

To Charlie, Bruce and Cheryl:

As both a local business owner in the Magnolia Village as well as Magnolia Chamber of Commerce Board Member, I have been following the effort by our local citizens to have a stop sign installed at the intersection of 32nd Ave. W. and W. Raye St. Considering both the presence of the pool and Catherine Blaine School, not to mention the Albertson's store, all contributing to traffic and the distractions for the drivers passing through, one would think that would be sufficient to warrant traffic control on 32nd. There is often confusion at the street crossing as to whether the vehicles are going to stop for the children waiting at the crosswalk going to or from the pool in the summer or the school the rest of the year.

While I can't speak for everyone here in the area, I do hear lots of comments about how welcome a stop sign would be at that intersection. As you are probably aware there are many of us here in Magnolia, including the Chamber of Commerce, that would be glad to pay for the stop sign to be installed. I understand that the city has to have its say in how the traffic is regulated, but I don't understand it when the neighborhood supports an effort like this and is then given a lot of seemingly disingenuous excuses as to why it can't happen.

The traffic studies to be done during the summer swim pool time remain undone for some reason. Instead we have a study done before the pool was actually in full operation and another looking at the cars turning into the pool parking lot. Neither of these really would show much relevant information as to whether there was an unsafe situation between cars and pedestrians. As a driver who regularly passes through the intersection in question, I can say that it doesn't look like a safe intersection from the standpoint of a pedestrian.

Additionally, it should be stated that it is not just Magnolians who utilize the pool and, hence, often that intersection. I know I have lots of relatives and friends who come from other parts of the city to use our beautiful outdoor pool. They too should feel safe coming and leaving the area. It is time to listen to the voices of Magnolia and get a stop sign installed.

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