

****Responses to Key Concerns for Harper's Preserve Residents****

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****Parking Regulations****

To ensure the safe passage of emergency vehicles, any vehicle obstructing their transit should be subject to ticketing and fines as per local traffic regulations.

The roadways in Harper's Preserve vary in width and configuration, with some being straight and others curved. Prohibiting all street parking would be impractical, as it would restrict visitor and temporary parking. However, vehicles parked too close to intersections or on curves often impede traffic flow and create hazardous conditions. Vehicles parked on both sides of a roadway that hinder emergency vehicle access pose a significant risk to the community and must be cited. Engaging the Constable to enforce parking regulations and address violations would promote fairness and prevent claims of targeted enforcement.

****Harper's Trace Gate Access****

To enhance security, the Harper's Trace Gate should be staffed and access controlled from approximately 7:00 PM to 6:00 AM. By 7:00 PM, rush-hour traffic typically subsides, minimizing congestion caused by gate operations. Gates should be opened by 6:00 AM to allow seamless entry for school buses and related traffic.

Installing license plate readers at both entrance gates would further strengthen security by enabling the identification of vehicles entering the community.

****Speeding Mitigation****

Excessive speeding on Harper's Preserve roadways, particularly along Harper's Way, Harper's Trace, and Preserve Way, is a significant concern, with vehicle speeds often reaching 50 mph. Many drivers treat stop signs as optional, increasing risks to pedestrians, especially schoolchildren walking to bus stops in the early morning. Large delivery vehicles frequently travel at unsafe speeds, heightening the potential for serious accidents.

To address this issue, the following measures are recommended:

1. Reduce posted speed limits to 25 mph on main roads (Harper's Way, Harper's Trace, Preserve Way).
2. Set speed limits to 15 or 20 mph on narrower roads with higher pedestrian activity and children at play.
3. Install speed humps at crosswalks and along extended road sections to maintain traffic flow at approximately 25 mph without impeding emergency vehicles.
4. Engage the Constable to enforce traffic regulations within Harper's Preserve to ensure compliance.

****Pool Access Policy****

The proposed "Swim at Your Own Risk" policy warrants thorough consultation with legal professionals to assess potential risks, including the likelihood of increased insurance costs. Even if implemented, this policy should be accompanied by robust oversight, such as on-site personnel or enhanced camera surveillance, to ensure safety and accountability.

****Front Yard and Common Area Maintenance****

The front-yard maintenance program in Harper's Preserve is a valued, cost-effective benefit for residents and should be maintained. However, the landscaping of common areas requires review to address issues such as missing trees, excessive watering, and necessary repairs to perimeter fencing.