



Warwick Police Department
Incident Report

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Incident #: 21-3299-OF

Call #: 21-38659

Date/Time Reported: 06/21/2021 1109
Report Date/Time: 06/21/2021 1131
Occurred Between: 06/21/2021 1109-06/21/2021 1131
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Matthew Caradimos
Approving Officer: Sergeant Aaron Kay

Signature: _____

Signature: _____

EVENTS (S)

LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 375 (POST 3)
805 OAKLAND BEACH AVE @ 151 SUBURBAN PKWY
WARWICK RI

1 Traffic Survey-OAKLAND BEACH-NO PARKING AREAS

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2021-15

On June 21, 2021 I, Officer Caradimos received a traffic survey from Councilwoman Travis regarding a comprehensive traffic study of the streets, roads and avenues surrounding the beach area of Oakland Beach and the public boat ramp.

On 06/23/2021 at 05:30 p.m., I responded to the area of concern.

I started the survey on Suburban Parkway. Suburban Pkwy runs generally East and West and is divided by a positive median with one way traffic for each direction. The widest section of Suburban Pkwy measured 22 feet wide and the shortest section 20 feet wide, at the west end of Suburban Pkwy in the east bound lane where it meets with Strand Ave. Placed around the median on Suburban Pkwy are a total of 22 red and white parking signs posted (already approved). These signs read "No Parking Either side May 15th Thru Sep 15th" and are spaced in approximately 50-60 foot intervals.

It is my recommendation that these signs remain active as this is a priority road for traffic moving east and west at this end of Oakland Beach and large trucks and boat trailers to and from the Oakland Beach Boat ramp.

Where Suburban Pkwy breaks off to Strand Ave, a separate median separates the Ave. The widest section of Strand Ave was measured at 23 feet wide and the shortest section was measured at 21 feet wide. The median on Strand Ave was measured 480 feet long. There are currently no parking signs posted on the section. At the dead end of Strand Ave adjacent to the beach there is an area where vehicles commonly park to gain access to the beach. This area was measured approximately 40 foot long by 20 feet wide. This area was measured to account for traffic passing by and turning at the dead end of Strand Ave. There are, no parking signs posted in this area currently.

It is my recommendation that a total of 12 signs, 6 each side of the median on Strand Ave be placed at 50-60ft intervals and read, "No parking Either Side May 15 Thru Sep 15". It is also my recommendation that painted parking lines be added to the dead end on Strand Ave allowing parking for vehicles that would fit in the parking spaces provided. This would alleviate parking issues on the side of the road in this area making passing difficult or unsafe.

Burr Ave, Wade St, Owens St, Overton St and Bay Ave all intersect with Suburban Pkwy. Currently there is a stop sign to stop traffic entering Suburban Pkwy from Burr Ave and Bay Ave but not the three other listed streets. It is my recommendation that a stop sign be placed at the intersection of each Wade St, Owens St and Overton St to stop traffic entering onto Suburban Pkwy.

Bay Ave generally runs North and South. The north end of Bay Ave as it intersects with Suburban Pkwy measured 22 feet. The South end at the entrance of the boat ramp measured 23 feet wide. This road is the main access road to the

boat ramp from Suburban Pkwy. There are currently 5 faded signs posted on each of the telephone poles on Bay Ave, which are faded and hard to read. The signs read "No Parking Either Side May 15 Thru Sep 15". There are two stop signs in place at the intersection of Bay Ave and Burr Ave. These stop signs are in place stopping traffic traveling north and south on Bay Ave.

It is my recommendation that the 5 parking signs posted on the telephone poles (poles # 2,3,4,5,6) be updated and reposted, reading "No Parking Either Side". Bay Ave should be a no parking year round either side due to the width of the road and year round boat trailer traffic to and from the Boat Ramp. It is also recommended that the stop sign that is stopping the flow of traffic traveling south towards the Boat Ramp be turned to Stop traffic entering Bay Ave from Burr Ave (eastbound) as this is a smaller residential road leading to Bay Ave. The stop sign to stop traffic traveling North from the boat ramp should be removed and traffic exiting and entering the private lot of Oakland Beach Yachting Center shall yield to the right of way for vehicles traveling on Bay Ave. I recommend to remove the Stop Signs on Bay Ave and install the Stop Signs on Burr Ave where it intersects Bay Ave.

