



Dear Neighbors:

In the Spring of this year the Board of Directors sent a survey to Laurel Lakes residents asking for homeowner input on how to address repeated incidents of speeding and other traffic safety issues occurring on the roadways within the community. Below are the results of the four questions that were asked:

1. Do you think there is a problem with speeding in the community?

YES 64.2 %

NO 33.6 %

NO OPINION 2.2 %

2. Do you think issues with speeding or other traffic violations have increased?

YES 41.8 %

NO 50.7 %

NO OPINION 7.5 %

3. Should the Community take additional action(s) to reduce speeding or other violations?

YES 52.2 %

NO 38.1 %

NO OPINION 9.7%

4. Should the Community install removable rubber traffic “calming strips” to reduce speeding?

YES 37.3 %

NO 53.7 %

NO OPINION 9.0 %

In consideration of proactively attending to the speeding problem that the vast majority of residents reported, while also noting that most residents were not in favor of speed mats, a majority of the Board chose a compromise option of lowering the posted speed limit to 12mph, this was approved at the June 22, 2022, meeting. For years, the current and prior Boards have been inundated with complaints about speeding and careless driving by guests and even more unfortunately, from our fellow residents. The majority of the Board felt that taking no action and past practices of sending notices to homeowners asking them to slow down was not working and no longer an option. The intent of lowering the speed limit was for drivers to be more mindful of their speed and the safety of other vehicles, residents and especially children who are riding bikes, playing on sidewalks etc.

At the September 21, 2022, meeting, the four Board Members who were present unanimously decided to implement the enclosed rules and enforcement measures for traffic violations. The hope and intention was for residents and guests to drive in a reasonable and prudent manner. These rules are only meant to be enforced when drivers act in a manner that is willful, wanton, egregious, negligent, or reckless, or their actions show a clear disregard for the safety of others or their property.