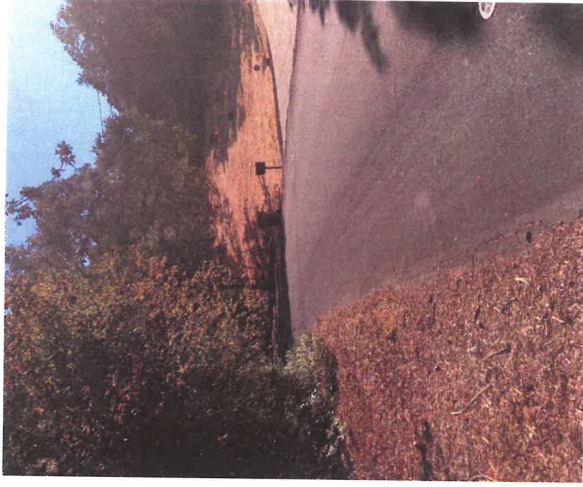


Walnut Heights Speeding Issue

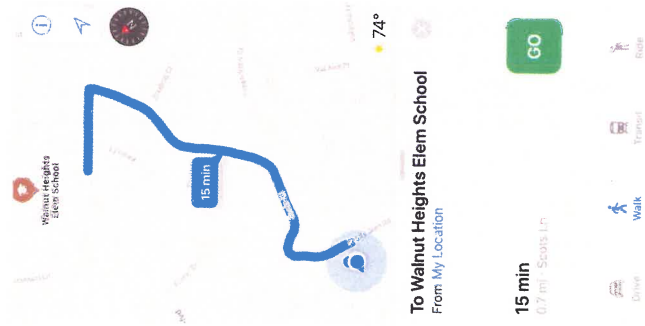
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Blind corners make up most of the road on Shady Glen Rd and other areas of Walnut Heights.



Blind corner on Shady Glen with 15 MPH recommended speed. Traffic is often in excess of 30 MPH.

Most homes are walking distance to Walnut Heights Elementary School.



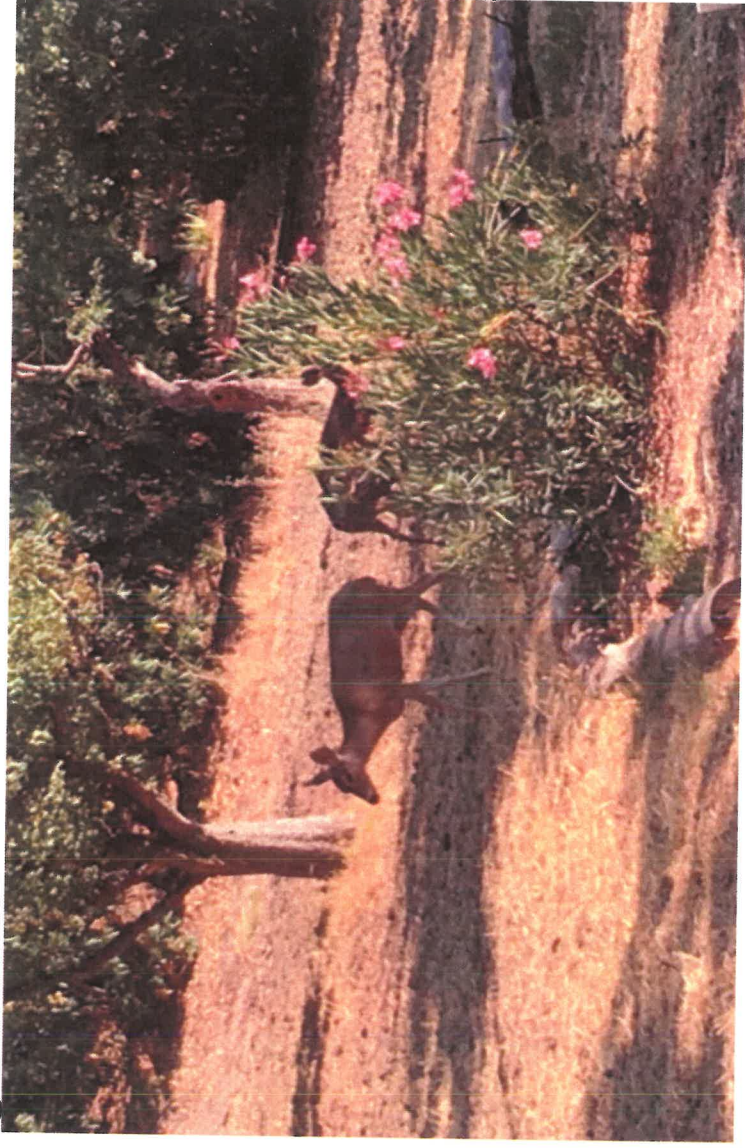
- There are very few sidewalks for pedestrian traffic.
- Families walking kids to school fear cars speeding through the neighborhood.
- Police presence is absent allowing for cars to speed with little to no deterrence.

Telephone / Power Pole – Has been hit numerous times over the years, which is on the dirt path pedestrians use to walk in the neighborhood and to Walnut Heights Elementary School.



Hit most on October 31, 2017

Wildlife is abundant in Walnut Heights and there are daily fatalities of these beautiful animals due to speeding vehicles.



Please Help - We depend on you!

