

Mayor & Council Members,

I moved into my home at 407 Chestnut Ave. in October 2020, and since then, I've had the chance to observe the traffic on Chestnut Ave. quite closely. My home faces the street, with a large picture window, and I work from home most days, often at my dining room table. These factors have given me a good view of the traffic flow over the years, and I've become increasingly concerned about the speeding between McCauley and Acorn.

On most days, traffic is particularly heavy from 7:00–9 AM and 3:00–6 PM, likely due to commuters cutting through. But traffic continues throughout the day, including deliveries from UPS, FedEx, various contractors and residents. Chestnut Ave. is a major cut-through route from Washington Grove Lane!

There have been discussions on the Listserv that members of congregations utilizing the WG UMC are speeding too. As a member of WGUMC I have reported to Pastor Margie Mathews and the congregations have been notified @ the importance of obeying town speed limits.

There's a stop sign at the Chestnut and Acorn intersection, along with a traffic strip. However, this strip only causes vehicles to brake abruptly or slowly roll over. Large trucks or snowplows regularly loosen and displace the strip.

In other parts of the neighborhood, there are speed bumps with clear signage and speed limits, but there's no such signage or speed control between Acorn and McCauley on Chestnut Ave. This lack of measures is especially concerning given that the road is popular with walkers and cyclists from Washington Grove and surrounding areas. I have personally witnessed several near-misses between cars and pedestrians, underscoring the safety risks on this stretch.

I respectfully request that the Council address these safety concerns and consider installing a speed bump on Chestnut Ave. between McCauley and Acorn, along with appropriate signage and speed limits. I believe this would greatly enhance safety for everyone in the neighborhood.

Please act responsibly before there are serious accidents or injury!

Thank you for your attention, and I look forward to your response.

Peace ~

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