

Donna Conkling

From: Mayor
Sent: Friday, September 13, 2019 10:25 AM
To: Jason Winkler
Cc: Steve Pappalardo; Donna Conkling; Trustee Veron; Trustee Ross; Trustee Crandall; Trustee Arest; Trustee Waldman; Trustee Lewis
Subject: Re: Intersection of Garth Road and Popham Road

Jason,

Thank you for your email. I am truly sorry about the harrowing experiences you've had and I am very thankful that you, your wife and baby are all okay.

The Village is aware of an apparent increase in aggressive driving and Village staff is working on a number of potential measures enhance overall traffic safety.

The Village maintains a Traffic Safety Committee and, with this email, I am copying the Village Manager and requesting that your request be brought before the Committee. While the Committee will evaluate your request, please keep in mind that State regulations and traffic guidelines as well as overall traffic management play important roles in the actions of the Committee.

Traffic Safety is a critical function of the Village and the Committee will review potential improvements to the Garth/Popham intersection.

I have also copied the Village Board so they are all aware of your experiences and concerns.

Again, I am very sorry about the experiences you have had and the Village will review the Garth/Popham intersection for potential improvements.

Best regards,

Marc

On Sep 13, 2019, at 9:17 AM, Jason Winkler <jwink48@gmail.com> wrote:

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Dear Mayor,

My name is Jason Winkler, and I have been a resident of Garth Road for five plus years. I am also a pediatrician in the local community. My wife and I are writing this letter to inform you of a problem with one of the intersections in the Village of Scarsdale, namely the intersection of Garth Road and Popham Road. My wife and I are avid walkers, especially now that we have a 3 month old baby, and a troublesome event happened this past weekend. While crossing Popham Road from Garth Road (east corner of the street), we were nearly hit by not one, but two cars,

who were speeding around the corner, turning a sharp right from Garth Road onto Popham Road - these drivers were clearly not keeping an eye out for pedestrians. What made it more worrisome is that we were pushing our baby in the stroller! This is not the first time this has happened - I would say that this is the third or fourth time that we felt we were almost hit while crossing the intersection. My wife and I cross only when the light directs us so it is not like we are crossing at times when we are not supposed to. My wife and I have also seen others cross who almost get hit, and have frequently seen pedestrians stop short and quickly raise their arms up in disbelief over the cars nearly hitting them through the intersection.

My wife is so distraught over this that she now refuses to cross the intersection, instead preferring to walk along the Bronx River Pathway from Harney Road to Scarsdale train station so she does not have to cross the intersection.

My suggestion is to have a "No Turn on Red" sign on the Garth Road part of the intersection as well as a pedestrian crossing only part of the traffic light cycle (i.e., a part of the traffic light cycle where everyone has a red light except for pedestrians).

I am very concerned that a pedestrian will be struck by a motorist at some point on this intersection.

Thank you for taking the time to read this.

Sincerely,

Jason Winkler