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Sent: Tuesday, September 10, 2024 6:27 PM
To: Environmental Quality Advisory Council
Subject: Americana Drive - Comments for EQAC
Attachments: Americana Drive - Car Crash.jpeg

Dear EQAC,

My name is Mindy Culver and I live in the Talltree South Condominiums (TTS) along Americana Drive. I have lived here since 2008 (16 years) and also been a TTS Board Member for 16 years.

Please find below my comments regarding Americana Drive. I apologize for the lateness in submitting them.

Over the last few years I have participated in inthe Americana Drive Clean up, organized by Amy Gould. It has been great to work with neighbors who also care about the neighborhood. We always pick up massive amounts of trash and construction debris. The area is also a watershed for the Cheasapeake Bay and I care about water quality.

I will not drive Americana Drive, as it is extremely dangerous. There are way too many cars (parked at crazy angles) and car crashes. Recently, one TTS resident riding his motorcycle on the road was totally blocked by an illegal U-Turn and he crashed, suffered a moderate leg injury, and totaled his motorbike.

I realize that Americana Drive is just one small neighborhood within Fairfax County, but I do wish the County would pay more attention to us. We are an extremely dense, housing unit-wise, moderate-income area and we pay real estate taxes too.

Americana Drive issues:

- Speeding
- Possibly drunk driving (I have not witnessed this, but I don't drive the road)
- Illegal and unsafe U-Turns
- Excessive dumping of trash and construction debris
- Too many cars crammed into too little space

- Cars routinely park beyond the "No Parking" signs, which then limits the ability of drivers to safely exit their complexes.

I have attached an image of a crash (in August), from "Next Door" taken by someone in Bristow Village (Townhouses along Americana Drive)

Anecdotally, TTS, along with our sister complex TTG, with whom we share parking, has a combined total of 386 units and 512 parking spaces (I personally counted them all). My community was built in 1964, when it was traditional to have only 1 car. Today, many units house multigenerational families and possess 3 or 4 cars, thus necessitating them parking on the street.

When I have talked with Amy Gould previously, I have thought that she had excellent ideas for Americana Drive, especially diagonal parking. I hope the County seriously considers her ideas and implements as them as reasonably possible which would result in a safer neighborhood.

Thank you for taking the time to read my comments.

Regards,

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