

TO: The Robbin's Town Council
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My original plan was to attend tonight's meeting. Unfortunately, a conflict has made this impossible. I do, however, have several issues I'd like to present.

1. Possible Speed Bumps on Lake Street:

Cars along Lake Street are routinely traveling well in excess of 35 MPH, creating extreme safety hazards. This is a ^{residential} neighborhood with lots of kids playing and pedestrians walking and taking advantage of the pond that sits on Lake Street. Children playing, people walking, skateboarders, those riding hoverboards, and bicycles, etc., are all at risk from the speeding cars. Not to mention the number of ducks that have been killed by these cars. I, myself, have witnessed so many times cars having to slam on brakes in order to make the stop at Lake and Park Streets and others nearly losing control around the curve.

Once speed bumps were installed along Park Street, traffic on Lake Street increased exponentially as travelers desired to avoid the bumps on Park Street. This increase, together with traffic from Growler, has caused the rapid deterioration of Lake Street. I would think Growler, particularly when maneuvering the large flatbeds with those enormous tires, would be better advised to use Hemp Street, rather than Lake Street where cars are parked on both sides of the road and which is significantly narrower than Hemp.

Additionally, the stop sign at Colonial and Lake might as well be invisible. Every day, I witness residents, delivery trucks, city vehicles and school busses run that stop sign.

Although I hate speed bumps as much as anyone else, it would appear placing 2 along Lake Street would go a long way toward curbing the issue of speeding cars (and hopefully the roaring of engines) as well as ensuring safety.

2. Cats:

The wild cat population is out of control. There are so many cats running around now and so many of them deformed and severely diseased. Feeding wild cats is not doing them any favors. It is NOT a form of care. It only serves to ensure their continued suffering.

For instance, my next-door neighbor feeds stray cats, the number of which continues to grow. She feeds them on our property line, and they like to live in my natural area, my flower beds and other areas of my yard. They also like to have their litters in my yard. But these cats have never been vaccinated, most certainly have worms, mites and whatever else. They represent a threat to my granddaughter as well as to my puppy. Last year I could not allow my granddaughter to play in our back yard or allow my puppy back there because of the cats. Now, however, the cats have begun relieving themselves in my front yard as well, making my entire yard unavailable to her. And for my puppy, I must be extra careful when walking him, ensuring he stays away from

any cat feces. I spend considerable time and effort trying to dispose of as much of the cat feces as I can, which is something I greatly resent. I spend a great deal of money keeping my puppy healthy and keeping his shots up to date. The veterinarian has cautioned me as to the dangers these cats pose to my granddaughter as well as to my dog. I have written my neighbor a letter and tried several times to talk to her about the cat situation, trying to find a reasonable solution. Unfortunately, I have had no cooperation as she continues to ignore my pleas.

The humane society will not allow a household to rent but one cage at a time; needless to say, with the cat situation we have here, that is hardly helpful.

Again, as some of these cats are deformed and sick, any suggestions or assistance the Town could provide would be most appreciated, not just on my street, but throughout the town.

3. Ducks and Geese:

Geese are protected by federal law. But, just as in years past, there have been several geese and ducks injured and even killed at the pond so far this summer. It takes a certain kind of person to harm an animal, but unfortunately, such people exist in Robbins. Indiscriminately killing a duck or goose, or any other animal is criminal. I am not sure what can be done, other than posting signs, or periodic drive throughs of the park, but if there is anything we can do, even just spreading the word about repercussions to harming the wildlife, it would be greatly appreciated. Sad we must even talk of such.

4. Paving of Colonial Street:

Colonial Street is in desperate need of repaved.^{ing} I realize that the Town has several roads of concern; however, it seems that most work is done to the Forest Heights area and Oak Street.

5. Internet:

I work from home and the internet goes out several times a day. This disrupts my income as much of my salary is based on production.