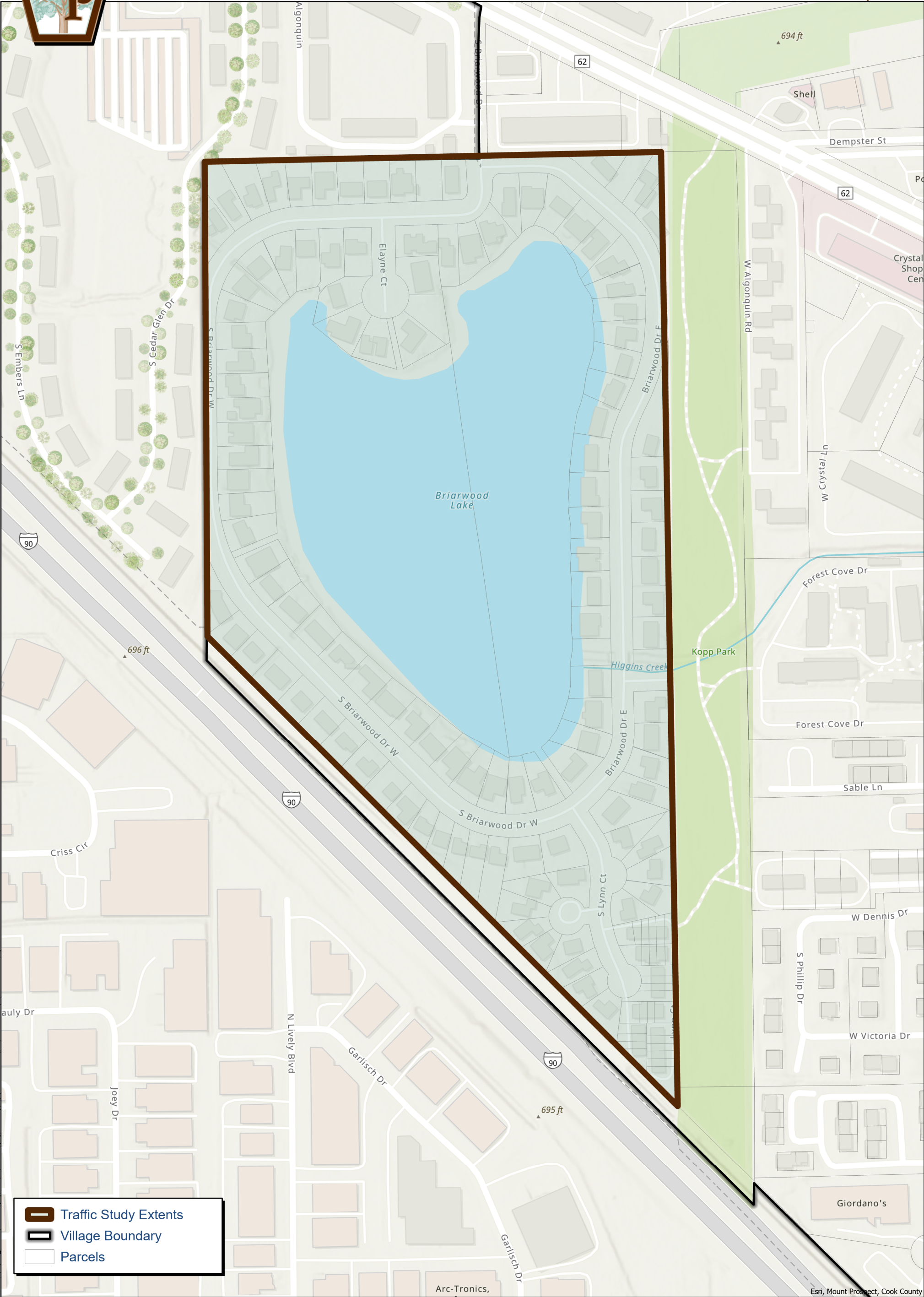
Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

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Address:

What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

Speeding is a top concern! We have tried to get speed bumps installed as many families with children live here and

It can be dangerous to simply go for walks or ride bikes. Drivers speed all the time. We need help making our neighborhood

Safe!

Where are traffic issues most common?

Speeding happens primarily near the entrance, our division is a circle, and speeding happens most after the entrance

Splits off into a "Y" at the north part, directly in front of our address, that stretch of road heading west from the entrance.

