

**From:** [Ashley Weber](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Rudzinski](#)  
**Subject:** Jakes way and Howard  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026 1:09:57 PM

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Dear Ryan,

My family is not able to attend the meeting tomorrow regarding the opening of Jakes way onto Howard road.

We built our home on the corner on jakes way and maple with jakes way being a dead end. We have lived here for over 8 years now. The amount of speeding done on Howard road is very concerning. This road is also unmarked and unposted. If you open up on Jakes way onto Howard, this will cause a huge safety concern for both roads. Jakes way sits on top of Howard road. If people are speeding on Howard there is no way to see anyone who may pull out onto Howard from jakes way. This goes for both directions. There is also a lot of farm equipment that runs that part of Howard road regularly. That portion has two different farm fields owned by different families. There is also a dump truck business at the end of Howard road. You have dump trucks driving on that as well. Could you imagine if you pulled out in front of any of those vehicles because you could not see?

Jakes way also holds the East Gate park. If you open up Howard road the likelihood of people speeding in the subdivision would increase as well. This puts all of our children at risk. This subdivision is built around the kids as I would say at least 80% of the houses have at least 1 child at the residence. Most houses have 2 or more children. They would like to enjoy the outdoors and not have to worry about speeding vehicles especially around the park.

I just ask you to really listen to all the concerns about opening this road and take into consideration all of the families that are in the subdivision.

Please reach out to me if you have any more questions that I can answer.

Thank you,

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**From:** [jamie melik](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Rudzinski](#)  
**Subject:** Howard Rd and Jakes Way connection  
**Date:** Tuesday, May 19, 2026 12:21:22 PM

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**Dear Ryan Rudzinski**

I am writing to express my concern about the new road construction project regarding the connection of Howard Rd. and Jakes Way that is set to increase traffic through our quiet neighborhood. The anticipated rise in vehicle volume could significantly disrupt the peaceful atmosphere we currently enjoy. If this project proceeds then I am deeply concerned regarding the **safety of our children**. The potential for high vehicle traffic poses significant risks to their safety as they walk or play in our neighborhood. Especially the children playing at the park adjacent to the street. Again if this has to happen then it is essential to implement measures such as speed limit signs, crosswalks and traffic calming solutions such as speed bumps to protect our children and ensure they can safely navigate in the area.

**Thank you for considering the welfare of our children**

**Sincerely Jamie Melik**

**232 Corner of South Ash lane and Jakes Way  
Whitewater WI.**

**From:** [Ryan Rudzinski](#)  
**To:** [Ryan Rudzinski](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Howard Road  
**Date:** Friday, May 22, 2026 7:26:17 AM

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Thanks,  
Ryan

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**From:** Jenni Jacobs <jennikjacobs@icloud.com>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, May 20, 2026 5:01 PM  
**To:** Ryan Rudzinski <RRudzinski@rhbatterman.com>  
**Subject:** Howard Road

To whom it may concern,

I am a Whitewater resident who lives on Jakes Way and my property is adjacent to Howard Road. This project would personally affect myself and my property value, but this current plan would also affect the entire neighborhood and character of a quiet family neighborhood that we value.

I purchased my home in 2021 on Jakes Way largely due to the dead end street with safety and minimal traffic at the forefront. The location and privacy is the best part of my property and the surrounding neighbors.

Children, walkers, cyclists, and residents currently use this street with the desirable limited traffic and slower speeds. In a day and age with children using electronic devices, it is wonderful to live in a subdivision with a high volume of children safely playing outside, riding their bikes, and utilizing the park on Jakes Way.

I can hear the traffic of Howard Road from my bed and I've attached an image showing the proximity of the road to my home. The traffic is often very fast and exceeds the speed limit. I am concerned with adding an intersection in the middle of the road, especially from traffic traveling north over the hill that it would create a very unsafe intersection. Additionally, this high speed traffic turning into the neighborhood that is used to having children playing and independently traveling to the park on Jakes Way or neighbors homes. The addition of new apartments on the West side of Jakes Way would very likely direct a lot of traffic from Howard Road and traveling down Jakes Way to access these new apartments. Additionally, the bushes and trees that separate Howard Road with Jakes Way homes creates a barrier to noise and provides privacy along with safety from the very busy road.

My concern for safety, property values, and preserving the family-friendly culture of the neighborhood is the reason that I am requesting the town to consider alternative options for joining Jakes Way with Howard Road. This request is not only for my own personal interests, but also on behalf of the entire neighborhood and to preserve the safety and quality of a wonderful place to live.

Thank you,  
Jenni Jacobs

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Sarah Pieper, 225 Maple Lane (white fence abuts Howard Rd), 715-451-0815

Ryan R. had a phone conversation on 5/19/2026.

She was concerned with connecting Jakes Way to Howard Rd, the new intersection.

She would like to see a safety study completed for the new intersection.

Concerns:

- A lot of children in the neighborhood riding bikes, concern there will be additional traffic with the new connection
- East Gate Park is located on Jakes Way, where a lot of children go. More traffic past the park is safety issue for children crossing the street.
- New apartment complex at the west end of Jakes Way will increase traffic using the new intersection, possibility of more accidents.
- Would rather have traffic go to Bluff Rd and utilize the existing 4-way stop intersection at Bluff/Howard. More controlled situation.
- Would like the City to provide more notification to the rest of the subdivision regarding Jakes Way and new apartment complex.

Also discussed that the roadway will be getting wider. The existing roadway is 20 feet of asphalt with 2-foot gravel shoulders. The new roadway will be 22 feet of asphalt and 4-foot gravel shoulders. Approximately 3 feet wider on each side of road.