

R. Craig Weber action items, from MAY 10, 2016 meeting with Oak Hill Community Association

1. CHILD SAFETY ISSUE: CRAWFORD AND MIDDLETOWN-LINCROFT RD R. Craig Weber will "take a look". 15 written complaints & statements by Oak Hill Families. Additional verbal comments were made at May 10 meeting. (Police records will contain records of accidents and child injuries at this intersection)

[Joanne Irwin 12 Oriole Rd](#) There is a [traffic safety problem](#) each school day between 2 and 4 PM on Crawford Rd at the intersection with Middletown-Lincroft Rd.

Parents are parked on BOTH sides of this narrow entry, awaiting their children coming down the hill. Unfortunately, cars are also speeding down the hill and trying to get into Crawford without hitting a car, a car door, or a child crossing mid-block to a parent's car.

I propose a new sign on the North side for 400 feet:

NO PARKING.
2-4 PM.
MONDAY-FRIDAY.

This should open the road and keep kids on the "school side". No more congestion. No more kids running across. The crossing guard does a great job. This sign could help.

Please add your voice to mine and tell the Mayor, and anyone who will listen, of our need for safety.

Thank you.

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[Kara Donnellan, Heron Rd.](#), [Helen Duthie, 105 Pelican Rd](#) and [Christopher Nickel, 25 Oriole Rd.](#) thanked [Joanne Elizabeth Dunphy, 33 Crane Court](#) I propose that people don't speed down Crawford; [rather, they should] take an alternate route between 2 and 4 [PM] if they find it is an issue. Children don't get bused in this neighborhood and there is a need for parents to pick up their children. Unfortunately the school's parking lot is far more unsafe for children to meet their parents due to the extreme volume there.

[Kathleen Kenny, 97 Kingfisher Dr.](#) I agree with Joanne...if the parents would park on only one side of the street that would allow traffic to flow smoothly and children to walk on the sidewalk to their car rather than having to dart across the street..This has been an ongoing problem for many years and Joanne's proposal seems realistic and reasonable.

[Kara Donnellan, Heron Rd.](#) I agree, I think it would be much safer if cars only parked on the one side. Great idea. Thanks for organizing. It's an easy way to make things safer for the kids. I know of at least 2 kids that have almost been hit.

[Betty Pietruszka, 98 Pelican Rd](#) I totally agree - very dangerous.

[Theresa Marino, 2 Wren Ct.](#) Cars will then park on both sides farther up Bluejay and more will be making u- turns there which puts the kids walking there, without a sidewalk, at risk. Been walking/driving for 10 years and the Bluejay/Crawford intersection is the most worrisome part of our trip.

[Joanne Wheeler , 10 Mallard Rd.](#) I agree that the parking on Crawford Rd on both sides of the street is dangerous. The answer may just be to restrict parking on one side of the street as Kathleen states for certain hours on school days. However. i would like to take this one step further. Why is it that children who live on the other side of the government tracks on Nutswamp road must be bused to school, as it is considered "dangerous" to cross those tracks (mind you, I rarely see a train come thru, and there are sidewalks and a crossing guard), yet the children of Oak Hill must walk or be driven to school? Haven't we all seen the significantly more dangerous streets in Oak Hill , full of branches for weeks on end, without sidewalks on many streets for these children to walk on? Isn't that dangerous, walking in the street? Or in the fall, the leaves that sometimes extend way past curbside into the streets and block our view of little kids? Not all parents are fortunate enough to be stay-at-home moms or dads, or to be able to provide transportation to their children

every day. And I know for a fact, homes sales in Oak Hill are being affected as many working parents will not look at a home where busing is not provided. The safety of our children should be the top priority. Many years ago, there was busing provided for the children of Oak Hill. I believe up until 3rd grade. My daughter took the bus in kindergarten, and then it was suddenly stopped. So it is possible. And my taxes were a lot less then. Just because it has been like this for years, doesn't mean it [is] right. The distance to school should not matter, your children's lives should. I would be willing to help in any way I can

[Kathleen Kenny, 97 Kingfisher Dr.](#) I would suggest that as many concerned parents as possible attend the Oak Hill meeting, (which Steve has alluded to above), and make their concerns known to the Mayor. That is the perfect venue to show solidarity. Discussing it on this site is a good start but your attendance at the meeting is the most important factor.

[Cheryl Sikora, 150 Borden Rd.](#) I agree -- This has been a problem for as long as I can remember, starting with the crossing guard who parks exactly at the end of the street making it almost impossible to negotiate a turn onto Middletown-Lincroft Rd. I have found myself many times in a dangerous situation with a car trying to turn from M-L onto Crawford as I am on Crawford between 2 parked cars. Maybe the parents could stick to one side of the street and get out of the car to meet the little ones at the corner. It would be difficult to regulate the speed and alternate route suggestion, I think.

