

September 16, 2001

Dear neighbors,

A number of concerns have arisen in the wake of the paving of the lateral between Glenwood and Parkwood and so I thought I would write a letter to discuss them and a few other things that are on my mind.

First, though, my wife and I would like to welcome all of the new homeowners to our lovely street. I do not recall so many new residents all at once since Marjorie and I moved here in 1973. It has been hard to see friends leave, but we want you to know that we are glad to have you here and we hope that you will love living on Glenwood as much as we "old timers" have.

The issue of parking on the street is my next topic. The signs which extend the length of the street on both sides stipulate a policy put in place by the Town of Guilderland before we moved here, one which exists on other streets in the Town. There are three reasons why it should be observed.

1. Since Glenwood is narrow, it allows timely and safe passage by emergency vehicles, police and fire department personnel when time is of the essence.
2. Since Glenwood is narrow, it allows drivers at what should be normal speeds to be alert for children running into the street out from behind cars parked on only one side.
3. It's the law.

Although we have never tackled this situation as a street, may I propose to those of us who agree with what I have stated that we consider 9 a.m. as a guideline for daily compliance.

Finally, the lateral and its new look. After suffering for years from holes in the roadway that got bigger and changed their positions as the seasons evolved (despite the best efforts of those kind souls who for years graciously attempted to keep it in repair), Carl Groves (2 Glenwood) approached all of the property owners whose property backs up onto the lateral and onto the alley that runs parallel to the street earlier in the summer with a plan to pave the lateral. These roadways are the collective property of these owners, not the Town, even though the Town has right-of-way in order to maintain its water and waste-water system. Those of us who supported the idea paid roughly \$330 a household to have the work done, and from my vantage, I would say it has been done extremely well.

The signs which have caused comment were agreed to by all of us. They proclaim the roadway a private road, which it is, not in order to prevent other residents of Norwood, Glenwood, and Parkwood from using it, but rather to prevent the large commercial vehicles which have abused it in order to simplify their access from Glenwood to Parkwood from continuing to abuse it. In this decision we have been supported by the Town.

Now, many of you who are directly affected by that road use it to gain access to the light at Parkwood. If you are one of those, a contribution to the cost would be greatly appreciated. Please send whatever your conscience dictates to

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Whatever funds are received will be used to maintain and enhance it. Thank you for your consideration.

Let us pray for the country and the world.

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