



**Warwick Police Department
Incident Report**

**Incident #: 21-6454-OF
Call #: 21-74356**

Date/Time Reported: 11/23/2021 0802
Report Date/Time: 11/23/2021 0930
Status: No Crime Involved

Reporting Officer: Officer Thomas Greene
Approving Officer: Sergeant Jason Brodeur

Signature: _____

Signature: _____



EVENTS(S)

LOCATION TYPE: Highway/Road/Alley/Street Zone: RD 303 (POST 8)
PLEASANT VIEW RD
WARWICK RI 02886

1 Traffic Survey - ONE WAY

#	PERSON(S)	PERSON TYPE	SEX	RACE	AGE	SSN	PHONE
1	FOLEY, WILLIAM A 70 COLDBROOK RD WARWICK RI 02886 DOB: 06/03/1956	REPORTING PARTY	M	W	65	*****	*****

On 10/25/2021, I, Officer Greene of the Warwick Police Department Traffic Unit, was assigned a traffic study of the area of Pleasant View Road at Columbia Avenue. The request was made by City Councilman William Foley (DOB: 06/03/1956) regarding Pleasant View Road being converted to a one-way roadway. Councilman Foley relayed in the initial traffic survey request he was receiving complaints about drop offs and pick ups at Wyman School where parents were parking on both sides of the streets listed, creating a safety concern on Pleasant View Road.

Review of area via google maps shows Pleasant View Road to run in the east-west direction. Pleasant View Road intersects with Fair Street on the western end and Parkside Drive on the eastern end. Towards the eastern end of Pleasant View, Columbia Avenue feeds into Pleasant View Road. Columbia Avenue is a one-way road, flowing in the eastern direction. On the eastern end of Pleasant View Road there is also a crosswalk which provides crossing to the E.T. Wyman Elementary School (located on the south east corner of the Pleasant View Road at Parkside Drive intersection). The crosswalk at this location is generally utilized heavily for pedestrian traffic during the school year during two portions of the day. Wyman Elementary School opening is at 0845 hours and dismissal is at 1455 hours accordingly.

On 11/12/2021 I met with Councilman Foley and a resident on Pleasant View Road who had voiced concerns for safety. This resident was identified as Paul R. DePetrillo (DOB: 06/12/1949). On said date DePetrillo had voice several concerns for safety on the roadway to include: speeding on Pleasant View at time of school pickup and drop off, parking in the area of Pleasant View Road at Fair Street, and overall parking on Pleasant View Road not allowing for a true two lanes of travel. DePetrillo believed that changing the roadway to a one-way would alleviate a good deal of these issues and make the roadway overall safer. Speaking further about the speeding issue, DePetrillo stated individuals would exceed 40mph in the marked 20mph zone frequently, specifically at child drop off for the school. With speaking further about the parking concerns on Pleasant View Road at Fair Street, DePetrillo stated the residence of 408 Fair Street generally parked on Pleasant View Road close to the intersection. DePetrillo's concern was that due to the parties parking on Pleasant View Road, school buses and other vehicles in the morning had a difficult time turning onto Pleasant View Road from Fair Street. DePetrillo at this time specifically pointed out the vehicles. DePetrillo stated vehicles proceeding westbound on Pleasant View Road, along with the parked cars created a bottle-neck effect due to parking too close to the corner. At the time of speaking with DePetrillo he indicated the vehicles were currently parked in the same orientation which was causing the traffic issue. The last issue DePetrillo elaborated on was numerous persons would generally park on Pleasant View Road down the entire roadway to walk their children up to Wyman School.

On this day, overall traffic was observed on Pleasant View to be moderate for a residential neighborhood, specifically during the child drop off time at Wyman Elementary. After child drop off, overall traffic appeared to slow significantly. Vehicles in the area did not appear to have significant/ enforceable speeding violations through the area while monitoring. DePetrillo was advised speeds on the roadway would be monitored by other methods for proper data accuracy. I then responded to the area of Pleasant View Road at Fair Street to check on the parked vehicles pointed out by DePetrillo. A single vehicle was observed to be parked in the vicinity. The vehicle was parked right wheels to curb, facing the eastern direction. Measurements were conducted at this time which showed the vehicle to be parked legally as it was approximately 40' from the intersection. Vehicles proceeding onto Pleasant View Road appeared not to really be obstructed by placement of the vehicle. Vehicular travel was not observed to be impeded on Fair Street as well as no significant backup was observed. Overall parking on Pleasant View Road was observed to be minimal as only a few other residences had vehicles parked

in front of them.

Physical review of the roadway showed it to have a 20mph zone sign with no other signage in the area (to include no school zone signage). A series of measurements were made of the roadway in different sections. The area of Pleasant View Road at Fair Street was found to be 22'9" in width. The area of 62 Pleasant View Road (approximate middle of the roadway) was found to be 26'9" in width. The area of Pleasant View Road at Columbia Avenue was found to be 25'5" in width. The area of Pleasant View Road at Parkside Drive was found to be 23'1" in width. Several residential properties line both sides of the roadway. Review of signage found that the 20mph zone sign was not in fact valid after having made checks with the Traffic Division records, Department of Public Works and City Ordinance. The roadway showed no significant issues for vehicular travel in either direction as the general width for the average vehicle is approximately 6-7', even with vehicles parked along side it.

On 11/14/2021 a JAMAR Box was installed in the area of 62 Pleasant View Road to monitor speeds on the roadway. These speeds were monitored on the roadway in both directions between the time frame of 11/14/2021 at 1226 hours to 11/22/2021 at 1146 hours. Average speed was found to be 23mph and a 85th percentile speed of 28mph. This data showed 2,771 vehicles to utilize the roadway in the time frame. Majority of the excessive speed found appeared to be in the late night hours (3rd shift 2300-0400 hours).

Review of the street for previous reports of motor vehicles accidents was also conducted. Two crashes were found to have occurred several years prior. In the area of Pleasant View Road at Parkside Drive on 12/24/2005 (Call # 05-79447/ Report #05-5952-AC) a hit and run investigation was found. A vehicle had hit a fence and fled the area. In the area of Pleasant View Road and Fair Street on 08/27/2004 (Call #04-55941/ Report #04-3822-AC) a non-injury accident was found. A vehicle had struck a fence. Both accidents appear to be isolated incidents and have no direct correlation with the proposed safety concerns based on the circumstances.

On 11/01/2021, 11/08/2021 and 11/15/2021 morning traffic was monitored for Crosswalk Surveys in the vicinity of Wyman School (Call #21-69722, Call #21-71231, and Call #21-72591 respectively). On 11/19/2021, 12/06/2021, and 12/07/2021 evening traffic was monitored for Crosswalk Surveys in the vicinity of Wyman School (Call #21-73668, Call #21-76781, and Call #21-77014 respectively). After monitoring these respective crosswalks I observed that parties picking up and dropping off children generally utilized Parkside Drive for roadside parking or they utilized the side parking lot of Wyman School which does empty onto Pleasant View Road. No parking for school admittance/dismissal was observed actually on Pleasant View Drive on these specific dates.

After review of all the data and based on speaking with multiple parties throughout the neighborhood it is recommended to have Pleasant View Drive remain as two way travel. It is also recommended that due to the close vicinity of the school, the speed limit of Pleasant View Road be changed from a 25mph zone to a 20mph zone for additional safety measures. Officers would be requested to continue to monitor the vicinity during N.I.T.E. details for excess speeding.

Results were relayed to Councilman Foley on 01/02/2021 at approximately 1400 hours via telephone.