

June 22, 2015

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Board of Supervisors, Third District
County of San Mateo

Sheriff Greg Munks
San Mateo County Sheriff's Office
400 County Center
Redwood City, CA 94063

RE: Traffic Congestion and Parking in Menlo Oaks Neighborhood

Dear Greg,

I have been made aware of a neighborhood concern involving parking congestion in the Menlo Oaks neighborhood. According to local residents, the parking problem is created mostly by cars from the Menlo-Atherton High School and the Laurel Elementary School communities.

Apparently, the parking problem created by an overwhelming number of cars during the school year creates serious challenges for the neighborhood. There have even been complaints that California Water meter readers are not able to access the area's in-ground water meters. I have been told that the "Safe Route to School" area between Ringwood and Menlo Oaks is sanctioned as the main pedestrian and biking route to Menlo-Atherton and Laurel, although cars routinely ignore the No-Parking signs. There have been requests to increase these restrictions.

Some of the recommendations brought forward by residents include more detailed No-Parking signs with specific times relating to school hours. Residents have also urged the schools to educate their driving communities to be more aware of already existing regulations concerning parking locations, littering and general safety issues.

I hope that you are able to work with the school districts and perhaps the California Highway Patrol to develop a comprehensive solution to what is clearly an escalating neighborhood problem in the unincorporated area of District Three. The neighbors are concerned for the safety of students as well as the livability of their community.

Please contact me if I can be of any assistance in addressing this issue.

Sincerely,



Don Horsley, Third District Supervisor
San Mateo County Board of Supervisors

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