

**Cottage Road Traffic & Safety**  
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10-17-17	Ellen Zimmerman	<p>Dear Mr. Hauser:</p> <p>I live on Goudy Street and realize there is a huge Cottage Road traffic volume, especially during the summer. Not sure what can be done about the volume, but it is difficult to turn from Goudy Street onto Cottage Road, due to heavy traffic, negotiating four traffic routes at that crossroad from Goudy and Elsmere, plus parked cars on Cottage Road, blocking the view as one is attempting to enter Cottage Road from Goudy Street. Also being a school child, other pedestrian or bicyclist crossing Cottage Road is hazardous at that intersection.</p> <p>Possible suggestions: No parking on Cottage Road, where it interferes with drivers views to enter Cottage Road? Maybe a blinking yellow?/red? light to make it safer? I do not claim to be a traffic expert, so just a couple of thoughts.</p> <p>Thank you for the work you do.</p> <p>Appreciatively,            Ellen Zimmerman            50 Goudy Street</p>	10-18-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>Dear Ellen,</p> <p>Thanks for your comments and suggestions. We will look at the issue of Cottage Road parking interfering with the views of drivers entering Cottage Road, including at Goudy. Not to jump ahead, but I think the Goudy crosswalk would be a good candidate for a rectangular rapid flashing beacon (RRFB). However, we will need to do more than that to get the cars on Cottage to slow down and pay close attention.</p>
10-24-17	Joyce LaRou	<p>Dear Mr. Haeuser,</p> <p>Anyone who has resided here all their live would say Cottage Rd. traffic has had a dramatic increase in recent years. Several times a day the increase of flow of traffic on Cottage is a pain in the neck and unsafe for bikers and walkers trying to get across the street. Since Elsmere BBQ has opened its doors, I can not see beyond the parked cars either looking left or right while creeping the front of my car into the middle of Cottage. It is dangerous. My vehicle is not a high profile one so I truly can not see what is approaching on Cottage as I try to get out of Goudy St. I do believe parking needs to cease on Cottage Road back far enough so we can ease into traffic safely. Lastly, from 2pm -6:30pm the flow increases on Cottage, the lights are not timed properly for an even flow thus backing up Broadway and Cottage, Sawyer/Cottage and Pillsbury/Cottage. It is unsafe in front of Sam's and Cape Vet and David's. My hope is there something that can and will be done before someone is hurt in this area.</p>	10-24-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>Joyce, thank you for your email. I am noting your thoughtful concerns and will bring them to the attention of our Cottage Road Traffic and Safety group. For more information, please see our webpage <a href="#">here</a>.</p> <p>Best wishes,            Tex Haeuser</p>

