

To: Town of Pelham, Town Clerk and Council

Subject: Request for No Parking in front of Marlene Stewart Drive Park

I am writing to request that "No Parking" signs be posted around the bend and in front of the Marlene Stewart Drive Park in the Lookout sub-division. I am concerned that parked cars in front of the park and around the bend on Marlene Stewart Drive are creating safety issues.

Vehicles are currently parking around the bend in the road and in front of the park, making it very difficult for neighbourhood traffic to navigate the turn, particularly in the winter, although it is also a problem during other seasons. We have witnessed several near head-on collisions because parked vehicles take up road space, forcing two-way traffic to drive in the middle of the road. Often times, cars are speeding as they round the bend. On one occasion, a pick-up truck driver drove over our corner property when it swerved to avoid a collision with an oncoming vehicle. All it takes is one or two parked vehicles to create safety hazards in front of the park.

This has worsened since one of the papers published the drainage pond in the park as a good place to toboggan. This has drawn more traffic, and more parked cars, from outside the neighbourhood. And the limited passage is getting worse with the narrowing of the road due to recent snow plowing.

In addition, I have observed children running out between the parked cars in front of the park, which is hard for drivers to see coming around the bend.

Trucks and cars also regularly park along Brewerton to access the park, however because this is a straight road, visibility remains clear and passage more accessible for two-way traffic.

What would need to be done for the Town to consider putting up "no parking" signs around the bend and in front of the park on Marlene Stewart Drive before any accidents occur?

Sincerely,

Marylou Hilliard