

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Wednesday, November 13, 2019 10:27 AM
To: Johanna Aarts
Cc: Clerk's Department; Steve Pappalardo
Subject: Re: Making Fox Meadow Road Safe for All Users

Johanna,

Thank you for your email and for volunteering to be the Traffic & Safety Coordinator for the FMNA.

The Village is aware of traffic safety issues on Fox Meadow Road and has focused enforcement efforts in the area. Enforcement is one of a number of available tools to use to enhance traffic safety.

The Village Manager and I have spoken about adding to traffic safety funding in the 2020/21 capital budget. The Village Board and staff are focused on enhancing traffic safety in the Village and we are taking a broad approach to traffic safety, from seeking NYS permission to reduce the Village speed limit from 30 MPH to 25 MPH to allocating funds to implement traffic calming measures.

I have copied the Village Manager on this email and herein request that he submit your email to the Traffic Safety Committee for its consideration. The Traffic Safety Committee is composed of members of the Police Department, Department of Public Works, Engineering Department and the Village Manager's Office. The Committee meets quarterly and will consider Fox Meadow Road in its deliberations.

Again, thank you for your email.

Best regards,

Marc

On Nov 12, 2019, at 2:01 PM, Johanna Aarts <johanna.aarts@gmail.com> wrote:

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To: Mayor Samwick
Cc: Village Clerk

Dear Mayor Samwick:

I write as the Traffic & Safety Coordinator for the Fox Meadow Neighborhood Association and as a resident and property owner facing Fox Meadow Road to request your cooperation in making Fox Meadow Road a safe place for all.

Fox Meadow Road is a heavily trafficked roadway used by motorists, pedestrians and cyclists at all times of the day.

In addition to cars and trucks, this includes:

- commuters walking and cycling to Scarsdale and Hartsdale train stations, often in the dark in the early morning hours and late at night;
 - middle school students walking to and from their school bus stop;
 - younger children walking to Fox Meadow Elementary School;
 - joggers, runners, the High School running team;
 - moms and dads walking or jogging with baby strollers;
 - elderly residents on their daily health walk;
 - recreational cyclists connecting from or to the Bronx River Pathway;
- and so on...

Fox Meadow Road's wide lanes and double yellow line signal 'throughway', not 'residential street'. While ideally there should be a sidewalk all through Fox Meadow Road such as there is on the stretch between Crane Road and Wayside Lane, we understand this may not be feasible.

However, a number of alternative measures are available that could calm the traffic and increase safety – including paint-on-road separation for pedestrians/cyclists, pedestrian crossings with warning signs (especially at school bus stops), and replacement of the double yellow line with interrupted stripes. Each of these road calming measures would be relatively inexpensive and easy to implement and could make an important difference in the safety of Scarsdale residents.

We are sure that you share our goal of making Fox Meadow Road safe and welcoming to all, so that bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists can safely share the road.

I would be grateful if the topic of 'Fox Meadow Safety Measures' could be added to the agenda of your next Board Meeting, and I would be happy to meet with you, either in person or by telephone, to discuss this matter.

Sincerely,

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