

**From:** Bernard Murray (1)  
**Sent:** Thursday, May 04, 2017 12:42 PM  
**To:** Parking Services;  
**Subject:** Feedback Roosevelt Road & 1150 block of S Grove”.

Good afternoon and thank you for allowing the residents of the 1150 block of south Grove Avenue have a voice in the overcrowding and illegal parking that takes place on a daily basis.

After meeting and conversing with most if not all of the residents on the 1150 block of south Grove Avenue...it is unanimously agreed that there is a major problem of disrespect for the residents who pay high property taxes and not be able to conveniently park in front of their house to unload groceries, children, medical supplies and just running day to day errands!

### **PARKING PROBLEMS**

Workers of businesses on Roosevelt Rd park daily from 8:30 am to 5 pm blocking walk ways (especially in the winter after residents have shoveled to clear a pathway)

Patrons of bars and clubs and even Dunkin Donuts, park and camp out for hours at a time inconveniencing many residents especially on the weekends! Then when the venues end at night they linger, converse, argue, smoke and sometimes drink at their cars on south Grove Ave before they drive home to their neighborhoods!

It's ironic that cars are not allow to park on the other side of Roosevelt Rd in Berwyn but Oak Park allows for parking? Even overnight for people who don't reside in Oak Park or know anyone who lives here!!!!?

Lastly, there are several senior citizens on this block and just recently a handicapped sign was install after months and months of delay and promises... let's hope this email doesn't get the same treatment and fall on deaf ears after all the residents complaining about the parking issues on south Grove Av!

On 2 occasions, a car backed into a residents parked car trying to make a turn into the driveway of 1166 S Grove

We already have a new neighbor building a home from the ground up and construction will be ongoing...do we need to add existing parking problems in top of that this summer!!!!?

### **PARKING SOLUTIONS:**

Posting a 2 hour parking ban sign for non residents with strict parking enforcement presence every other hour

Allow for residents to have a sticker on vehicle to park and to call in guest visiting for longer than 2 hours

Restrictions on Saturday/Sunday parking and special events that occur at the Wire, Friendly Tap, Brewery etc will be ticketed for patrons parking in residential area. Oak Park isn't getting any

**From:** Bernard Murray (2)

revenue for people who attend events on Roosevelt Rd yet the revenue goes directly into the pockets of the businesses and the city of Berwyn!

**CLOSE THE BLOCK AT THE END OF THE ALLEY WHERE CUL DE SAC DEAD END SIGN IS POSTED!**

There are many young children that play on the block and in streets and cars continue to ignore sign that the street ends!

Cars zooms down block to get short cut to avoid traffic light!

**PUT 2 LARGER SPEED HUMPS IN ALLEYS TO SLOW DOWN SPEEDERS!**

The residents have begun parking their cars on the streets all day Saturday/Sunday just to block the visitors from parking from 8:00 pm 1:00 am

Please respond to me with answers to end this very dangerous situation of parking and speeding down the streets of the 1150 block of S Grove Av!

Thank you,  
Bernard Murray

Sent from my iPhone

**From:** Cheryl Tartakoff  
**Sent:** Thursday, March 09, 2017 11:42 AM  
**To:** Parking Services  
**Cc:** David Tartakoff  
**Subject:** Parking on the 1200 block of N. Kenilwoth

I am a resident at 1216 N. Kenilworth Ave. who has become increasingly concerned about the amount of parking on our block. It is particularly bad on the east side of the street. Parking has seemed to increase now that Grove and Woodbine have restrictions so that our block seems to be the one of choice. I suspect that some of it comes from the Woodbine nursing on North Ave., much of it for hours a day, and from the dentist and doctors offices at the end of the block on North Avenue. I hate to see our block used as a parking lot for these enterprises.

I was pleased to realize this situation will be under review in May. It would helpful to know when you are holding meetings on this issue

Thank you for your efforts,

Cheryl Tartakoff



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June 28, 2017

Jill Velan, John Youkhana, Village Trustees

Thank you for taking the time to meet with representatives of the North Avenue Business Association (NABA) on June 22, 2017, to discuss your review of parking regulations as it pertains to our business district. NABA consists of businesses and North Avenue Stakeholders who live and work in Oak Park and who are also members and board members of the Oak Park Chamber like myself who care deeply about the productivity and growth of the North Avenue Business District.

