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Sent: Thursday, August 21, 2003 7:51 PM
To: Town Council
Subject: Brookstone Rd. and Chapel Ridge Apartments

Dear Mayor Foy and Town Council Members:

As a resident of Brookstone Apartments, I am writing to express my concern about several matters that are affecting the safety of the residents of Brookstone Apartments and Chapel Ridge Apartments.

As you are no doubt aware, the Chapel Ridge Apartments opened recently. The complex is ostensibly accessible via Brookstone Road and Northfield Road. I say ostensibly because I have noticed that Northfield Road is blocked off at the entrance to Chapel Ridge, preventing access from this road. As a result, the residents of Chapel Ridge are forced to use Brookstone Road to gain access to their homes.

Recently, a crosswalk/speedbump was added to the upper section of Brookstone Road (near the entrance to Homestead Road). I applaud this decision which will cause drivers to slow down when driving into the neighborhood, making the road safer for pedestrians. However, I have noticed that as drivers proceed past the speedbump and down the hill, they pick up considerable speed. This is particularly dangerous since we have many young children living at Brookstone that could be injured by drivers going too fast down this hill. From my apartment, I have to cross Brookstone Road to check my mail and throw away my garbage. You can imagine how dangerous this situation will become at night, in fog, etc.

Further, when pulling out of the lowermost driveway of Brookstone onto Brookstone Road, it is difficult to see what is coming from Chapel Ridge due to a curve in the road and the waste disposal facilities. This situation is a risk to residents of both communities and needs to be addressed.

I would ask two things of the Council:

1. Installation of another speedbump at the bottom of the hill on Brookstone Road which would slow traffic down, making the portion of the road safer for motorists and pedestrians.
2. That Northfield Drive, as a publicly maintained road, be opened for use to the Chapel Ridge residents. This would relieve some of the traffic on Brookstone Road and allow the Chapel Ridge residents access to Airport Road on a non-residential street.

Sincerely,
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