

webhosting.com> wrote:

Dear Mayor Foy & Town Council Members:

I respectfully request your help in determining a viable solution to the dangerous vehicular situation that exists within the 300 block of Parkridge Avenue in Meadowmont. This area has become a parking, waiting, drop off, pick up area for all those using the Meadowmont athletic/soccer fields. **The children and families that reside in the 300 block of Parkridge Avenue are in dyer need of signage that prohibits these dangerous practices. The 300 block of Parkridge Avenue is a very small street. There are 22 children that live on Parkridge Avenue directly atop the Meadowmont soccer field. Nineteen of the children are under the age of 9. The combination of the current driving/parking practices described below are an accident waiting to happen!**

As background information, the 300 block of Parkridge Avenue sits directly above the Meadowmont soccer field in Chapel Hill. The field abuts a Meadowmont owned and maintained small park with benches and picnic tables. Parkridge Avenue dissects the houses (without sidewalks) opposite the field from the Meadowmont park and athletic/soccer fields. It is a very narrow street measuring 26 feet across. If cars/ SUVs are parked on both sides it takes a skilled driver to maneuver between both vehicles while continuing to watch for pedestrian traffic. There are **BLIND** curves on Parkridge Avenue as you are entering the street from either end. If driving fast, it is not only hard to negotiate the curves but also delays the response time of an average driver who suddenly spots a child crossing the street. With cars parking for both soccer practices and games almost every night of the week it creates a hazardous situation, **potentially deadly**, when a small child tries to cross the street to get to his/home. **Remember, there are 22 children that live on Parkridge Avenue directly atop the Meadowmont soccer field.**

Additionally, those patrons of the soccer field who don't find parking are apt to drive around the circle either looking for parking or trying to watch their child practice or play while they are operating a vehicle. How can they watch their child and look out for our children as well? Those who aren't successful in finding parking continue to drive around the circle many times either waiting for practice to end or hoping a spot will open up. Some patrons, both players and parents of players use our circle as a drop off to the soccer field. They drive quickly into the circle, drop off, and then drive quickly off. Their minds are most likely on getting their child to the game/ practice on time. This is an extremely dangerous practice when you consider the blind curves and width of the street. Not to mention, **there are 22 children that live on Parkridge Avenue directly atop the Meadowmont soccer field.**

**It was the understanding of the Meadowmont Community Association and the residents of Parkridge Avenue that all athletic field parking would be directed to Rashkis Elementary school which is located adjacent to the field. There is a direct walkway from the school parking lot to the field. The access from Parkridge Avenue was intended for Meadowmont residents to reach the field.**

I have had conversations with the following individuals. Many have witnessed the driving/ parking problem firsthand. They have done their best to encourage parking at Rashkis Elementary and I believe genuinely have the best interest of the children on Parkridge in mind. This email is not intended to speak for them but to publically THANK them for doing their best to help in this difficult situation.

Moses Carey, Meadowmont resident & Chairman, Orange County Commissioners  
 David Hill, President, Meadowmont Community Association  
 Vickie Brawley, Rainbow Soccer  
 Dave Gunnels, Chapel Hill United  
 Pete Sadin, Triangle Football  
 Bernard Leach, Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation  
 Jim Wiley, Beacon-Street Partners, formerly of East West Partners, Meadowmont Development  
 Officer A. R. Jeffreys, Town of Chapel Hill Police Department

**As a parent living on Parkridge Avenue I implore you to act quickly to resolve this situation...before it is too late. Please do not hesitate. Do not wait for the inevitable accident that will occur if this situation is not rectified. Please use your powers to help us and the 22 children living on the 300 block of Parkridge Avenue in Meadowmont.**

Sincerely,

Mary Margaret Carroll  
Moses Carey

305 Parkridge Avenue Meadowmont  
Meadowmont  
Meadowmont Board Member  
Association

David Hill

105 Weaver Mine Trail ,  
203 Simerville Avenue, Meadowmont  
Meadowmont Community  
Chairman, Orange County Commissioners

---

Do You Yahoo!?

Tired of spam? Yahoo! Mail has the best spam protection around

<http://mail.yahoo.com>

Dear Mayor Foy and Council,

I wish to add my name to the list of Meadowmont residents and property owners deeply concerned about the traffic and parking situation created on Parkridge Avenue. As the current president of the Meadowmont Board of Directors, I have been copied on most of the correspondence recently sent on this matter.

Although I am sending this letter as a Meadowmont property owner, not as a member of the Board, the Board will meet in the next week and this serious issue will be at the top of our agenda. I am confident you will hear from the Board and me again in that official capacity.

As a neighbors and Meadowmont property owners, we need to protect our safety and our property values. I often walk through Meadowmont and am aware of how narrow and "tight" Parkridge Avenue is near the soccer fields. The homes are beautiful and the young families owning them are raising young children. These are very good people, active in our community and the school.

It angers me to see that such a charming neighborhood can be so upset by such an easily solved issue. This should be a non-issue. A year ago, things were great, now suddenly, children are in danger and the peace of an entire neighborhood is rocked by needless (selfish) traffic and parking.

Since there is a logical, nearly cost-free, safe alternative, I don't see how the Town of Chapel Hill cannot help rectify this dangerous situation. Like the others who have written, I implore you to please install NO SOCCER TRAFFIC OR PARKING signage on the section of Parkridge Avenue adjoining the soccer fields, and direct the traffic to the appropriate, convenient and safe parking provided at Rashkis Elementary school.

Please help protect your citizens and our neighborhoods and help in this serious, but easily resolved issue.

I understand that all correspondence is made public. Please remove my email address when this email is made public.

Very truly yours,

A. Yvonne Mendenhall  
304 W Barbee Chapel Rd.  
Chapel Hill NC 27517

**Subject:** Re: Meadowmont soccer field parking issues specific to 300 block of Parkridge Avenue

To whom it may concern,

I would like to add my voice to Mary Margaret's request to our Town Leadership to determine a viable solution to this dangerous situation....I have no doubts you will make the right decision to protect the young children of this town.

I'd also like to thank and recognize the individuals listed below for their leadership, especially the leaders of the soccer groups who have recognized the danger of the situation and who have responded to our requests for cooperation.

Moses Carey, Meadowmont resident & Chairman, Orange County Commissioners  
David Hill, President, Meadowmont Community Association  
Vickie Brawley, Rainbow Soccer  
Dave Gunnels, Chapel Hill United  
Pete Sadin, Triangle Football  
Bernard Leach, Chapel Hill Parks and Recreation  
Jim Wiley, Beacon-Street Partners, formerly of East West Partners, Meadowmont Development  
Officer A. R. Jeffreys, Town of Chapel Hill Police Department  
I look forward to hearing a favorable outcome to our request,

Sincerely,  
Brian Caffrey