NABA certainly does agree with your goal of encouraging efficient use of existing parking and your willingness to approach the issue from a comprehensive village wide basis, instead of a block-by-block approach. Also, we herald your goal to remove as many rules and restrictions as possible in order to make it easier to park in Oak Park.

We understand that a 60 day pilot program to replace existing meters with Kiosk and App payment opportunities will begin on July 10, 2017. We support this use of new technology and will be interested to see how it works out and learn which technology will be implemented along all of North Avenue.

We understand that village staff recommendations for side street parking will consist of an approach to allow either No Parking 8am to 10am (with unlimited parking after 10am), or 3 Hour Parking 10am to 5pm M-F. Imagine if all the streets were No Parking 8am to 10am....and then have a Snow Emergency Parking day; Yikes!

As we discussed at our meeting, many of the buildings along North Avenue were constructed when on street parking was unrestricted. As such, most of the buildings rely on both North Avenue and side street parking for employee and customer use. Because of this, it is imperative that existing parking not be squandered with unhelpful parking rules, or be left to chance on a block-by-block basis.

Unfortunately, the No Parking 8am to 10am restriction is not consistent with your stated goal of encouraging efficient use of existing parking. Most businesses start their day before 10am and a rule that keeps parking spots empty by regulation cannot be efficient. Also, the stated reason for the no parking 8am to 10am was originally to discourage Sears workers from parking in Oak Park. Sears has recently announced that its nearby store is closing. Further NABA believes that applying a single 3 hour parking restriction will help to simplify the customer experience. NABA requests you implement the 3 Hour Parking 10am to 5pm on all side streets along North Avenue from the alley to LeMoyné as the sole restriction in the district.

NABA also requests that, for the spots between North Avenue and the alley, where parking is unrestricted it remain so, as is consistent with staff recommendations. Where there are current restrictions, they are changed to the proposed 3 hour limit. This request would not apply to side streets where metered parking exists, such as near the Onion Roll.

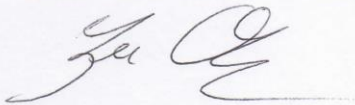
As we discussed during the meeting, it would be helpful if Oak Park would make available for sale "extended daytime parking permits" using license plate recognition technology for enforcement. Under this system a parking pass could be purchased to allow all day parking in our 3 hour restricted areas for at home service providers who, unlike residents, do not have access to a garage or driveway.

The thought of turning the green area at North and Kenilworth, which is owned by Oak Park, into a parking lot was mentioned at the meeting. Since Oak Park already owns this land, it would be a low cost way to add additional parking along North Avenue. NABA encourages Oak Park to continue to explore this possibility with all stakeholders who would be impacted by this change

Who could discuss parking restrictions in the village without mentioning the "Snow Emergency Parking Rules" when snow accumulates two or more inches. While NABA recognizes the need to keep the streets open for the plows to do their job and the need to provide for traffic safety, the problem is that the snow rules kick in before snow accumulates enough to keep employees and customers at home. NABA asks that as part of the parking restriction review, the village investigate if a greater accumulation of snow is warranted before emergency parking rules become effective. Cars should be in peril of becoming stuck before parking is considered an emergency.

Thank you for the opportunity to listen to your ideas and for NABA to provide feedback.

Respectfully submitted,  
North Avenue Business Association

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Lee Owens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Lee Owens, President

**From:** Mary Ann Bender (1)  
**Sent:** Monday, June 26, 2017 12:36 PM  
**To:** VOP Board  
**Subject:** North Ave. Parking

Dear Board of Trustees-

The purpose of this letter is to ask for your support in finding workable solutions for the parking issues that occur on the Northside of Oak Park on and along North Avenue. As many of you know, I am an Oak Park resident, Mann mom, OPRF Chamber and Rotary Board member, and finally, a full-time podiatrist who works in a large multi-specialty group at the corner of North and Woodbine in Oak Park. Our building owners also own the Onion Roll, which is right next to my office. Thus, we have a large number of restaurant patrons, patients, physicians, and staff members that access our corner in Oak Park.

