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Good afternoon,

I hope this email finds you all well.

I read the reports for the traffic calming efforts and the letters from people offering their feedback on the measures that were tried. I have to share that I am surprised how shallow minded some of my neighbors are. I am surprised at how inconvenienced people that travel the road 2 times a day were by slowing their speed due to the efforts put in place. I was also surprised by a comment from someone who only lives in the area part time.

What I realized though is that these are residents that have lived here a long time and their children probably have children of their own by now. They are removed from the days of teaching your child to ride a bike and how to cross the street safely. They aren't active or actively using the forest preserve or cycling the area. They are uncomfortable with change.

I genuinely appreciate all of the time, effort, and money that went towards this research. Neighbors that cheered this on were thrilled to see progress. I am hoping that a few negative comments don't derail progress. Traffic calming has very little to do with the few houses on Checker (as someone mentioned) and everything to do with safety in this area.

The issues presented in just one week are enough to raise concerns. A child nearly hit by a vehicle that was moving too quickly to stop for the bus, I was passed while driving Sunday by a SUV when a group of cyclists were traveling in the opposing lane putting them (and several deer) at risk, the increase in burglaries, and the increase in foot/bike traffic since the weather has improved.

The expansion of the forest preserve brought an even greater increase in pedestrian and bike traffic since its completion. More and more people are learning of this and using the area. Since there are no shoulders on the road and people often walk/bike down Schaeffer/Checker to return to the parking lot there are more people in danger from speeding on Checker Rd (and Schaeffer).

The speed humps were helpful in reducing speeding and cut through traffic. They have similar systems in place on neighborhood streets in Chicago and other suburbs that have similar speeding issues. This is not unusual or uncommon, and they are typically located in an area where speed increases.

Were they effective? Every single night around 11PM a car would speed up and down on Checker Rd backfiring before the calming measures were in place. I heard the car coming one night after traffic calming efforts were in place, I also heard it hit the speed hump. I never heard that car again. To me, reducing this kind of activity is a win!

I am in favor of traffic calming measures on Checker Rd. While anyone can use these roads, it will help them do so responsibly and keep the area safe. If people find it too inconvenient to slow down, they can choose another route. That is the point of traffic calming. Arlington

Heights Rd and Lake Cook are both 45 MPH and would be better options for those people.

Thank you,
Allison