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**Subject:** Re: Cross Walk on Scaeffler  
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Good morning,

I hope everyone is enjoying this springlike weather in February!

With traffic calming solutions heating up on Checker Rd, I am wondering what the progress is on Schaeffer Rd. The area is just livening up in the forest preserve and I wanted to circle back on the issue of safety.

For those that do not frequent this area, it is increasingly popular for cyclists and pedestrian traffic. Oftentimes people will walk from the trail portion on Schaeffer Rd to Checker Rd to return back to the parking lot on Checker. With no other option than to walk on the road itself, there are potential risks that there have been discussions of remediating. Is a solution in place?

On Sunday early afternoon I was driving Eastbound on Checker Rd. There were deer in and near the road so I was slowing my pace. The speed limit is 30 mph. There was a group of cyclists traveling Westbound in the opposite lane. As I slowed down, an SUV sped passed me and if the cyclist's speed was a bit faster, it could have been catastrophic. This is a typical day in this area. We are cyclist heavy, deer heavy, and unfortunately cut through speeder heavy.

I also would like to address the condition of Schaeffer Rd at Lake Cook. With continuous traffic using Schaeffer Rd as a way to avoid the intersection at Arlington Heights Rd and Lake Cook, the road is breaking down and there are pot holes. The road needs repair and striping. I suggest considering adding a shoulder, a walkway, and/or a bike lane at a minimum on the West side to aid in the safety of the community.

Looking forward to hearing from Jonathon and Mara about upcoming plans if any. There is a Long Grove village meeting tonight at 7:00 discussing the results of the [traffic calming tests](#) that were conducted on Checker Rd if you would like to attend.

Enjoy the day!

Allison Locascio

On Thu, Aug 5, 2021 at 4:12 PM Jonathan Altenberg <[jaltenberg@vernontownship.com](mailto:jaltenberg@vernontownship.com)> wrote:

Thank you all for your input. We will be having a discussion for this request next Thursday evening at our board meeting via Zoom.

Todd, please forward everyone the link and information on our meeting.

Thank you.

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**From:** Bill Jacob LAST\_NAME <[billjacob@comcast.net](mailto:billjacob@comcast.net)>  
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Allison,

Thanks for the quick response. I'm also adding our new village manager to this communication as well so that he is in the loop.

Thx

Bill

On 08/05/2021 2:27 PM Allison Locascio <[alocascio108@gmail.com](mailto:alocascio108@gmail.com)> wrote:

Hello All,

I strongly agree, Bill. Thank you for reaching out.

The current speeding and cut through traffic issues cause a dangerous environment for those crossing from the forest preserve, along with the walkers

and cyclists using Schaeffer Rd. As there is no shoulder, bike lane, or full sidewalk for pedestrians to get out of the way safely from a vehicle on Schaeffer, I hope this is a consideration as well.

Some relative feedback from myself, and conversations with my neighbors:

1) The current signs that read "No Parking Entire Neighborhood " on both Checker and Schaeffer Roads should be replaced as soon as possible with "No Parking Either Side of Road ". When vehicles park on Schaeffer and Checker near the forest preserve, it obstructs the view of those crossing/pulling out of the parking lot and poses a hazard. There are hills in both locations. Our current officer will not write tickets until the sign is less ambiguous.

2) Closing the road to one lane in that area, adding a stop sign, and using that opportunity to add a shoulder/bike lane or continuing the existing sidewalk on the West side of Schaeffer. Traffic would certainly slow, as there would be waiting for the other car to pass.

3) Speed bumps in both directions

4) Closing Schaeffer altogether

5) Automatic gates on both approaches that will open after yielding

6) Better signage acknowledging there is a crosswalk ahead, a crosswalk sign, and reflective crosswalk paint. (This needs to be done regardless of/in addition to other choices.)

I am happy to be of assistance any way I can. Feel free to reach me by email, or 224-730-9666. On another note, please take a look at the Teasel that is encroaching the easements and sidewalk on Schaeffer Rd. Before you know it, that lovely forest preserve will be loaded with it!

Best,

Allison Locascio

On Wed, Aug 4, 2021 at 9:21 PM Bill Jacob LAST\_NAME <[billjacob@comcast.net](mailto:billjacob@comcast.net)> wrote:

Allison,

I hope that you and your family are well.

I'm not sure if you are aware but the Lake Count Forest Preserve and Vernon Township are working together to make some potential improvements to the cross walk on Schaeffer that connects the east and west portion of the Buffalo Creek FP walking paths. Please note that where this cross walk is situated, it is not in Long Grove but in unincorporated Lake County. I hope that you don't mind but I've copied John Altenberg who is the Vernon Township Supervisor as well as Marah Altenberg who is a Lake County Board member to make a warm introduction.

I know that you are very connected with the neighboring residents and I thought you may be able to provide your input as well as potentially introduce John and Marah to your neighbors for the purposes of obtaining feedback regarding any improvements to the cross walk.

In my opinion anything that can be done to slow the down traffic between Lake Cook and Checker would be welcomed.

Thank you,

Bill Jacob

Village President - Long Grove