Burr Ave runs east and west and connects Bay Ave to the intersection of Stender Blvd/Burr Ave. There is currently 5 signs posted on the telephone poles on Burr Ave reading "No Parking Either Side May 15-Sep 15". I recommend that signs be posted at each intersecting road on Burr Ave that read, "No Parking Either Side" and remain year round as this is a smaller road (measured 20 feet), two way traffic would not be able to pass with parked vehicles.

There is currently a No Parking Sign here to corner placed at the corner of Burr Ave and Wade St pointing to the corner of Burr Ave and Stender. This is a section of Burr that is adjacent to the softball fields and off street parking. This area, on the opposite side of the field is frequently parked on and to the corner. This creates a hazard for passing vehicles and is in violation of parking violation of RIGL. I recommend that two signs, "No Parking Either Side" be placed in this area and made clear and visible. There is adequate parking spaces along the side of the field already in place.

At the entrance to the Oakland beach boat ramp, there are two large signs that read "Truck and Trailer Parking Only". I recommend these signs should remain in place and same signs in Spanish should also be added. There are currently painted white lines marking parking spaces for single vehicles on the exterior of the parking lot closest to the water. These painted parking lines should be removed and this area should remain open for boat trailers backing out and pulling into allotted spaces. The "No Parking This Side" signs posted in the "Get Ready Area" should read "No Parking Either Side" as this area needs to be clear of any single vehicle traffic for truck and trailers to maneuver. It is also recommended that Tow Away Zone signs be added at the entrance and in the "Get Ready Area" of the boat launch. This will emphasize the seriousness of blocking up the boat ramp and parking lot area with vehicles it is not intended or designed for.

There is a One Way sign placed at the intersection of Uncas St and Suburban Pkwy. This sign is currently vandalized and painted on. This sign should be reposted. A One Way Sign should also be added to the intersection of Pequot Ave and Suburban, Huron St and Suburban, and Overton St and Suburban Pkwy. This will help for traffic coming from the beach area onto Suburban Pkwy to read the sign and choose the correct lane of travel on Suburban Pkwy. I recommend that

yield signs be placed in the middle median where Burr Ave, Wade St and Owens St intersect with Suburban Pkwy and cut through the median onto the west bound traffic lane. This will give notice to vehicle leaving the beach area (north) that vehicles already traveling west on Suburban have the right of way and to use caution while proceeding out into the intersection.

The roads running north and south (connecting Suburban Pkwy and Burr Ave) Wade St, Owens St, and Overton St. These streets are slow residential streets with minimal space for on street parking. However if No Parking signs were to be posted, the residents would have a hard time parking as most of the homes in this area have small driveways and when taking into account if they have a guest over to visit, they would be in violation. It is my recommendation that a sign be placed on each end of the Wade, Owens and Overton street that read, "Residential Parking Only". To alleviate the issue of residents complaining on unfamiliar vehicles. It is recommended that each resident of these streets be issued 2 car mirror placards that read, "Resident Parking Guest". This would allow law enforcement and residents to recognize what vehicle belong and are allowed to be parked on these roads. It is also recommended that parking be allowed on only one side of the roadway to allow enough room for emergency vehicle to safely pass. To be uniform, each street should only allow parking on the west side of the roadway. The dead end of Owens St and Overton St shall also have "Resident Parking Only" signs posted at the intersection of Burr Ave, however parking may be allowed on either side for the residents with their placards.

