

Petition

Measures needed to slow traffic in the 200-300 block of Silver Creek Trail

Problem: In the past year, neighbors living along Silver Creek Trail have observed an increase in the volume and speed of traffic. The 200-300 block of Silver Creek Trail is particularly affected as this 0.2 mi section is straight and there are no stop signs or speed bumps to slow traffic. Part of the increase in the traffic could be due to neighbors in Spring Crest and Chandler's Green taking a shortcut to avoid having to travel over the speed bumps installed in these neighborhoods. There is also construction traffic that continually uses Silver Creek Trail. In general this traffic travels at a rate of speed that is too fast for a neighborhood full of children *and is well over the posted speed limit.*

Along the 200-300 block of Silver Creek Trail there is a high density of children who play along or near the street. There are a total of 29 children who live along the 200-300 block of Silver Creek Trail with 17 being 12 or under. We are writing this petition because we fear for the safety of these children. Based upon information in the paper several months ago, we assumed that speed humps were to be installed in our neighborhood. We now understand that our neighborhood was not included when both adjoining neighborhoods had speed humps installed.

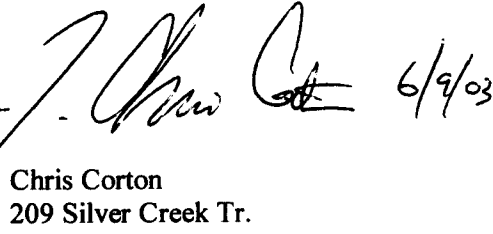
Within the past two years a dog and two cats were hit by vehicles traveling along this section. *What we want to avoid is next time a child being hit.*


Potential solutions:

1. Speed hump approximately half way along the straight away. Speed humps have proven to be very effective at slowing traffic in the adjacent neighborhoods of Chandler's Green and Spring Crest.
2. Stop sign at the intersection of Silver Creek Trail and Palmyra Place. This intersection is close to the mid point of the straight away. This has the advantage of being relatively inexpensive to put in. However, the stop sign is only effective if people abide by traffic rules. As many people speed through this section of Silver Creek Trail, it is likely that the stop sign may only lead to ineffective "rolling stops".

We respectfully submit this petition on behalf of concerned neighbors who hope to avoid a tragic accident.

Sincerely,

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