Also speeders zip through from the entrance to the eastern apartment complex. Also around the sharp bends are dangerous

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

Email:

We need a solution for speeding asap. It appears that a few residents that are elderly have prevented speed bumps from

being installed as it would be "uncomfortable" to drive over them. Improving safety in our community and slowing drivers

Is a must. As more families move into our neighborhood, we need to make it safe for everyone. Please help!

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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

Multiple accidents @ the only exit out of LB neighborhood
@ Algonquin & Briarwood Drive. Inside the neighborhood
there are no lights, no sidewalks and drivers go very
fast sometimes.

Where are traffic issues most common?

Algonquin & Briarwood Drive intersections and on
Briarwood Drive itself. Very unsafe to walk or bike
around the neighborhood ~~due to~~ especially where there are
curves.

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

I am very concerned about the safety of our kids biking
or walkin in the neighborhood + I have almost been
side swiped exiting out of LB onto Algonquin multiple times

Thank you

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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

There is a dangerous speeding situation in our community. We have no sidewalk or streetlights. We have a very active community of children, elders and ^(handicapped) dog walkers.

Where are traffic issues most common?

In front of my home there seems to be a stretch of road that drivers regularly increase speed. Also problematic is East side going into unincorporated residences.

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

It is only a matter of time before something critical happens.

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Address: [REDACTED]

What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

- 1) - everyday traffic flow is excessive throughout the day.
 - 2) - current residents of Lake Briarwood along with the 6 multi-family residential buildings on Lynn Ct. are equally speeding. When obviously speeding vehicles are signaled to slow down, I have been met with vulgar finger gestures or a stopping of the vehicle followed by "peeling away" at high speed in defiance.
 - 3) A resident who is disabled uses a motorized wheelchair in the streets as we have no sidewalks. My disabled husband uses a walker at the same risk.
 - 4) We have a senior dog who is an amputee due to having been hit by a car. and needs to be slowly walked with great risk.
- Where are traffic issues most common?
- 5) we have many senior residents along with young families who use strollers in the streets along with roller skating & bike riding.

Issues are most common: 1) high speeds in the 'straight away' segments of the circular drive. 2) poor visibility of walking residents at the curves of the road. 3) at the Lake Briarwood entrance and in the Lynn Ct. area where multiple children ride bikes & play.

3) high speed school buses and delivery vehicles, especially food delivery drivers and landscapers, violate the posted speed limit signs.

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

Thank you for your attention to this urgent need for immediate traffic calming. It's just a matter of time before there will be an unfortunate incident. Any successful intervention with appropriate measures will be greatly appreciated.

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Subject: Lake Briarwood Traffic Calming

Hello:

Address: 

What are concerns: Everyone is in a hurry these days.

Where are traffic issues most common: On the straight aways since our street is just a big loop. Lynn Court residents also speed out of their complexes. Loud cars that backfire as they drive out is an issue, too.

Provide comments: We are not a thru street and do not have people from other areas going through here. Anyone speeding lives in the neighborhood and chooses to drive fast. Stop signs have not slowed them down. We have no sidewalks, so the summer is more difficult when there are kids on bikes etc.

