



PUBLIC COMMENTS –
for the Tuesday, January 14, 2025 Board Meeting

From: LJ
Sent: Tuesday, January 14, 2025 9:42 AM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Geese at James Hart at Elder and Aberdeen

Hello. I have written a few times about this issue. The homeowner at the northwest corner of Elder and Aberdeen feeds the geese so there is often a flock of at least 25 geese hanging around the area. The sidewalks and streets are coated with goose excrement which makes it disgusting to walk or ride bikes in the area. The geese also hang out on the grounds of James Hart School which makes it even more of a health issue for the students and staff. I have counted as many as 100 geese at James Hart and westward on Elder Road on many lawns, not just on the lawn of the northwest corner house whose owner feeds them. For several years I have written (anonymously to avoid neighborhood disputes) about my concern for the health of the students who walk through this area to get to school. There should be a village ordinance preventing feeding wildlife in our town and especially in school zones. At the very least, the homeowner/feeder should be asked to stop feeding the geese as a goodwill gesture for his neighbors and fellow citizens. I wrote anonymously to him a couple years ago but was ignored. Now with avian flu a serious issue in our country (and globally) they are requesting that people NOT feed or have contact with waterfowl. Will the Village of Homewood FINALLY take some action on this matter please?

From: John Sulek
Sent: Tuesday, December 31, 2024 2:48 PM
To: PublicComments

The cars are going by right now, and have been for days, at about 50 miles an hour. It's raining, most have no headlights on. We haven't seen a homewood police officer in days. Why aren't you sound anything about this?

From: John Sulek
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 7:41 PM
To: PublicComments

This is regarding the rampant speeding in our town. It is absolutely appalling that our streets have become a danger zone for residents, and your failure to address this issue is nothing short of negligence.

I was nearly hit by a speeding car while crossing the street at Highland and 187th Street. This close call is just one of many instances that highlight the reckless behavior that has been allowed to thrive in our community. The lack of action from local authorities to implement effective measures, such as roundabouts, speed bumps and speed cameras, is a blatant disregard for the safety of your citizens. The police seem too busy to enforce the driving laws. They ignore the speeding cars.

This town has failed its residents by ignoring the urgent need for infrastructure that promotes safety. Roundabouts would effectively reduce speeding at critical intersections, speed bumps would slow the cars down, and speed cameras would hold reckless drivers accountable. Yet, we see no progress, no commitment to making our streets safe.

It is unacceptable that we have to live in fear of being injured or killed by a speeding vehicle. We deserve better, and it is your responsibility to ensure the safety of our community.

John Sulek

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 6:56 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Re: Speeding Questions

A black sedan just drove by at over 40mph with no lights on. Just before that 3 cars flew by at over 40. No one is doing anything.

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 2:28 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Re: Speeding Questions

They are driving by right now like maniacs. I called 911 a little while ago and NOTHING had changed!

From: John Sulek
Sent: Monday, December 23, 2024 1:36 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: 187th Street

Cars are flying by on 187th Street. This is completely excessive, and frankly unacceptable. Why is nothing being done about this? Where have the Homewood Police been? They used to patrol this area. Someone is going to be fatally injured again and we don't want it happening on our street.

From: Bob Robertson
Sent: Tuesday, December 17, 2024 8:24 PM
To: PublicComments
Subject: Re: Speeding Questions

I don't think you understand the frustration at all actually. I live on a residential street that is being treated like a highway by common criminals. This has been going on for years, and we have been asking for help about it for years.

A few cars just flew by at about 50 mph in a 25 mph zone. By the time we call 911, the cars are long gone. 911 is sick of hearing from us and has made that abundantly clear. You conducted a large speeding initiative around Thanksgiving on 187th Street, but we haven't seen any enforcement efforts since that weekend.

Why is the Village not taking action on this? We need speed bumps, lower speed limits, and proactive measures to address this ongoing issue. This message is not solely directed at Sgt. Chmielewski but also at Mr. Harris, President Hofeld and the Board of Trustees, who share responsibility for ensuring the safety of our community.

There are no sidewalks, streetlights, or bike lanes on this street, or on many streets in our town. A recent study by the IIHS highlighted that 25 mph is still too fast in certain areas. If you haven't read it, here's the link:

<https://www.iihs.org/news/detail/vehicle-height-compounds-dangers-of-speed-for-pedestrians>

The lack of action by the Village on this issue is deeply concerning. The Village of Homewood is failing its residents by not enforcing the laws already in place.

We need speed cameras, increased police presence, and real solutions. We've been urging you for far too long. Residents are calling for speed signs that display drivers' speeds, roundabouts, additional stop signs, additional speed limit signs, bike lanes, lower speed limits, crosswalks, and proper lighting. We deserve a safer place to live.

We pay significant taxes and are not seeing the return in safety measures that we should. Many residents of 187th Street are ready to move elsewhere. We've been begging and pleading for action, yet so little has been done. Whenever we reach out for help, you ask for a conversation or offer excuses. We need action. You have taken none.

The speed limit is 25 mph. Enforce it. People live here, and their safety should be your priority. We need the Village to step up and show that it cares about its residents.

Until this issue is addressed, I will no longer support local businesses through additional taxes, and I will encourage others to do the same. The time for action was years ago.
