

**From:** Mayor  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:08 PM  
**To:** Janske Aarts & Pieter Bekker  
**Cc:** [manager@scardale.com](mailto:manager@scardale.com); Steve Pappalardo; Robert Cole  
**Subject:** Re: Unsafe traffic condition on Fox Meadow Road (below Fenimore Road)

Dear Aarts-Bekker Family -- Thank you for your email and concern.

By cc of this email to the Village Manager and Deputy Village Manager, I am requesting that this matter be referred to the Village Staff Traffic Committee for consideration of your proposal.

Best regards, Jon Mark

---

**From:** Janske Aarts & Pieter Bekker <[phf.bekker@gmail.com](mailto:phf.bekker@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, September 14, 2016 1:04 PM  
**To:** Mayor  
**Cc:** [manager@scardale.com](mailto:manager@scardale.com)  
**Subject:** Unsafe traffic condition on Fox Meadow Road (below Fenimore Road)

Dear Mayor Mark,

We write to alert you to an alarmingly unsafe traffic condition on Fox Meadow Road below Fenimore Road, one that can be easily fixed without budgetary implications for the Village.

#### (1) The Problem

There is **no traffic sign** reminding cars traveling on Fox Meadow Road between Fenimore Road and Butler Road of the Village maximum allowable speed limit of 30 mph, with clear consequences: cars are routinely observed traveling at speeds well above the maximum allowable speed limit coming off the hill at Fenimore and driving in the direction of the intersection between Fox Meadow Road and Butler Road, a five-way stop intersection. For many drivers, this section of the road is a **racetrack**. In the opposite direction toward Fenimore, there is only one (1) 30 mph sign located about 150 yards from the intersection between Butler and Fox Meadow Road and it is partly covered by leaves in Spring/Summer.

The problem is exacerbated when the Bronx River Parkway is closed off for car traffic on Sundays during Spring/Summer.

Given how many residents walk and ride their bicycles on Fox Meadow Road to and from the Hartsdale train station (with **no sidewalks existing**) and the number of families with small children residing along this section of the road and enrolled at Fox Meadow Elementary, it is a miracle that no accidents have occurred as a consequence of cars speeding on Fox Meadow Road between Butler Road and Fenimore Road. Chesterfield Road feeds into Fox Meadow Elementary. According to our observation, the majority of cars travel at speeds well above 30 mph on Fox Meadow Road between Fenimore and Butler. The Scarsdale Police Department would have a busy day if it were to monitor the situation on a given day.

## (2) The Solution

There is an easy and inexpensive solution besides placing several 30 mph signs on this section of Fox Meadow Road, and that is to make the intersection between Fox Meadow Road and Highland Way, mid-way between Fenimore and Butler, a four-way stop intersection. That solution will instantly solve the speeding issue. In addition, and as an immediate remedial measure, we ask that a mobile electronic speed display be placed on this section of Fox Meadow Road, so that drivers are confronted with their actual speed.

Another welcome solution would be to impose a 25 mph maximum allowable speed limit on Village roads, including Fox Meadow Road, and to place one or more speed bumps or other traffic calming measures (such as pedestrian crossings) on this section of the road.

Finally, if there is one obvious candidate for incorporating sidewalks in Scarsdale, it is Fox Meadow Road below Fenimore Road.

We understand that this section of Fox Meadow Road is scheduled to be repaved in the near future, so now is an opportune time to plan for and implement these safety-enhancing features, which we note are in line with the Report and Resolution by the Municipal Services Committee on Traffic Assessment, Safety and Improvement in the Village of Scarsdale dated October 28, 2015, with which we assume you are familiar. The Report contains this astute observation: “the absence of signals or signage on long stretches of these roads might contribute to the tendency of vehicles to pick up speed.”

We urge you to implement these suggested changes before fatalities occur.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Sincerely,

The Aarts-Bekker Family  
2 Chesterfield Road  
Scarsdale, NY 10583  
T: (917) 510 3537