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		Sincerely, Joyce LaRou			
11-14-17	Lisa Tavis	<p>&gt; Hi Kate,</p> <p>&gt; Do you know of anyone who might be at this meeting and might be willing to advocate for a few issues listed below? Or maybe forward my email to someone on the committee? We live on Cottage Rd #519, on a very busy corner w/ a blind drive. We are well aware of how busy the traffic is. I wish I could attend this meeting, but I'm out of town for work.</p> <p>&gt; I would like to see the crosswalks re-painted and I would love to see flashing lights put in at Elsmere and the crosswalk by the new Rosemont market. The latter might be in Cape.</p> <p>&gt; Also, the sidewalk on the Goudy street side of Cottage Rd is a mangled mess! It's treacherous in the winter and the overgrowth of bushes, which probably need to be dealt w/ by private residents, forces people out into the road. The uneven, narrow sidewalk is particularly unsafe for our elderly and mobility challenged citizens.</p> <p>&gt; Lastly, I will mention that in the winter months, the city fails to fully clear the side walk in front of our house every time we have snow. The distance between the telephone pole and stone wall is too narrow for the the large city snow blower to squeeze between. This area is never cleared, again forcing pedestrians to walk around the telephone pole into the street. This wall of snow also creates a visual barrier to on-coming traffic for drivers trying to pull out of Woodland Rd onto Cottage.</p> <p>&gt; Thanks for your updates and emails! Very helpful.</p> <p>&gt; Lisa Tavis</p>	11-16-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>We notified Matt Sturgis, the CE Town Manager, about our meeting and included an invitation for Cape residents to attend. With the coming of the Rosemont market, that I frankly hadn't heard about until last night, I will set up a coordination meeting with the Cape planner, Maureen O'Meara, to discuss how our Cottage Road improvements would fit with any plans Cape has or could have.</p> <p>We will be looking to try to have flashing ped-activated beacons in several locations, including at the southern end of the corridor.</p> <p>We will work with the Public Works Department on the various sidewalk issues that have been identified and also the sidewalk plowing situation.</p>
11-15-17	Multiple People	Input from the 11-15-17 Public Forum at Small School.	11-16-17	Tex Haeuser	See Notes under Agendas and Minutes.
11-25-17	Jane Haugen	TO TEX H. MY HUSBAND AND I LIVE AT 20 FAIRLAWN AVENUE IN SOUTH PORTLAND. I WOULD LIKE TO BRING UP ANOTHER PROBLEM THAT THE PEOPLE LIVING ON FAIRLAWN AVENUE GO THROUGH EVERY DAY. THAT IS - SEVERAL YEARS AGO, DAVIS STREET WAS MADE A ONE WAY STREET. NOW, YOU CAN ONLY ENTER DAVIS	11-27-17	Tex Haeuser	<p>Dear Jane,</p> <p>Thank you for this information. It is understandable, in hindsight, that you would be having this unintended consequence of making Davis one-way. I will bring the issue to our group, including the idea of a speed</p>

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		<p>STREET FROM COTTAGE ROAD. SINCE THAT TOOK PLACE, EVERYONE DRIVING FROM CAPE ELIZABETH WHO WISH TO GET TO COTTAGE ROAD MUST COME UP OUR STREET, FAIRLAWN AVENUE. MOST OF THE TRAFFIC ON MITCHELL ROAD DRIVES MUCH FASTER THAN THE 35 MPH STATED ON THE STREET SIGN. AS THEY TURN ONTO FAIRLAWN TO GET TO COTTAGE, THEY ARE STILL GOING MUCH TOO FAST. TWICE MY HUSBAND AND I HAVE COLLECTED SIGNATURES TO SLOW PEOPLE DOWN ON THE PART OF MITCHELL ROAD WHICH IS IN SOUTH PORTLAND. IT HAS BECOME VERY DANGEROUS THERE, AND ON OUR SECTION OF FAIRLAWN AVENUE, NOTHING HAS EVER BEEN DONE TO IMPROVE OUR STREET OR FORCE PEOPLE TO DRIVE MORE SLOWLY. I KNOW IT IS EXPENSIVE TO REPAIR OUR ROADS FOR SAFETY, BUT PERHAPS WE COULD HAVE ONE OR MORE HUMPS PUT ON FAIRLAWN TO SLOW PEOPLE DOWN. FAIRLAWN AVENUE, MITCHELL ROAD IN SOUTH PORTLAND AND COTTAGE ROAD DO NOT HAVE SAFETY WITH ALL THE TRAFFIC WE NOW HAVE. ANOTHER POSSIBILITY IS TO INSTALL A PERMANENT SIGN WHICH FLASHES THE SPEED AT WHICH PEOPLE ARE DRIVING. WESTBROOK STREET IN PORTLAND HAS A VERY EFFECTIVE FLASHING SIGN WHICH FORCES PEOPLE TO DRIVE SLOWER. I APPRECIATE YOU READING THIS LETTER, AND SINCERELY HOPE YOU WILL HELP OUR NEIGHBORHOOD BECOME A SAFER NEIGHBORHOOD TO LIVE IN. JANE HAUGEN</p>			<p>table on Fairlawn given the difficulty, I would think, of returning Davis at this point to two-way.</p> <p>Sincerely,</p> <p>Tex Haeuser</p>

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