Last week, representatives from the Oak Park Parking Services Department (Jill Velan and John Youkhana) met with representatives of NABA and T-NAD and a handful of North Avenue business owners. This was a very productive and positive meeting, as we learned that the Parking Services Department is looking for workable solutions to benefit both the businesses and residents along North Avenue and the 1200 blocks of Oak Park streets in this area. Additionally, a parking study directly in front of my office will be starting on July 10 with parking kiosks. We are thrilled that Oak Park is committed to finding parking solutions in our area.

As many of you know, the street closures that have taken place along North Avenue and various residential Oak Park streets have created traffic issues (especially speeding) on many of these side streets and have also led to a variety of parking issues. For example, some 1200 blocks allow for NO parking, no parking 8-10 am (many business owners on North Avenue are already at work by then), and 2 hour parking limits. There is no consistency as you go from Harlem to Austin with the parking restrictions on these blocks. This is confusing and unnecessary. There should be parking on all of these blocks from 8-10 am. Parked cars on the streets in the mornings would also slow down drivers and reduce speeding on these blocks, making it safer for families trying to get kids to camp and school. There should be parking available on every 1200 block that abuts North Avenue. It makes no sense to have blocks that allow for NO Parking at all. This is not good for residents or businesses. Finally, if there needs to be a parking time restriction, it should be 3 hours. This will allow customers, restaurant patrons, or my patients to complete their activities on North Avenue without fear of a ticket if they are not able to move their cars.

Next, North Avenue is extremely dangerous for people who park directly on the street. Cars drive very fast on North Avenue and there is a high volume of vehicles during most hours of the day and night. This is extremely dangerous for families unloading multiple people at my office, for my surgery patients and people with injuries that require walking boots, casts, crutches, walkers, and knee scooters, and it is very

**From:** Mary Ann Bender (2)

dangerous for the elderly. Recessing the parking inward to give people some space to exit their cars would be a very helpful solution.

Finally, I know that the Village of Oak Park does own land at North and Kenilworth that is currently a grassy area. Due to the high parking utilization rates in my area, which I believe the parking study will show are over 80-85 percent, I would urge the Board to consider creating a Village owned parking lot in this space. It would allow business owners and staff members to park here (maybe with a day permit), would allow home owners or renters on North Avenue to purchase a night time parking permit (and not park illegally behind their garages if they have too many vehicles), and would give customers, patients, and visitors to North Avenue to have a safe option for parking.

You will be getting official letters from NABA and Judith Alexander of T-NAD. However, I wanted to let your know that this is a serious issue that businesses on North Avenue need your support with in the next year. The Village of Oak Park is already spending money on a parking study in our area. It makes sense to make parking regulations standard along the 1200 blocks and North Avenue. Plus, it makes sense to find solutions that work for businesses and residents, as we are all members of this amazing community.

Thank you for making this a Board priority in the year to come.

Thank you.

Dr. Mary Ann Bender

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**From:** Sharon Henk  
**Sent:** Tuesday, September 20, 2016 2:44 PM  
**To:** Youkhana, John  
**Subject:** parking

Hi John,

Thank you for the update. Please let me know as the process moves along for the North avenue/Marion st cul-de-sac. It looks like there are no private options for this area on the private list. I have a call in to one resident on the south end near the Roosevelt and Taylor building. fingers crossed for that. Also, I will be at meeting on Monday Sept 26th at 7pm to continue to stay informed on changes/progress.