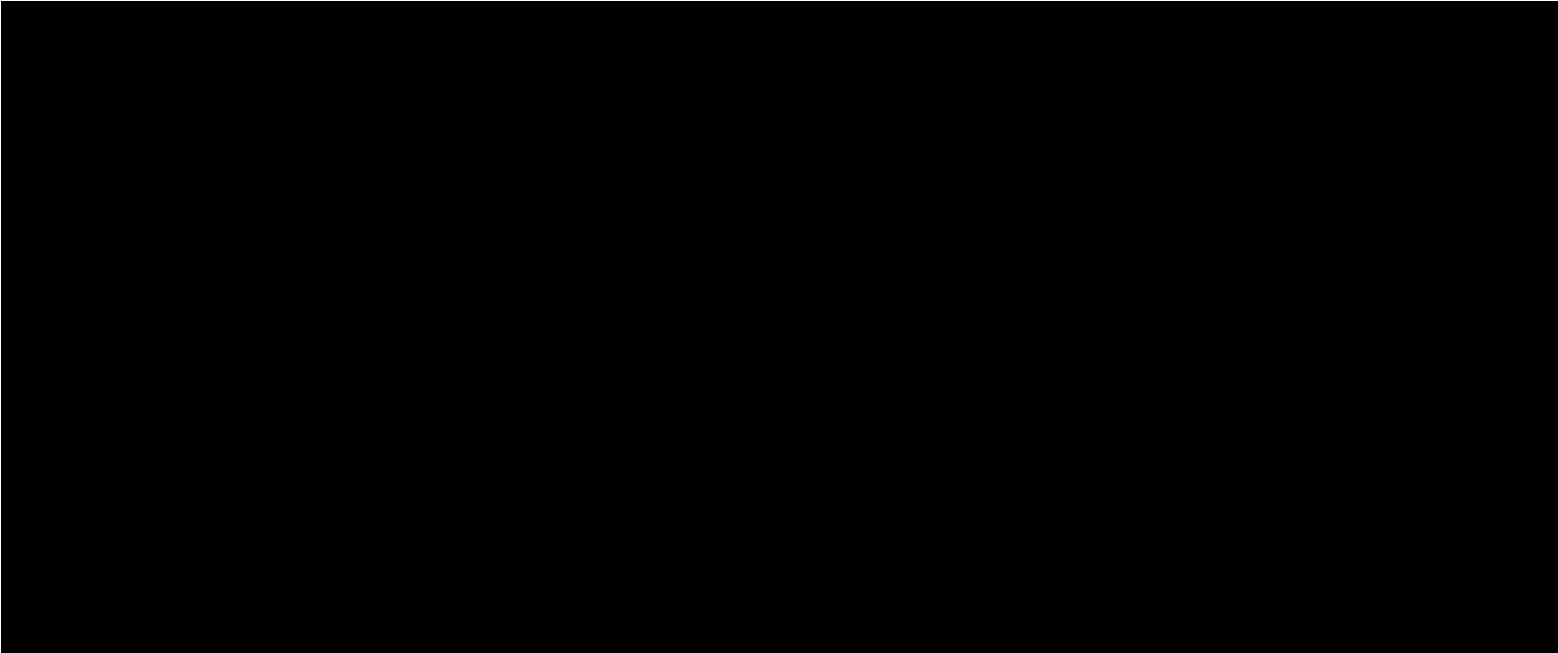
We have asked for police to ticket offenders and they have sat at the entryway, but we know this is not a long term solution.

Wish we could have an Automated Speed Enforcemnt camera that would log the speeding and then a ticket issued. That may slow them down.

Test drives from the corner used car dealership have to stop as well.

I think the only way to get people to slow down is to ticket them. Placing upright poles in the middle will just make them swerve onto homeowner properties.

Have a good week.



Address: [REDACTED]

Concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood?

Because our neighborhood does not have sidewalks, my concern is unpredictable and aggressive drivers, particularly on Briarwood Dr EAST. The aggressive drivers can be seen daily and at all hours of the day and night. We have several families with children walking and riding bikes and it's simply not safe. Also, some parts of Briarwood Dr EAST have decreased visibility which makes it difficult for the drivers to see the pedestrians in the street.

Where are traffic issues most common?
Briarwood Dr EAST

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

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Address:

What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

I HAVE LIVED HERE FOR 42 YEARS
AND THERE ARE NO PROBLEMS WITH
TRAFFIC, NO SPEED BUMPS NEEDED

Where are traffic issues most common?

THERE ARE NO MAJOR TRAFFIC ISSUES,
ALL ARE IMAGINED. I WALK THE
LAKE ON STREET EVERY DAY AND NO ACTIONS
ARE NEEDED

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

RANDOM DRIVER SHOULD NOT WARRANT
SPEED BUMPS FOR ALL OF US.

DO NOT LIMIT OUR STREET WHEN
FINE FOR 42 YEARS AND NOTHING CHANGED

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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

Speeding cars. The street is also our walk way,
we do not have sidewalks. The speeding cars
could run into children who are also in the
street playing

Where are traffic issues most common?

ops In the ~~street~~ straight
ways.

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

In addition to children riding their bikes, skate-boarding,
roller skating, we have a few handicapped people
in the neighborhood. We need traffic calming!
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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

NO Speed bump

Where are traffic issues most common?

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

Comments not needed.

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Subject: Re: Lake Briarwood traffic calming

Address:

What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

I'm not sure of what can be done but I do think cars do speed around the neighborhood. 20-25 mph does seem reasonable but I often feel that cars travel at times 30mph+

I also think lighting is a problem. As much as I think the darkness adds to the appeal of the neighborhood, I do think additional minimalistic lighting would be helpful with the pedestrian traffic around the neighborhood.

