

March 8, 2010

Dear Mayor Kleinschmidt and Town Council:

I am petitioning you tonight in regard to an increasing on-street parking problem we are having in our neighborhood. This is not the first time I have come before you on this matter.

Our neighborhood is located just south of Estes Drive (see map), and comprises roughly the streets of Bradley Road, Williams Circle, Lea Court, and a bit of Severin Street.

Some months ago, in response to a letter from Todd Shapley-Quinn (see attached), you enacted an ordinance establishing parking on Branch Street and Justice Street by residential permit only. This was to address a problem of UNC employees parking on those narrow streets and walking up to Airport Drive to the UNC facilities in order to avoid having to use the park and ride lots. In his letter, Mr. Shapley-Quinn pointed out that UNC assured residents that UNC employees would not park in our neighborhood after the new UNC Business Office was built on Airport Drive.

Your action resolved the problem for Branch and Justice Streets. Unfortunately, those individuals have simply moved one block over and are now parking along Bradley Road and Severin Street, and in some cases on Williams Circle. Over the last year or two, we have seen the number of cars increase from 3-4 to 11+ (see photos). It is generally the same vehicles, and anyone who cares to come watch at around 8 a.m. will see the individuals leaving their cars and walking toward Airport Drive or to one of the bus stops.

The numerous parked cars on Bradley make it very difficult for people to see traffic coming down Bradley Road as they move from Severin on to Bradley Rd.

In addition, our neighborhood has many young families with small children who regularly walk this area during the day, and many others who walk to catch the bus. We have no sidewalks in our neighborhood. The parked cars narrow the road severely, particularly if a bus happens to be traveling up Bradley Road (A Route).

It should be noted that we petitioned the town several years ago for relief concerning this and other related problems. However, the traffic engineers set a very large boundary for our area that included a large area of Elkin Hills. In the end, because of absentee landlords and other issues, we were unable to gather the large number of necessary signatures.

We respectfully request that this time the boundary include only the properties along Bradley Road, Williams Circle, and Lea Court, and the residences on Severin Street that are in Colonial Heights.

We have had lengthy e-mail and face-to-face conversations in our neighborhood on this issue, and there is broad support for action. We hope the Council will support us in this and act to grant us relief.

Thank you.

