

From: Pastor Benji [<mailto:benji@newhopenc.org>]
Sent: Friday, June 03, 2005 1:08 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Cc: dr.bk@newhopenc.org
Subject: Response to Petition

Dear Kumar and the Traffic Dept of Chapel Hill:

I am writing in opposition to moving the No Parking sign, yet another time. The neighborhood clearly voted on this matter and the Town approved the ordinance several months ago and you had your department rightly come and measure and move the signs to their current location.

As you know, all of these issues came up about signage when Mrs. Nancy Fontain started complaining about parking on the streets. She wanted parking to be stopped throughout the entire neighborhood on the North side of Nuttree. (Like it currently is on the South side of Nuttree Lane)

Thankfully, the neighborhood voted this petition down overwhelmingly and the city approved the ordinance to put signs up 75 feet around the corners of Nuttree and Brannon Ct. This has all been followed through with impeccable execution. However, if we move the signs again, that will force guests to our home and other homes to park their cars directly in front of Nancy Fontain's and other neighbors homes, which as you know, will be more problematic, to say the least. As it stands, people are able to park now in front of our property line and not directly in front of Mrs. Fontain's house. If the sign is moved again, that will not be possible and people will have to park in front of her home.

What is most interesting about Christy Scott's complaint is that she has people parking on her side of the road all the time, directly behind our driveway. This is interesting for several reasons. First, it is illegal to park anywhere on the south side of the road. Secondly, it is directly behind our driveway, which is what she says she doesn't like about where our guests currently park on our side of the street, which is the north side and is legal for parking. If this is a safety issue, why does she have people park on her side of the street where it is illegal and opposite our driveway?

Throughout suburbia, guests simply have to park on one side of the street. Moreover, if one chooses to live in suburbia, we must all be careful and look for parked cars. I have to every time I leave my house due to cars illegally parked in front of Christy Scott's house. I have never complained because I realize that comes with the territory, especially in the suburbs of Chapel Hill.

At any rate, I hope the traffic department and the Town Council will recognize the need to let the signs remain where the neighborhood approved by vote, and the Town Council approved the ordinance and your department has now executed with precision.

We have discussed and voted and moved the signs enough. They are exactly where your study originally suggested, which keeps safety near the corner of Nuttree and Brannon Court top priority.

Thanks again.

Sincerely,

Benji and Amy Lynn Kelley

"May the God of Hope fill you with all joy and peace." (Romans 15:13)

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From: Richelle Hansen
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 12:45 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Subject: parking at 108 Nuttree Lane

Dear Mr. Neppalli,

I am writing to you as a friend of Benji and Amy Lynn Kelley, who currently reside at 108 Nuttree Lane in Chapel Hill. It has recently come to my attention that there are some issues concerning parking on the southside of Nuttree Lane. In essence, that there should be no parking allowed on the streets.

It would seem to me that the purpose for living in a nice community in Chapel Hill would be to make new friends and create a welcoming atmosphere. Otherwise, one might prefer city life or a home far away in the country, close to nothing. In short, I enjoy visiting the Kelleys and would very much like to continue to have a place to park. These people do not create public disturbances, but are simply a great family with caring friends who like to visit. Please do not allow one disturbed neighbor to destroy the hospitable attitude of the whole community.

Thank you for time,

Richelle Hansen

From: Pulczinski, Mark
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 12:49 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Subject: Parking Issue at 108 Nuttree Lane

Dear Mr. Neppalli;

It has come to my attention that you have been asked to consider further limitations of parking spaces in and around the vicinity of the 108 Nuttree Lane.

I have grave concerns about the integrity of any petition which would cause me to break the law, when my wife and I visit Benji and Amy Lynn and park adjacent to their property or within a reasonable distance from their home.

It concerns me that the gracious hospitality and friendship offered by Benji and Amy Lynn is somehow misrepresented by parties within the neighborhood as undesirable.

As a community resident within the Chapel Hill area, I would hate to see precedents of this nature established and urge you to allow neighborhood parking within this and other communities.

Further, I would hope your anticipated support would define our Chapel Hill/Carrboro neighborhoods as inclusive of organized and law abiding gatherings of friends and families.

If I may offer any additional support to enable parking within this or other areas similarly affected, please feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mark Pulczinski

-----Original Message-----

From: Christy Merrill

Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 2:13 PM

To: Kumar Neppalli

Subject: parking on nuttree lane

Dear Kumar,

I am writing to you today in opposition of moving the No Parking sign on Nuttree lane. As a friend of the Kelley family at 108 Nuttree lane I'm welcomed to their home often. On Nuttree lane, as well as most suburban neighborhoods in Chapel hill, parking on the road side is necessary. Please allow the signs to stay where they are, allowing friends and guest of the Kelley family to park in front of their property, as they do now.

Thank you for your time,
Christy Merrill

From: Edward C. Hanigan
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 1:46 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Subject: Parking on Nuttree Lane

This email is in support of Benjamin and Amy Lynn Kelley. As a personal friend who visits occasionally, I try to park according to the Town of Chapel Hill laws. I know that the Kelley's have tried to respect their neighbor's wishes by asking us not to park in front of their house. However, it seems unreasonable to require me to park down the street from my friends' house unless there is some type of safety issue involved. I also believe that to move parking signs at the request of one individual will result in a form of discrimination. If the Kelley's guests have to park down the street, then why should any other resident of Chapel Hill be able to have guests park in front of their home? Will Chapel Hill move parking signs for anyone who asks?

There is a better way to resolve personal disputes.

Ed Hanigan

-----Original Message-----

From: Mark Rhodes

Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 6:06 PM

To: Kumar Neppalli

Subject: Parking on Nuttree Lane

Dear Kumar,

About twice a week I drive over to Benji Kelley's house on Nuttree Lane and we go for a run. I am usually in the neighborhood for less than an hour. I have tried to comply with the no-parking signs, and especially avoided parking in front of the fire hydrant. Still, it seems to me that "special rules" have been applied to the Kelley home only, and this does not seem fair. Any other friend in town whom I visit, I can just park on the street. Please do what you can to create a fair situation regarding parking in this neighborhood.

Thank you for your kind consideration.

Sincerely,

Mark A. Rhodes

From: Joe Schmidt
Sent: Monday, June 06, 2005 3:07 PM
To: Kumar Neppalli
Cc:
Subject: 108 Nuttree Lane

Hello Mr. Neppalli,

My name is Joe Schmidt and I'm a good friend of the Kelley family who live at 108 Nuttree Lane in Chapel Hill. It sounds like there are some folks in their neighborhood who would like to end parking near their home. I just wanted to drop a quick note as a frequent visitor of the family.

We've known the Kelley's for years and our toddlers are of a similar age. We couldn't imagine not being able to park near their home when we bring our family to come and visit. We all know parking in the Chapel Hill area is difficult as is, but to not be able to park close to friend's homes seems like things are getting out of hand. Just so you know, we have been informed about the challenges their neighborhood has had with parking and we have all tried to adhere to signs and rules per the Kelley's very clear instructions.

We sure hope there are not more restrictions and would appreciate any consideration that can be given so that we, as members of the community, do not have to unload strollers just to get from our car to our friend's front door.

Thanks for your time.

Joe Schmidt