- We would like to request regular patrol in our neighborhood.
- Speed Bumps on Shady Glen Road.
- Review of speed limits in the area.
- What more can we do as concerned residents of the area?

Thank you!

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August 11, 2018

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Chair of the Board
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To whom it may concern at the CCC Board of Supervisors,

Our neighborhood is an old, quiet neighborhood that backs up to the open space. We have hilly, windy roads, blind driveways, and limited sidewalks. I live at the corner of Scots Lane and Walnut Blvd within the 20 MPH school zone and at the crosswalk (no stop sign) to school. During the summer there are always children walking and riding bikes/scooters to play, school, and swim clubs. During the school year there is usually a school crossing guard monitoring the crosswalk before and after school. Our school implements the Walking Schoolbus program encouraging foot and bike traffic over cars; there are kids all over the narrow windy streets making their way to Walnut Blvd and our crossing guard/new sidewalk that approaches Walnut Heights Elementary. There are often hikers and bikers making their way towards the Open Space entrances that line the perimeter of our neighborhood. Many weekends there are kids on corners selling lemonade. Unless you live here or wish to access the open space, there is no reason to be driving on our streets/in our neighborhood.

There is no reason for the amount of traffic and speed of traffic that barrels through the school zone and side streets at all times of day. I am very concerned our neighborhood has become a cut-through for inconsiderate drivers trying to beat the 680/24 interchange. I am deeply concerned with the speed residents and non residents feel they can drive our 20-25MPH streets.

On a daily basis, I witness the following:

*cars, trucks, and motorcycles going above 40MPH

*cars and trucks avoiding to stop at the crosswalk while adults and/or children wait to cross.

*Delivery/Haul/semi trucks that appear completely inappropriate for the area —not Construction related or grocery delivery — using Walnut Blvd presumably as a cut through: e.g., Foster Farms poultry truck, USPS air freight Semi Truck , American Linen & Uniform Supply truck, etc.. I wonder at this point if GPS/Maps sends drivers around the 680/24 interchange into our quiet neighborhood.

*anecdotal data -specifically people admitting- residents of Danville, Alamo, and San Ramon who use Livorna /Rudgear Rd exits to Walnut Blvd as a cut-through to Ygnacio Valley Road for morning commutes to private schools and work / BART avoiding the 680 traffic getting into Walnut Creek.

Residents repeatedly beg neighbors using the Nextdoor app to slow down. There is an electronic “Your Speed” sign a block outside of the school zone. People yell at cars that

are speeding. None of this has proven effective. On 7/30/18 we had a 7year old neighbor almost get hit by a car IN the crosswalk on Walnut Blvd at 5:30 pm during the evening (still daylight) commute hour. We need effective management of the speed and appropriate type of traffic in our neighborhood.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Landgraf
1021 Scots Lane
Walnut Creek, 94596

August 12, 2018

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Chair of the Board
2151 Salvio Street, Suite R
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Supervisor Mitchoff:

As someone whose home backs up on Walnut Blvd. just below the Walnut Heights Elementary School, I have been concerned about the speeding problem on Walnut Blvd. for years. During the rush hours, Walnut Blvd and Shady Glen Rd. are used as a cut through to the freeway to avoid congestion. Although the speed limit is 25mph on Walnut Blvd. approaching the school and less in the school zone, almost no one obeys it, and there is rarely any enforcement.

Beyond those using Walnut Blvd. as a cut through, there is the ongoing problem of parents who are late to pick up or drop off and are more concerned about being late than the safety of the children who walk to school. They act as if the school zone speed limit is a suggestion, and the speed limit of the approach is to be ignored entirely.

I would think the revenue enhancement alone is worth the price of enforcement, especially since part of these two streets are in the county and not in the city.

Enforcement, of course, is a temporary solution. A more permanent solution is vital, and we should not have to wait for a tragedy to occur to deal with the problem.

Our children should not be put at risk!

Sincerely,

Abraham H. Miller
208 Shady Glen Rd.
Walnut Creek, CA
94596

August 13, 2018

Supervisor Karen Mitchoff
Chair of the Board
2151 Salvio Street, Suite R
Concord, CA 94520

Dear Chair Mitchoff,

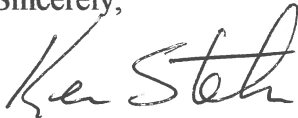
We would like to add our voices to the concern about speeding and reckless driving in the Walnut Heights neighborhood. We live on Mountain View Boulevard where the posted speed limit is rarely obeyed. In fact, it is not uncommon to see drivers exceed the speed limit by nearly twice.

Mountain View Boulevard is a straight-line road. However, there are several undulations that obscure down-road vision. The limited sight distance is particularly dangerous (when an auto is speeding) to those entering or exiting their driveways as well as to pedestrians crossing the street. There is a County Connection bus stop at the corner of Mountain View Boulevard and Mynah Court that is regularly used by Los Lomas students. The combination of speeding cars and lack of sidewalks is a recipe for a tragedy.

We are firm believers that people's behavior, especially when behind the wheel, can be influenced when there is a penalty to be paid for breaking the law. We believe that enforcement by regular or random patrolling of the area would have a dramatic effect on the incidence of driving at excessive speed. Observing someone being cited on the side of the road has a multiplying affect on those passing the traffic stop.

We urge you to take action by applying some County resources to help solve this problem.

Sincerely,



Ken Stehr



Linda Stehr

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Walnut Creek, CA 94596