Thank you,  
Sharon Henk  
6126 W Roosevelt  
1305 N Harlem  
owner/manager



**From:** Brian Goldman

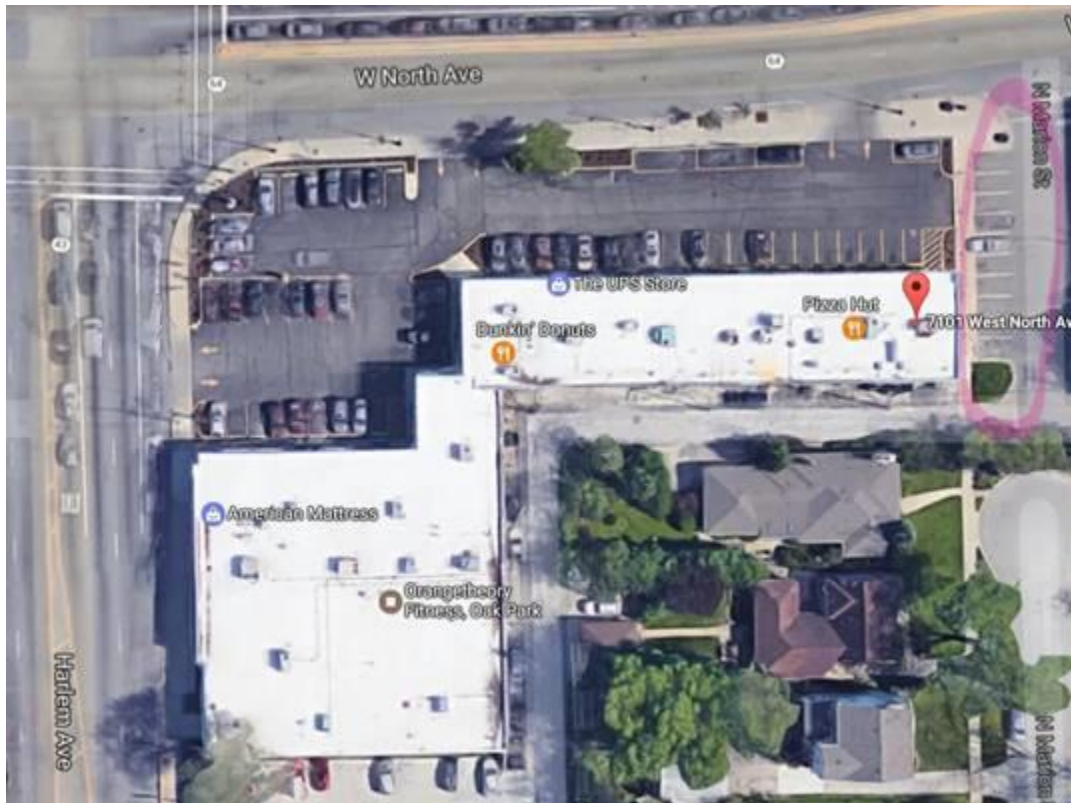
**Sent:** Tuesday, June 27, 2017 10:54 AM

**To:** Youkhana, John

**Subject:** Leasing Additional Parking Spaces at North & Harlem Shopping Center Parking, Oak Park, IL

John,

Per my voicemail, I would like to follow up on a conversation our architect, Nevin Hedlund, recently had with Michael Bruce (see email below for more details). Please let me know what you would need from us so that we can move forward to lease the spaces shown in the image from the Village. Thank you, Brian



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## RE|OLUTIONS

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The North Avenue District (1)

DATE: July 2, 2017

TO: John Youkhana (T-NAD)

FROM: The North Avenue District

SUBJECT: North Avenue Parking/Transportation Recommendations

## PARKING RECOMMENDATIONS

Replace meters with kiosks. Why?

- As a major traffic artery, North Ave. is often plowed and salted. Non-functioning, unsightly rusted/damaged meters are the frequent result.
- Customers fearing tickets are afraid to park in spaces with non-functioning meters, which is a detriment to local businesses.
- Unsightly meters contribute to the impression that the commercial district is uncared-for (along with neglected parkways, cracked sidewalks, etc.).
- Employees have to run out every couple hours to feed meters.
- The Chicago side of North Ave. already has kiosks. If the Oak Park side has kiosks as well, this will contribute to a unified look and feel for the business district.

Do not allow parking on the east side of Oak Park Avenue and Ridgeland 1200 blocks (northern-most and closest to North Avenue), at least not during rush hours. Why?

- Because these streets are not aligned south/north of North Avenue, lights are longer and traffic often backs up for up to three blocks south of the intersections.
  - Frustrated right-turning drivers often use the east-west alley parallel to North Avenue, creating unsafe conditions.
- Drivers turning right will then have their own lane, which will do much to reduce the bottlenecks and long back-ups

Where possible, add head-in parking between North and the east-west alley just south of it, taking some parkway/sidewalk space if necessary. (However, no added head-in parking on Kenilworth. The little park is the only green space on North Ave. and should be protected.) Why?