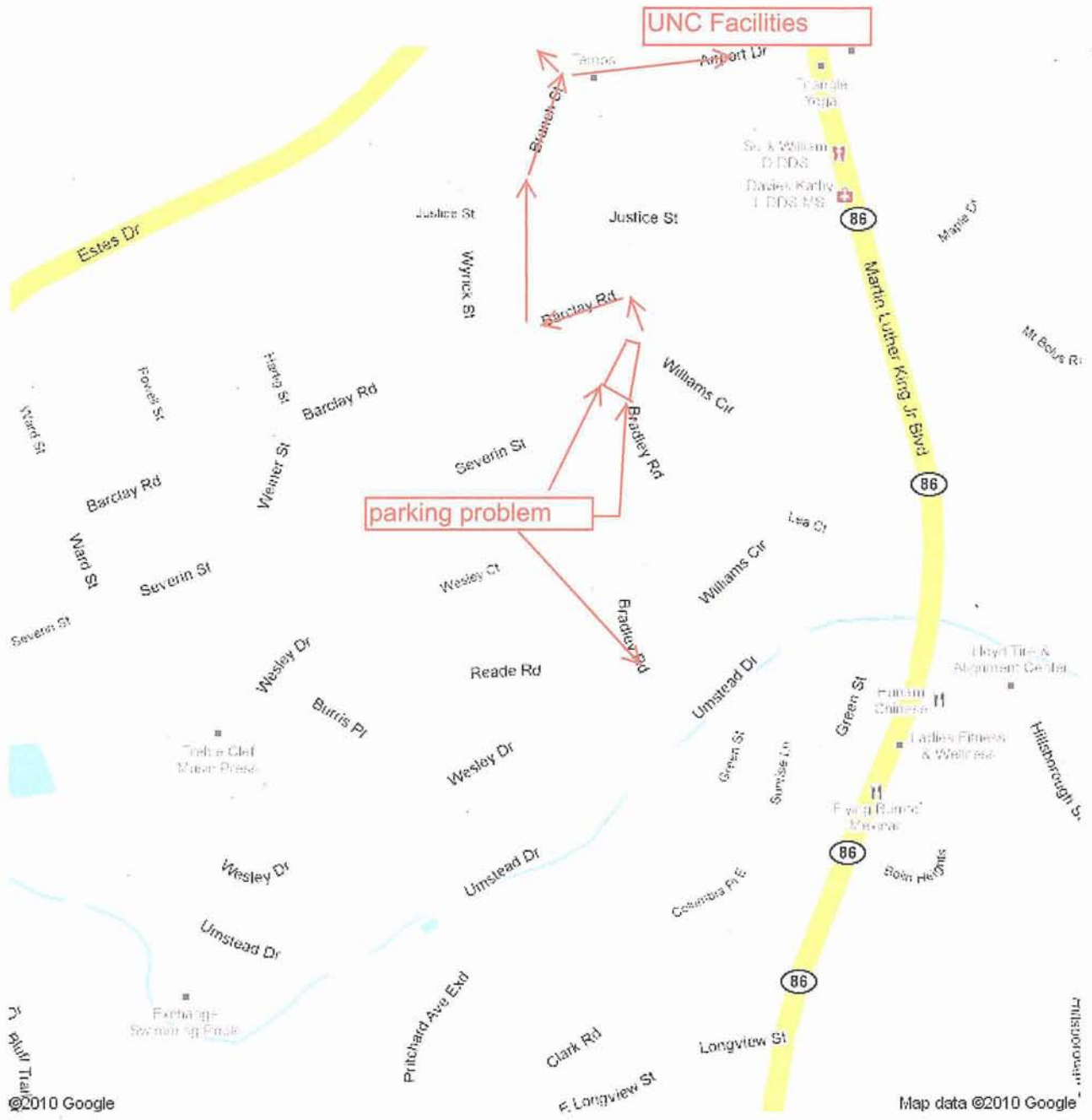
Michael Collins, Colonial Heights

Attachments:

Map of Colonial Heights showing problem areas

Letter from Todd Shapley-Quinn on parking issue along Branch and Justice Streets

Photograph from Williams Circle looking southwest down Bradley Road.



Parking Problem in Colonial Heights

To: Kumar Neppalli
Traffic Engineering
Town of Chapel Hill

Letter from Todd Shapley-Quinn
regarding earlier parking problem
on Branch and Justice Streets

From: Todd Shapley-Quinn
130 Justice St.
Chapel Hill, NC 27516

November 20, 2008

Dear Mr. Neppalli,

This is in follow-up to our earlier conversations about UNC employees parking along streets in the neighborhood behind the UNC buildings on Airport Drive. Several years ago, when this newest building was first being discussed in public session with the Town Council, UNC representatives made it very clear that UNC employees would NOT be parking on the side streets. Nevertheless, that is what continues to happen. I understand that you have taken this up with UNC's Assistant Director for Transportation, but there has been no improvement.

This is problematic because these streets (Branch St. and Justice St.) are neither intended nor designed for parking along the edges. When the employees do park there, the remaining space is too narrow for cars coming in opposite directions to pass each other. Moreover, some of the parked cars are consistently pulled over far enough that they are partially on the lawns of the local residents.

I've talked with some of our neighbors about this issue and they are in agreement that this is a problem, including the resident on the corner of Branch and Justice who is most affected.

We would like to see UNC follow through on their assurances. If they are unable or unwilling to do this, we would like the Town of Chapel Hill to designate and post both Branch St. and Justice St. as "parking for residents only."

Thanks much for your help.