At the intersection and corner of Suburban Pkwy and Sea View Dr, there are currently "No Parking Signs posted on the West side of the road closest to the beach. These signs should remain in place as this is a corner, and is a main evacuation route from Oakland Beach to West Shore Rd. There is a section of land adjacent to the Warwick Sewer Authority pump station at the corner of Sea View Dr and suburban Pkwy. It is my recommendation that this area, which measured approximately 40 feet by 80 feet be cleared and used for parking for people utilizing this area of the beach. This would eliminate parking issues on the roadway in this area. After reviewing and making this recommendation, I spoke with city personnel who already had plans in effect for this area consistent with what I recommended.

Sea View Dr runs North and South and the width of the road way is 21 feet. On Sea View Dr, from Suburban Pkwy to Gordon Ave, there are 13 intersecting streets that run east and west. There are currently no parking signs posted on almost every telephone pole on Sea View Dr on the east side of the roadway which are already approved (pole #s 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 11, 12, 14, 15, 17, 22, 24, 26, 31, 32, 34, 35, 38, and 39). It is my recommendation that these signs remain or be updated so that they are clear and visible to read, "No Parking Either side" and remain year round. There is not enough space for vehicles to park and pass for two way traffic on this roadway.

Stender Ave is a marked One Way St connecting with Oakland Beach and Burr Ave. This is the primary entrance and outlet to the Oakland Beach Seawall and parking lot. This street at its widest point measured 21 feet. There are currently 7 approved "No Parking Either Side" signs posted along the fence to the ball field. It is my recommendation that these signs remain in effect as this is a priority exit/entrance street for all traffic and there is not adequate width in the road for parked vehicles. I also recommend that "Tow Away Zone" signs be added in English and Spanish in this area.

On 06/29/2021, I contacted Councilwomen Travis to discuss her concerns and advise of my progress with the survey. I left a voicemail and as of 07/02/21 I have not received a call back.

On 07/22/2021, I spoke with Councilwoman Travis and advised of my concerns and progress.

On 07/30/2021 I was contacted by Councilwoman Travis in reference to this survey. Two roads that were left out of the survey was Hewett St and Crocket St as the councilwomen advised these streets have been a topic of many parking complaints.

At 15:30hrs I responded out to the area of concern.

Hewett St at its widest point measured 23 feet. The Street sign is currently blocked by trees and should be cleaned so visible. There is a "Dead End" sign and "Handicap Child" Sign posted at the beginning of the street. At the dead end is an access point to the walking trail and beach. There are two signs clearly marked and posted, "No Parking", and "No Parking Anytime" sign. Pole #6 which is closest to the dead end also has clearly marked and posted, "No Parking", and "No Parking Anytime" sign. Across from 61 Hewett St is a "No Parking Sign" with an arrow pointing to the dead end. Pole #5 has 1 "No Parking Anytime" sign. Poles 4,3,2,1 do not have any signs posted. All signs currently posted are already approved.

During my survey of Hewett St, I did not observe any parking issues or vehicles parked on the roadway.

It is my recommendation that all No Parking signs remain at the dead end as this is an access for emergency response to the beach areas and that signs be added to poles 4,3,2,1 that read, "Resident Parking Only" for one side only. Most of the homes on this street appear to have ample amount of parking space in their driveways, however it is recommended that if "Resident Parking Only" signs are displayed that each resident receive two parking passes to allow for guest to park on the road if need be for events. These passes should be hung from the car rear view mirror or placed on the dash in a visible area and is mandatory.

Crocket St at its widest point measured 22 feet. There is a "No Parking" sign posted at the dead end where the access to the beach and walking trail are. There are signs posted on poles 4,3,2,1 "No Parking either Side May15 Thru Sep15". These signs are weathered and faded. All signs currently posted are already approved.

It is recommended that the no parking signs at the dead end remain as this is an access for emergency response to the beach areas. It is also recommended that the No Parking either Side May15 Thru Sep15" be replaced with, "Resident

Parking Only" on one side and allow for each resident to receive two parking passes to allow for guest to park on the road if need be for events. These passes should be hung from the car rear view mirror or placed on the dash in a visible area and is mandatory. This will prevent unnecessary calls for service to WPD for parking complaints.