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Sent: Monday, October 08, 2007 2:13 PM
To: Paul Shumejko
Subject: Re: Valley Stream Info

Hi Paul,

Yes, I did get the information you sent me. I had some trouble opening it and then was out of town for a couple of days. Sorry it has taken so long to get back to you. Since talking to you a couple of weeks ago the number of cars turning left after four have remained in my opinion the same. It seems especially true of men in large SUV's and expensive cars. I believe that many of them are coming home from work and know the sign is there and reused to abide with the law. Little wonder when there is no enforcement. I learned a long time ago that you don't threaten a punishment to a child and then not follow through and that is exactly what is happening here. It is a "toothless" law with no consequences.

Also, the motion by the city to put up the sign did say (#5) it should be adequate distance for sight so that people can see it. I addressed this issue with you when we talked and it is my opinion that the sign is not in the right position and this is the reason some people are still turning left. They pull up to stop and cannot see the sign.

I have not seen the school buses since I complained to your department a couple of weeks ago. Perhaps someone alerted the bus garage that they were seen turning illegally. I read your minutes, which you sent me. I have thought about the fact that this was worthy of a \$150.00 ticket and points and yet there is according to you going to be little or no enforcement of the law. If buses are going to be allowed permission to have special dispensation from the law, then a sign saying so should be mounted. However, I really think a lot of people from the subdivision may not be very happy to see buses being allowed to do what they cannot. My husband and I are turning right and being inconvenienced and yet basically those drivers who cut through, many I believe on a daily basis, basically are going to be allowed to do what they always were doing and face no consequences. This in my opinion is wrong. I truly feel that if the City is going to leave this in place for over another year they need to meet with the sheriff's department and get some help, or take the sign down sooner.

As I told you, I know of no survey or petition ever being sent or passed around the subdivision, and I was never consulted. I don't rally like the no turn sign, but would be more agreeable to it if there was some enforcement to go with it. I know this is not a very high priority to the sheriff's department and if they feel that policing this turn is a waste of their time or they cannot spare the officers, then take the sign down and stop punishing the homeowners who didn't ask for the sign and are inconvenienced by it.

Personally, I think that the whole issue of the cars cutting through should be addressed by really doing something with the corner of Walton and Livernois. I really can't see why it would be that difficult to change the lights and allow cars to turn left onto Livernois going east on "Walton. The corner is a mess when you have to turn right and then turn left at Kroger to go north, and I understand why so many cars cut through our subdivision. This issue is the real problem and it is not being addressed and hasn't been since the mid 1990's when the problem was created in the first place with the no left turns from Walton to Livernois.

I have not yet called the president of the Valley Stream Subdivision to talk to him. I do plan to do so. I do feel the fact that complaints have repeatedly been brought by the subdivision association and homeowners to the City's attention shows that it truly is a problem that as of yet has not been properly addressed or solved.

Sincerely,
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