

CCHTL Neighborhood Parking Restrictions

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After a lot of research and discussions with numerous neighbors, the Allen County Engineer's Sign Specialist, the Ohio Department of Transportation Deputy Director and the Bath Township Trustees, these are the findings. The streets within our neighborhood are classified as residential and are designed to permit street parking. A legally licensed and operable vehicle can be parked on the street. A careful review of traffic accidents in our neighborhood over several years found very few incidents involving a parked car. Although street parking may bother some neighbors, others need to use it. Also, parked cars tend to slow down the traffic flow, which is a good thing.

Although there are no signs or markings, a vehicle can be ticketed for parking in front of a fire hydrant or too close to an intersection. The Bath Township Trustees have the authority to post "No Parking" signs for safety reasons. There is currently a "No Parking" sign in the "S" curve on south Fenway Drive. There is a "No Parking" sign on Fenway Drive just south of Kingsbury Court, which will remain in place. There are no plans for additional signs.

When driving your vehicle on our neighborhood streets, please use courtesy and common sense. If a vehicle is parked on the street and another vehicle is approaching, slow down and carefully pass one another. If something bad happens, the vehicle that crossed the imaginary center line will be the one at fault. Several neighbors would like to see a yellow line down the middle of the street, particularly on Fenway Drive. Although there have been center lines in the past, the Bath Township Trustees have decided that they create more problems than they solve. The real issue is enforcement and our Sheriff's Deputies do not need a painted line to issue a ticket for crossing the center line.

The biggest problem we have in the neighborhood is speeding, particularly on Fenway Drive! Periodically, the Allen County Regional Planning Commission sets up a Radar Board at various locations. Although the Speed Limit is 25 miles per hour (mph) throughout our neighborhood, the Radar Board has recorded speeds in excess of 60 mph. Ever since the reconstruction of I-75, outsiders have discovered and used Fenway Drive as a connector from Harding Highway to Reservoir Road. The Allen County Sheriff's Office has

increased their patrols and regularly issues speeding tickets. Some of those tickets have gone to our own neighbors.

Some neighbors have suggested speed bumps be installed along our neighborhood streets. The Bath Township Trustees have decided not to install speed bumps, because they create street noise that brings complaints from nearby residents. Also, speed bumps are difficult to maintain and cause serious problems for snow removal. Speed bumps do not necessarily slow down speeders.