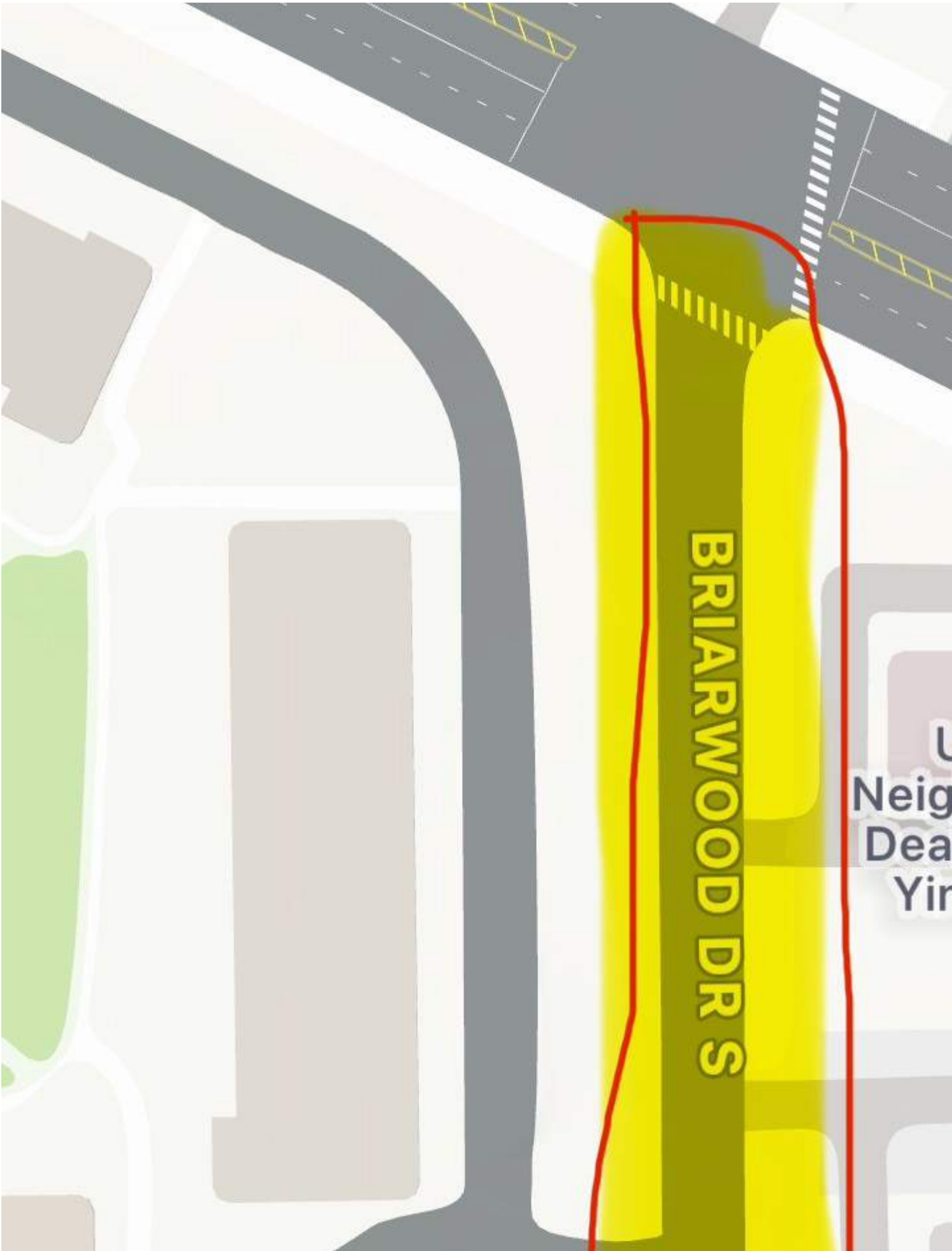
What are traffic issues most common?

Mostly when you meet ongoing traffic and there are pedestrians present. It creates a dangerous scenario for all involved.

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

For the most part the neighborhood and drivers are aware and courteous, but I think speed management is the main concern. Given how many cars turn into the strip mall on Algonquin & Briarwood drive, I do think there could be consideration on making cars enter/exit from Algonquin vs. entering/exiting from Briarwood drive. Another option to consider possibly is to make Briarwood drive thicker to create an additional lane. Understood there is limited real estate there but Briarwood Drive seems too thin at the

intersection given the amount of traffic that comes through that intersection with the strip mall. If that part of Briarwood drive can be made to have additional lane(s) if possible, may help with the volume of car and foot traffic often encountered there during prime school and rush hour time zones.



