From: Don Malerk
To: Heidi Bakula
Cc: Jessica Miller; bcc@missoulacounty.us; Grp. City Council and City Web Site; Charmell Owens
Subject: Re: Public Safety Concerns in the Sha-Ron, Deer Creek Road Area
Date: Friday, July 2, 2021 10:00:22 AM

Thank you. The best time for pictures is around 5:30/ 6:00 pm. That is when the real impact is observed on weekdays. Weekends are any time after noon.

Don

Sent from my iPhone

On Jul 2, 2021, at 9:40 AM, Heidi Bakula <BakulaH@ci.missoula.mt.us> wrote:

Hello Don,

I wanted to update you that our city code enforcement officer is going to head out to the area to take some photos and then get that information to the city engineer. We will let you know when we have more information.

Thank you, Heidi

From: Don Malerk <malerkd@yahoo.com>
Sent: Thursday, July 1, 2021 8:33 PM
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Subject: Public Safety Concerns in the Sha-Ron, Deer Creek Road Area

County Commissioners, I realize you are aware of the issues regarding parking in the vicinity of the Sha-Ron fishing access along Highway 200. The same issue extends to Deer Creek Road next to Canyon River Community/Golf Course. Copied on this email is the city leadership since some of these fall within the city's responsibility.

In August 2020 the topic of additional parking for this river access was discussed at a County meeting, however to date no solutions are in place. The parking is a real safety issue for residents, golfers and day users. People parking along 200 and Deer Creek are seeking access to the river, as well as the beach area on the East side of the river near the bridge. However, cars are parked so close to the various intersections that a true safety issue is created on numerous days.

As an interim solution, prior to procurement of additional parking, we request a safety buffer of 20-30 feet on each side of three intersections. Creating a small "No Parking Zone" with some barriers would allow safe entry to Highway 200 and Deer Creek for the Canyon River mailboxes and Canyon River Road.

Attached are a signed petition and a couple of photos. The signatures are from Canyon River residents and the Canyon River Golf Course Management. I did not speak with every resident, but everyone I did speak with agreed this situation is very concerning for all users. The photos show the density of parking along Deer Creek around the CR mailbox access and the Canyon River Road intersection with Deer Creek around 5:30 on June 30, 2021. One picture shows a car backed in to the shoulder, even though the signs state parallel parking only. This evening there were at least three vehicles parked in similar fashion.

We all hope for a solution before someone is seriously injured or worst.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Don Malerk
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