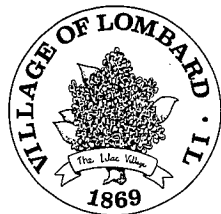


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To: Stan Rickard, Public Works Director

From: John Johnson, Technical Services Supervisor

Date: September 21, 2001

Subject: Pedestrian Crossings, Stop Signs and Speeding on Maple St. between Grace St. and Westmore/Meyers Rd.

The Village received an e-mail from Ms. Regimand at 412 E. Maple St. Ms. Regimand requested that the Village look into installing pedestrian crossings and stop signs at Fairfield Ave. and Ahrens Ct. at Maple St. She also requested that the speed limit on Maple St. be reduced from 30 MPH to 25 MPH.

After reviewing this request, I agree there should be pedestrian crossing signs installed with pavement markings on the west leg of Maple St. and Fairfield Ave., and on the east leg of Ahrens Ct. and Maple St. at Ahrens Ct. Sidewalk extensions will need to be installed from the public sidewalk to the street on the north and south sides of Maple St. to accommodate pedestrians. These signs and markings will help make these crossings more visible to drivers.

With the recent lowering of the speed limit to 25 MPH on Madison St. and Washington Blvd. due to parks and schools in the area, I find Maple St. functioning in a similar manner. I reviewed Maple St. not just in this area, but the entire street segment (Finley Rd. to east Village limits), for possible speed reduction. My findings show two schools, six churches, the Helen Plum Library, Lombard Historical Museum, two recreational parks, two commuter parking lots and Dairy Queen. Dairy Queen was included due to the large draw of pedestrians to this area.

Fairfield Ave. is located approximately 630 feet east of Grace St. which is a multi-way stop intersection. Ahrens Ct. is located approximately 520 feet west of Westmore/Meyers Rd. which is a signalized intersection with pedestrian phasing. I feel Fairfield Ave. and Ahrens Ct. are located within a reasonable walking distance to a fully controlled intersection. The pedestrian signage with markings, along with a speed reduction on Maple St., will make crossing Maple St. at Fairfield Ave. and Ahrens Ct. much safer.

On the basis of the above information, I would recommend installing pedestrian crossings and markings on Maple St. at Fairfield Ave and Ahrens Ct. I also recommend reducing the speed limit to 25 MPH on Maple St. from Finley Rd. to east Village limits. I would not recommend converting Fairfield Ave. and Ahrens Ct. at Maple St. to a multi-way stop.

cc: Richard Soderstrom, Trustee - District 6
 Kenneth Florey, Trustee - District 5
 Ms. Julie Regimand, 412 E. Maple St.
 Transportation and Safety Committee



Stanley Rickard

06/20/01 10:58 AM

To: John Johnson/VOL@VOL

cc:

Subject: Re: Maple/Grace

fyi..... sr

Stan Rickard
Public Works Department
630-620-5766

----- Forwarded by Stanley Rickard/VOL on 06/20/01 10:56 AM -----

Carol Bauer

06/18/01 11:06 AM

To: "Julie Regimand" <jregimand@fcb.com>

cc: William Lichter/VOL@VOL, Stanley Rickard/VOL@VOL, Leonard
Flood/VOL@VOL, Patricia Wolf-Lindstrom/VOL@VOL, Karl
Dillenkoffer/VOL@VOL

Subject: Re: Maple/Grace 

Ms. Regimand:

Thank you for your response to my e-mail. I did forward a copy of your last e-mail and will forward a copy of this e-mail to the Police and Public Works Departments. Should staff need additional information, they will contact you. It would probably be beneficial to attend the Transportation and Safety Committee meeting when your item is scheduled for discussion. Advisory committees such as Transportation and Safety meet monthly. However, during the summer quite often meetings are cancelled. The July T&S committee meeting has already been cancelled and the August meeting is tentative. Public Works will advise you when your item is scheduled so that you have the opportunity to attend the meeting.

Again thank you for contacting the Village with your concerns and suggestions. Should you need to speak with me directly, my direct number at the Village Hall is 620-5712.

Carol Bauer
Executive Coordinator
620-5712

"Julie Regimand" <jregimand@fcb.com>



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<jregimand@fcb.com
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06/18/01 10:35 AM

To: BauerC@villageoflombard.org

cc:

Subject: Re: Maple/Grace

Thankyou very very much. I am very concerned about this problem. As I am sure you are aware - the human race seems to be in a bigger hurry each day - and it seems to be down Maple Street. The best possible solution would be to place 4-Way Stop Signs on some of the streets down Maple. It amazes me that there are not stop signs posted at the intersections of both the Tennis Court/Park and Westmore Park. This seems to be a logical position to slow down traffic and increase the safety of our children and families.

Thanks so much for your help. Is there anything else I can do to keep this issue on everyone's agenda to get some type of resolution?

-Julie Regimand

BauerC@villageoflombard.org wrote:

> Ms. Regimand:

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> I have received your e-mail regarding speeding autos in your area. I will
> be forwarding this e-mail to the Police Chief to request added patrol and
> to the Public Works Department for consideration by the Transportation and
> Safety Committee. Hopefully this will resolve the issues that you have
> noted.

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> Thank you for using our e-mail system and bringing your concerns to our
> attention.

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> Carol Bauer
> Executive Coordinator

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> Julie
> jregimand@fcb.com

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> Hello. I am a resident of who lives near the corner of Maple and Grace. I
> am so discouraged at the ever increasing speedway the lack of stop signs on
> Maple has created. Not only during the peak rush hour times cars are
> speeding through our streets, but all hours of the day. The only stop sign
> (maple/grace) is usually ran through with little or no disregard to coming
> to a complete stop. After the bars let out in the evening, Grace becomes
> the drunken race home.

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> We have seen a dog get hit and thrown through the air, kids on their bikes
> on the way to the bike swerving to hit the curb because a motorist was in a
> bigger hurry, and a deep decline in 'let the kids play' because it is just
> not safe to have them near Maple.

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> We have contacted the Village. We have contacted the Police. What do we do
> to get some attention to this street. This is a residential area. The
> speedlimit should be 25. There is a park where several kids and families
> enjoy themselves each day - why aren't there more stop signs allowing the

> safe crossing of Lombard residents?

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> Please help us get this resolved. The residents need your help.

> -Julie Regimand

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