- There is a North Ave. parking shortage between Ridgeland and Harlem, and especially between Oak Park Ave. and Harlem. This has been exacerbated by the proliferation of diverters (and longstanding culs-de-sac).
- Lack of parking deters North Ave. shopping/dining and commercial tenants in office buildings.
- Head-in parking is working well on Marion and Woodbine—spaces are heavily used and easier to use than parallel parking spaces.
- Easier parking assists North Ave. businesses.

## The North Avenue District (2)

Take some width from parkways/sidewalks to create more space for parallel parking on North, with bump-outs on corners. (See North Ave. “restaurant row” in Elmwood Park for a good example.) Why?

- It’s dangerous for driver’s-side passengers to exit from parallel-parked cars on North—usually necessary to wait for a lull in traffic, which can be a long wait.
- Easier parking assists North Ave. businesses.

Lengthen (and standardize) the permissible parking period from two to three hours. (There could be some exceptions for employee parking areas or other good reasons.) Why?

- This will help tradespeople, housecleaning services, home health workers, etc. to do their work without (or with less) interruption.
- Three hours is still a short enough period to prevent commuters from parking on/near North Avenue all day, and to provide enough turnover for customers to find parking spaces.

Change the morning no-parking period so it ends at 9 am rather than 10 am. Why?

- Most businesses open at 9 am. Not allowing parking from 9 am to 10 am is a problem for their customers and employees.
- Allowing parking after 9 am will still prevent most commuters from parking on/near North Avenue all day. Most need to be at work by 9 am and seek parking earlier than that.

Offer (8-hour) parking permits during normal business hours to businesses with employees needing to park on residential streets, such as home health care agencies, maid services, tradespeople, etc.

Poll business/property owners re: parking needs. (Medical practices may need [a few more] handicapped spaces, for example. Employers may need employee parking permits.)

- Note: If kiosks/meters can be paid with the Passport system, employees will no longer have to run out every two hours to feed meters. Special employee parking areas can be designated where they will interfere less with customer parking.)

## TRANSPORTATION, SAFETY AND PEDESTRIAN-FRIENDLINESS RECOMMENDATIONS

Continue the moratorium on culs-de-sac/diverters. To help slow down traffic and protect residential neighborhoods:

- Brick 1200 blocks two or three blocks west of stoplights, or implement solutions like Woodbine’s.
- Use (moveable) cameras as needed to enforce speed limits, one-way streets, etc.

### The North Avenue District (3)

Complete the unfinished streetscape, which will help calm traffic.

Make North Ave. from Austin to Harlem a smart street corridor, with interconnected signal timing that responds to changing conditions. This will reduce the number of cars backed up at stoplights and the temptation to use residential streets to drive around bottlenecks.

Put North Ave. on a “road diet” to calm traffic and make space for a bike lane. (Note: Bike riders are presently risking their lives by riding on the median.)

Add crosswalks (at currently required frequency or more), especially where there are bus stops on either side of North Ave., and where children need to cross (to Wonder Works [at Elmwood], to St. Giles [at Columbian], and to Master Yu Martial Arts [at Linden]).

At intersection crosswalks, add raised medians (especially at Oak Park Ave.).

Zebra strip crosswalks, add flashing lights and/or standing yellow pedestrian “stop for pedestrians, it’s the law” signs.

Periodically check pedestrian-activated crossing lights, repair those not functioning; lengthen crossing time when activated, especially where children are likely to be crossing. Program adequate pedestrian intervals before green arrow signals.

Review North Ave for ADA compliance. Add tactile/wheelchair ramps where lacking. Add more bus stop seating; especially needed on the Oak Park side at North/Ridgeland and on Austin, a quarter-block south of North Ave. Also near Harlem. Add covered bus shelters based on ridership volume.

Add outdoor seating near restaurants where possible, including picnic tables (Rossell parkway, near Felony Franks; grassy area on Kenilworth (north of alley) west of Edwardo’s and Na Siam; parkway west of Buona Beef on Belleforte).