[Christopher Nickel, 25 Oriole Rd](#) I agree. Something needs to be done with the parking there when parents pick up their kids. Should have no parking on side heading toward Middletown Lincroft road. This should lower the amount of u turns on Crawford. Can they park at the Park across the street? and the guard parking her car right there is not helpful.

[Jackie DiVirgilio, 84 Crawford Rd.](#), I have told the Mayors office and it falls on deaf ears. I totally agree we need to join together. Get the Oak Hill Association involved.

[Christina Gisondi, 34 Fish Hawk Dr.](#) Please don't forget that the ice cream truck will soon be there every day making it even more dangerous. He still parks there, doesn't he? It's been a while for me so I'm not sure.

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2. DELAYS AT NORMANDY ROAD & OAK HILL RD CROSSING. R. Craig Weber will raise at a meeting with [security officer] of Naval Weapons Station Earle.

What is the nature/type of Normandy Rd traffic sensors (in addition to the push button manual ability for naval personnel to turn lights green). Multiple families have commented. Mayor Scharfenberger said he is personally affected. Glenn & Karen Cashion suggested traffic sensors might be tripped by non-Earle users of Normandy Rd. 3 written inputs follow:

[Robbie Cohen, 49 Sutton Place.](#) "I also asked the Mayor about the traffic light timings and apparent lack of traffic sensing at the Oak Hill Road crossing at Normandy Road. My concern is that I'm often stopped there for the full 30+ seconds when there is no traffic on Normandy Road, and at other (far less frequent) times am given the green light when cars are approaching and/or waiting on Normandy Road. He knew nothing about it, and asked the police official present to look into it".

[Steve Miller, 151 Borden Rd.](#) The Oak Hill crossing at Normandy Rd has caused traffic delays a high percentage of times I have crossed the naval tracks and road, for many years. Extremely frustrating has been the lights misbehaving during rain and snow (the lights block Oak Hill Rd for what seems like many minutes; residents have to wait for non-appearing Normandy Rd vehicles) . This issue has been raised several times by many people at previous years' Oak Hill meetings. The consensus is that Oak Hill should write to the Commander of Naval Weapons Station Earle (which we – collectively – have not yet done). Recently I noticed the crossing has a posted blue/white sign with what appear to be a base

telephone number for non-emergency problems. **Perhaps Middletown has some clout; if so, please let Oak Hill know.** Lacking that, I suggest Oak Hill both phone and write directly to the base. (Steve Miller, OHCA Secretary, 5/4/2016)

Phil Coticelli, 41 Bunker Hill. Normandy road traffic light wait times. At the last [OHCA Board] meeting... someone mentioned that there are non-emergency numbers that might be suitable for calling to request smarter lights. I've copied the information on the sign at the intersection with Oak Hill road, which is the one I take to get to 35.

- Intersection ID: 969336B Oak Hill
Phone Number: 732 866 2911

Each intersection has a unique ID number and name for the road. The phone number is the same. It's on my list to call...I'll get there at some point!

3. Borden & Pelican intersection (speeding; 4-way stop?): R. Craig Weber suggested an officer, presently attending traffic safety training, will be tapped for ideas.

4. Bamm Hollow 40mph limit (why, compared to Oak Hill Rd 35mph). R. Craig Weber "will look at this" Verbal request by a May 10 attendee. Another written request follows:

4/24 Mrs Vitt, 150 Bamm Hollow Rd: I want to bring up a safety concern regarding speeding and the speed limit signage posted within the first half mile of Bamm Hollow Rd.

When you turn onto Bamm Hollow Rd from Red Hill Rd the first three blocks each have varying speed limit signs starting from 40mph posted on the first block, 20mph posted on the second block and 35mph on the third block. This all leads up to the curve at Bamm Hollow and Stork Court. We live at 150 Bamm Hollow Rd, which is on that curve. I feel like this signage issue should be corrected as it adds to drivers confusion as to the correct speed limit.

There is a definite issue with excessive speeds on Bamm Hollow. This is dangerous in general, but especially so with the ever increasing deer population in the area and the number of blind driveways and streets on this hilly road.

Thank you in advance for your attention to this issue.

5 Add sign, on Everett Road (request by May 10 attendee): R. Craig Weber "will look into this". Possible signage to prevent an accident by tailgating drivers? A May 10 attendee reported a dangerous condition, while south bound on Everett Rd, when making left turn into Lincroft Presbyterian Church, just before W. Front St. The observation is that Middletown controls North side- and could add a sign. South Side is controlled by Holmdel.

*****Oak Hill resident issues collected by Steve Miller

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