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What is our Solution?

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John

Dear Mr. Houtari, (sent by email October 15, 2011, A.M.)

C: Mayor/Council/Council Justice

I drive the morning car pool to take my son and one other sophomore to the International Academy and have to gingerly navigate around one or two purposely parked cars along this road - all while children are walking on the road, biking on the road and with cars coming the other way. There is no sidewalk for the kids... and there should be seeing this is a school route. I think the shoulders along this road should be taken back by the town so sidewalks can be built and our children can be safe. In the meantime, parking should not be allowed during drop off and pick up hours.

While this is not a "traffic" problem directly, you should know there is one very rude, very obnoxious man who is making matters worse by taunting the parents and students. He swore at me and made threats to me when I asked him, "Why are you doing this?" He shouted the F word, among others, in clear earshot of children and other parents as he told me, "This is a private street! Get the F off my private street you worthless piece of S..." He clearly distinguished himself as uneducated in what is or isn't a "private" road, in addition to being foul-mouthed, rude and obnoxious, and dare I say dangerous around children? I have no doubt my 15 year old already has a better education than this gentleman thanks to the great IA program he is attending - a program he had to first qualify for and then win a lottery to get enrolled, a program his brother graduated from and is now attending the University of Michigan for nuclear engineering as a result of his IA education (he attended the original IA, class of 2009).

Thursday morning, (10/13) this man was standing next to his car, in the street, with two small dogs (not on leashes) walking ahead of him while cars were backed up and waiting to drop off their kids. He was clearly blocking traffic and creating a traffic hazard, so in one sense he has made himself a "traffic" problem. I have seen a Troy police car there on several mornings, including yesterday morning, but I did not see an officer on Thursday when he could have prevented his man from holding up traffic on a public street.

If something isn't done to get those parked cars off of Boyd Street during school drop off and pick up hours - until a sidewalk can be installed - I am afraid that some kid is going to get hit by a car, especially now when it is so dark at 7:30 A.M. Especially in the fall and winter when wet leaves, snow and ice will create slippery conditions. That will make this bottleneck an accident waiting to happen...

This is clearly, and easily, preventable, and in my opinion something has to be done now before the weather turns; before someone gets hurt. At the very least, please consider putting a traffic cop at the blocked location for the 30 minutes in the morning and afternoon to direct traffic around any "unmovable" objects if current parking laws cannot get them removed from the street.

Thank you for your consideration and your concern. I await your reply.



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