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**Subject:** RE: 631-671 E Ave N

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**Sent:** Monday, February 2, 2026 11:04 AM  
**To:** Ramsy Hoehn <[RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org)>  
**Subject:** Re: 631-671 E Ave N

Thanks, I look forward to hearing from you.

On Mon, Feb 2, 2026 at 7:39 AM Ramsy Hoehn <[RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org)> wrote:

Hi Bill,

The Director of Public Works and myself are going to look at a few different options for this area. We will reach out as we get closer to spring to discuss them with you along with timelines.

Thanks,

### RAMSY HOEHN | CITY OF KETCHUM

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**From:** Bill Whittenberg <[billwhittenberg5280@gmail.com](mailto:billwhittenberg5280@gmail.com)>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 3:21 PM  
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Yes please I'd love to meet and chat about it.

Or if there are meetings discussing these matters I'd love to be at them also.

Thanks

On Wed, Jan 28, 2026 at 2:33 PM Ramsy Hoehn <[RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:RHoehn@ketchumidaho.org)> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Thanks for reaching out.

The public works department has recently compiled a list of these areas used for parking that need improvements.

We have been chipping away at these areas over the last few years as time and budget allows. The area you are referring to is on our list and planned for this year.

I'm happy to meet you on site soon or this spring to discuss our plans along with alternatives.

Please let me know what work best for you.

Thanks,

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I don't think you are tracking me on this

Let me get this straight.

We have to file for permitting and PAY to FIX and continue to maintain city property that the city neglects and doesn't care looks terrible.

(right down town/entrance to a donated city park)

But really is our front yard that people are parking on and destroying.

All I'm trying to say is there's clearly a parking issue all over town we all know that.

But what parking is available should be cared for and set up to be accommodating. And by your response it sounds like the city doesn't really care

You want to just shove it back onto the home owner to fix your problem.

Thoughts?

On Wed, Jan 28, 2026 at 10:45 AM Andrea Chatterton <[AChatterton@ketchumidaho.org](mailto:AChatterton@ketchumidaho.org)> wrote:

Hi Bill,

Good morning, and thank you for submitting your concerns regarding parking and the City rights-of-way at 631 East Avenue North.

Senior Community Service Officer, Wes, had previously discussed these concerns with you. As indicated on the posted signage, vehicles must remain off the asphalt to ensure clear access for emergency services.

Both Law Enforcement and the Fire District have confirmed that there are currently no hazards or obstructions impacting emergency service access at this location.

To help prevent any future citations, the nurses may also utilize the driveway accessible from the alley behind the residence.

Regarding the instillation of eco-blocks on the grass: this area falls within the City rights-of-way. If you wish to proceed, you would need to apply for a Right-of-Way Encroachment Permit to obtain City approval. You can access the application here:

[Right of Way Encroachment Permit Application | City of Ketchum Idaho](#)

If you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to reach out. Wishing you and your grandparents continued health and happiness.

Sincerely,

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Hello,

I am writing to make sure I am reaching the appropriate department regarding an ongoing parking and access issue at my grandparents' property located at 631 East Ave N in downtown Ketchum.

My grandparents lived in this home for nearly 60 years. They are now both elderly and dealing with multiple health issues that require regular care. A team of nurses visits the property, and unfortunately, access to the home has become increasingly difficult and concerning over the past several years.

Parking along Knob Hill and in front of the house has grown significantly in the last 4–5 years. While the park at the top of the hill—donated by the Bradshaws—is a wonderful asset to the community, there is effectively no designated parking from 6th Street east up to the top of the cul-de-sac. As a result, vehicles routinely park along the road and in our front yard.

This creates several serious problems. There is no longer adequate space for caregivers to park, and emergency access is a major concern. If either of my grandparents were to experience a medical emergency, I am genuinely worried that emergency vehicles would struggle—or be unable—to reach the house. The same concern applies to our cabin at 671 East Ave N. Plus the two homes above our cabin at 671.

Approximately 4–5 years ago, the City of Ketchum placed signs in our front yard instructing people not to park off the road. While I understand this is a city easement, the city does not currently maintain the area. As a result, repeated parking has completely destroyed the yard, turning it into a deeply rutted, muddy, and unsafe area that is both unsightly and hazardous.

I have spoken with a local contractor and proposed installing eco-blocks or a similar reinforcement system in the grass to provide structure and prevent further damage while still allowing for necessary access. While this would not fully solve the underlying issue, it would be a meaningful step toward improving safety and restoring some order to the area.

This situation is unfortunate, particularly given my grandparents' long history in this home and the increasing care they now require. What was once a quiet residential frontage has effectively become a parking overflow area, detracting from the natural beauty of downtown Ketchum and creating real safety risks.

I would appreciate guidance on how the city might help address this situation or who I should work with to find a reasonable, long-term solution.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

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