

## Survey of Waterford residents about placing a stop sign at the top of Main Street by the Post Office

### E-mail sent on November 12 to Waterford Village Residents

The following e-mail was sent to 88 homes in the village.

At the last WCA meeting, it was suggested to have a stop sign installed on Main Street by the Post Office for cars coming up Main from the Mill. Presently, there is no sign and cars go around the corner onto 2nd street, often it seems, without looking. This sign would act as a safety measure for both pedestrians and other cars .

Before the WCA approaches VDOT on this matter, I thought I would ask village residents if they objected to a stop sign at this corner.

If you object, please let me know.

If you have any examples of cars driving unsafely, please send them to me.

Thanks

Ed lehmann  
President  
Waterford Citizens' Association

### Responses

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I like the idea.

We track over 20% of the cars exceeding 30+mph in front of our house.

I would like speed bumps on 2nd street and church street.

Free large pumpkins for life if you get the speed bumps/humps installed.

thanks, Mike [Stump]

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Of far more importance would be a stop sign on High street/Butchers Row at the Main St. hill. Making the left turn from High Street onto Main Street can be a death-defying experience. Fortunately, the traffic coming from the other direction is not heavy. But on those occasions when a car is coming from the other direction, it cannot be seen until it is almost on top of you. If it were speeding, as sometimes they do, an accident would be likely.

Frankly, I am surprised there has not been one already. But when it does happen, it will be nasty. Regards,  
Steve Soechtig

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Ed: Best of British luck is all I can say. Paul Rose and I were part of a group many years ago that approached VDOT to have a four-way stop sign installed at the intersections of 2nd/Main/Water streets.

Basically, we were told there would have to be a fatality before such a safety feature would be installed. We were pretty angry with the whole bureaucratic response. Butler, who was the chief VDOT person locally then, kept saying we didn't fit their requirements etc. But, since he was using basic subdivision stats of course we didn't. It was useless, as we did, to keep saying we were an old town and none of the subdivision stats would apply. The only thing we got out of them was chevrons everywhere and a two-way system on Water St. and Big Hill. We also asked for a mirror (as we have all over Europe in similar situations) to be placed on the side of the Mill, so you could see

oncoming traffic, especially when coming into the village—but got nowhere. One dangerous situation I see, especially in the summer, is that the Stop sign outside the Andersons is hidden by trees and people barrel down Water street and into the intersection without stopping.

Those are my two cents. Margaret Morton  
On Nov 12, 2004, at 5:15 PM, WCA info wrote:

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I think there might be a stop sign BEFORE you enter the village by way of Wheatland Road also. Cars do come very fast on lower Main Street. Most of the cars watch out for me and my dog Yeller. But some of them do not.  
Neil Keller

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I think it is a good idea.

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Marilyn Gentry

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I think it is a very good idea. I see people every day zipping around the corner. I used to have a dog named Just-Us who would sit in the street and cars slowed to go around him. I think he probably saved a life or two. He died a natural death.  
Chuck Anderson

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I think there should be a stop sign placed by the Post Office, as well as a sign further down stating "Stop Ahead".  
Michelle [Dunne].

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The Caskie family (4) would like to see a stop sign put in place along with the white line (strip) that shows where to stop. This will be an added visual and keep cars from pulling too far into the intersection as they do when coming from Second street in front of the Foundation.

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*It would slow traffic, but for us locals that have been here awhile, it might not be noticed since many aren't looking for a stop sign there. Might have to be rather large and obnoxious and placed very clearly in view.*  
Jennifer Worcester

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Thanks for the opportunity to comment on the stop sign at the Post Office.  
I do not object to the installation of the stop sign.. Rather, I encourage it. As the population of the surrounding areas increases and the motor traffic likewise, some control is needed to enable residents of the village to move safely across the streets.  
Regards,  
Bill Hunley  
Trouble Enough Indeed  
15552 2nd St.

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Hi, Ed ... Sorry I didn't make the WCA meeting. Things are bit in disarray here as we deal with my mother's illness. Anyway, hooray for working on that corner. Every morning when the mail truck is there, it is particularly dangerous for anyone trying to cross the street because you can't see around the truck and people in cars whip around the truck without looking. A stop sign would be great. k. [Kathleen Hughes]