Open to being involved in any discussions or questions that come up in the future regarding related conversations.

Kind Regards,

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Address: [REDACTED]

What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

Some speeders, but not a serious problem

Where are traffic issues most common?

*Occasional speeding. Cars on Algonquin failing to stop
when stop light is red*

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

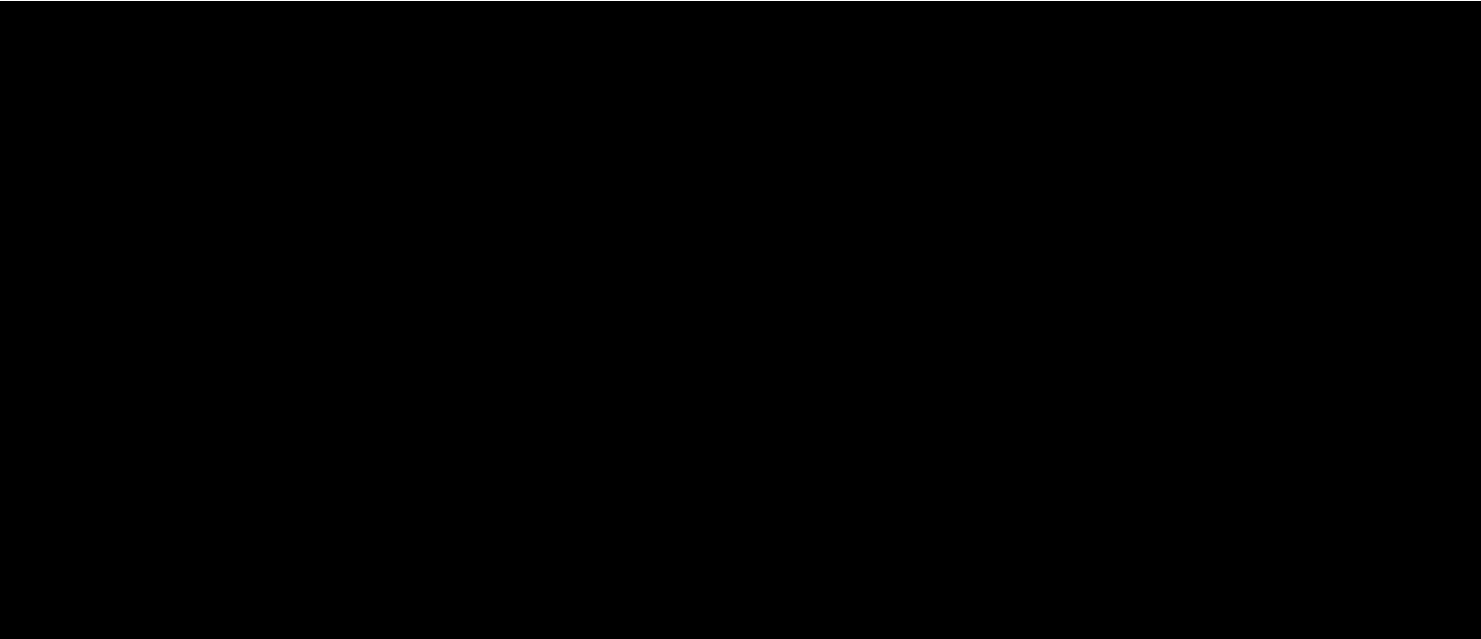
*I don't believe we have a major problem. It may be
corrected with additional signage. Street lights
would be helpful since there are none at present time*

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What are my concerns?

Occasional speeders

Walkers at night with no lights or brightly colored road- they seem to forget that the main purpose of a road, especially one without a sidewalk is for predominantly for cars

Where are traffic issues most common?

Anywhere where a car is parked on the street. If that was addressed alone - any issues would be minimized.

Additional comments

A sidewalk idea is a non-starter & completely unnecessary- ask yourselves- has there been one injury in the 64 or 65 years this community has been here?

Do we need speed bumps? NO- most people stay under 25MPH & yes I'm aware it's a 20 which is quite ridiculous- ask the Kids school buses that always do about 30.

The best thing we could do is add more street lights- that's it.

Cheers



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What are your concerns regarding traffic in the neighborhood, if any?

CARS Come down ROAD way too fast
esp. in the dark, and kids playing around

Where are traffic issues most common?

Speeding Around the turn

Provide any additional comments regarding traffic in the neighborhood:

Nothing

Email: _____

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