

## Agenda Item: Lakeridge Middle School Updates

**The BNA has received the following comments via email from Bryant Neighborhood residents regarding the traffic situation:**

“Although I will not be attending the meeting on 12/2, I want to propose an agenda item--one that would benefit the children in our neighborhood, as well as people who understand that walking is a healthy alternative to driving but may have reached an age at which they can't move quickly out of the path of a reckless driver.

Let the Association approve the following resolution and then lobby for it: **"The Bryant Neighborhood Association urges the City of Lake Oswego to complete the construction of sidewalks on the school side of Jean Rd. by the end of 2024."**

Pedestrians can now walk from Schailt to Bryant on the school side of Jean. But in the other direction. several blocks remain without sidewalks until sidewalks resume on a more commercial part of that heavily travelled road that (like Bryant) links us to Lower Boones Ferry.

As a resident of the neighborhood, I have often seen students in the road paying attention to their phones rather than to traffic, and drivers sometimes turning on to Jean at unsafe speeds in order to cut into traffic. **A serious accident could happen any day, especially now when nights are longer.**

Earlier this year, I wrote to Joe Buck about this issue. He responded with a message I can forward, but here is a summary: *Lots of streets need sidewalks, and Jean is a difficult case as the County, not the City, controls right-of-way to several of the properties on it.*

To this I responded that the Council would not look good if a child is killed on Jean, and the City's response amounts to, *"We wanted to build sidewalks but decided not to ask the City Attorney to negotiate with the County as it seemed more trouble than it was worth."*

At this point the Mayor stopped responding to my emails.

I further propose that the City begin by adding sidewalks on the school side of Jean at the intersection with Pilkington as the construction of a new traffic light there will cause

disruption anyway, and it is a good place to begin.as the convenience store at that intersection frequently draws school-aged children looking for a snack; the Pine Shed taxpayers out for lunch.

Feel free to forward this message to all candidates for the Board so that they can speak to it if they wish. “

Submitted by Bob M.

“Glad to hear that there has been communications with the city and school district re: the traffic flow near the school.

An additional concern is the traffic light itself, which is currently set for a very long red light at this intersection. We've called the city and were told it would be reset soon, but the issue is people are racing through the light to avoid having to wait while it's red for so long. And the long red also causes an incredible number of cars to stack up on Bryant before turning left onto Jean.

I'm hoping this issue is resolved too, which should lead to fewer cars tying up the flow on Jean.”

“Hello,

We will be out of the country for the next Bryant Neighborhood zoom meeting, but I would like to suggest that some attention be given to the after school traffic problem on Deerbrush.

Many cars line up on both sides of Deerbrush at Bryant to pick up students, causing a major traffic jam at release time. Many cars turn around in front of our house each afternoon.

I suspect drivers don't choose to enter the school grounds to pick up the students, trying to avoid waiting in line there, so instead line up on both sides of Deerbrush. I'm sure there will be an accident there, hopefully NOT involving a student pedestrian.

I'm not sure what the solution might be, but I do **not** believe our side street is a safe place to turn around in order to avoid entering the school's parking lot. Maybe even staggered release times would be helpful? (It is NOT an issue for morning arrivals, only for release times.)”

Submitted by Corrine S.

**The BNA has received the following comments via email from Bryant Neighborhood residents regarding the proposed athletic field at LMS:**

What happened to institutional memory?

I recall a \$4 million bond issue to make the fields at Waluga less soggy. Of course some of that was ripped up later to make space for the new school. I think we still are paying for fixing those old fields and wonder if there's anyone who's learned anything from past actions and past outcomes. If so, what?

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