Respectfully,

Todd Shapley-Quinn



March 3, 2010

Taken looking from Williams Circle down Bradley Road
10 cars visible (one partially hidden behind first vehicle)

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Growing numbers of vehicles are being parked on our streets by individuals who work at the UNC Facilities on Airport Dr., or who otherwise use our neighborhood for a park and ride lot. As our neighborhood has no sidewalks, these vehicles constitute a hazard for residents walking through the neighborhood, often with small children.

We ask that the Chapel Hill Town Council consider enacting this ordinance or order such other appropriate remedy as may alleviate this problem, and of which the residents approve.

Name: <u>[Signature]</u>	Address: <u>723 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Lee & Nancy Sparrow</u>	Address: <u>727 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Patrick & Alison Kavanaugh</u>	Address: <u>710 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Dana Dawn</u>	Address: <u>732 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Katy McBine</u>	Address: <u>732 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Amanda Collins</u>	Address: <u>723 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Caroline C. Kun</u>	Address: <u>260 Severin St.</u>
Name: <u>Sarah Anderson</u>	Address: <u>247 Severin St.</u>
Name: <u>[Signature] Kim Motil</u>	Address: <u>324 REAR RD</u>
Name: <u>Clara Lewis</u>	Address: <u>313 Reade Rd</u>
Name: <u>Catherine Thompson</u>	Address: <u>724 WILLIAMS CIRCLE</u>
Name: <u>[Signature] (Ruth Kravitz)</u>	Address: <u>713 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Robert & One</u>	Address: <u>711 Bradley Road</u>
Name: <u>Judith Ferguson</u>	Address: <u>711 BRADLEY RD</u>
Name: <u>AROL Pekar</u>	Address: <u>705 Williams Cir</u>
Name: <u>Willet Beer</u>	Address: <u>308 severin st</u>
Name: <u>Kevin S O'Donnell</u>	Address: <u>808 WARD ST</u>
Name: <u>Jim Cadigan</u>	Address: <u>714 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>[Signature]</u>	Address: <u>720 Bradley Rd</u>
Name: <u>Ann Severin</u>	Address: <u>720 Bradley rd.</u>
Name: <u>Clayce Lorch</u>	Address: <u>218 Bradley Rd</u>
Name: <u>[Signature]</u>	Address: <u>112 Justice</u>

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Name: <u>Bette R Bradford</u>	Address: <u>709 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Roy Bradford</u>	Address: <u>" " "</u>
Name: <u>Miriam Ferguson</u>	Address: <u>317 Reade Rd</u>
Name: <u>O'Dell Henson</u>	Address: <u>" "</u>
Name: <u>Christopher Kaminski</u>	Address: <u>736 Williams Circle</u>
Name: <u>Ann Cook</u>	Address: <u>3300 Vostok Dr. Chapel Hill</u>
Name: <u>Christi Hurt</u>	Address: <u>712 Bradley Rd CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Alto Terreno</u>	Address: <u>731 Williams Cir CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Al Vila-Geris</u>	Address: <u>" " "</u>
Name: <u>David B. Freeman</u>	Address: <u>700 WILLIAMS CIRCLE, CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>Tom Ramin</u>	Address: <u>730 WILLIAMS CIRCLE, Chapel Hill, NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>Ed Sumrell</u>	Address: <u>"</u>
Name: <u>Brent Cohen</u>	Address: <u>708 BRADLEY RD. CHAPEL HILL, NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>Nancy Lane</u>	Address: <u>786 Weaver St CH, NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>PAUL NEWELL</u>	Address: <u>"</u>
Name: <u>David Matusiak</u>	Address: <u>726 Bradley Rd CH, NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>Celia Bastriger</u>	Address: <u>706 Williams Cir, CH NC 27516</u>
Name: <u>Whe Zebelin</u>	Address: <u>804 Powell St. CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Hayle & James Goodwin</u>	Address: <u>223 Sycamore St. CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Jessica & Peter</u>	Address: <u>705 Williams Cir. CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Brooks & Janice Doreff</u>	Address: <u>711 Williams Circle CH 27516</u>
Name: <u>Amy Terjanewicz</u>	Address: <u>716 Bradley Rd 27516</u>

