

**Subject:** Cliffside Carnival  
Ride

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Hi Steve,

I have to ask. Do you drive over those speed bumps in Cliffside every day? I do. Each day on my way to work I think of you when going up and down. At the next election, when we have to decide who to cast our ballot for, guess who I'll be thinking of? You helped spend a lot of money making my commute worse to help a small group of your friends, and ignored the needs of the community. Is that the kind of people we need in North Kitsap? More takers? Give us decent roads or get out of the way please. We may not want growth, but we do want to improve all our lives, not just your friends.

The cliffside speed bumps are falling apart. If you insist on leaving the bumps where they are, you might at least get them fixed. Or are broken down bumps just better for the Cliffside community?

The GHAAC does not represent me. Their next project is closing down Norwegian Park. That must be better for Cliffsidiers as well. It will keep all those riffraff off of their beach.

James Wesson  
Driftwood Key



On Feb 3, 2008, at 12:44 PM, Steve Bauer wrote:

Hello James,

I am sorry that you are unhappy with my actions regarding the speed bumps. When i was sworn in, I promised to protect the public health, safety and welfare of the public. That is what I am doing here. There was a real, identified problem that didn't get better with education or increased enforcement. The professional advice from the Sheriff was that engineering devices were a critical third leg of the stool. I don't like the speed tables but, to date, no one has come up with a better solution. These are not just a small handful of my "friends" in either Cliffside or downtown Hansville. I don't know most of the folks living in either area. But I will do my best to protect them. I would do exactly the same for Driftwood Key in order to protect kids, elderly, pets, and families who use the road shoulders for walking, exercise and recreation. I've asked for two new committees to be formed to look at this issue: 1) the first would deal with modifications that might be made to the tables to keep them effective but reduce the negative impact and 2) the second would look at alternatives to the speed tables that would accomplish the same goal, could be afforded by the County and would minimize the impact on law-abiding drivers. Volunteers have been solicited for both groups and I hope that both sides to this issue will roll of their sleeves and work in these committees to find a mutually acceptable solution.

Public works intends to repair the damaged table as soon as the ground temperature will accept the replacement asphalt.

GHAAC is not the reason the speed tables are in place. The effort to deal with traffic safety began even before GHAAC was created. If GHAAC had not been created, I am confident that the County would have installed the speed tables just by working with the Road Safety Advisory Committee. GHAAC has become a convenient scapegoat. Finally, I don't know what you mean by GHAAC closing down Norwegian Point Park. I have initiated a community-based planning effort so that the broader community can have a voice in what happens at that site for the long term. GHAAC really is not involved in that effort.

Thank you again for writing. I am acutely aware that a lot of folks are upset by the speed tables - including some of my friends. At the end of the day, you just have to do what you think is right and fair and that is what I am trying to do here. I would love to find a solution that satisfies everyone. But if that isn't possible, then I will always vote to insure the safety of County residents. That is exactly what I would do for you.

Sincerely,

Steve Bauer

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**Subject: Re: Cliffside Carnival Ride**

Hi,

And thanks for the response. I have to point out that once again restricting traffic is your answer, while our commuting communities answer is to improve the roads to keep traffic moving, and make them safer for pedestrians. If the people want to use the roads for recreation then I guess they need to be widened, with curbs, and sidewalks added. In Cliffside's case just moving all the mailboxes to that residents side of the road would be a small and quick thing to do for safeties sake. But you and I both know that Cliffside and Hansville do not want any improvement to those roadways. In the Cliffside communities case they simply want to keep their private little area as quiet, and private, as possible.

Solving this problem for both sides of the issue will involve spending a lot of money on road improvements. I am ready to pay my share. I don't like it, but we need to do what is best in the communities interest as whole. You on the other hand have picked a side, and added nothing to the discourse, or come up with any possible solutions of your own. A miserable showing for an elected official. I can't even remotely imagine you actually being elected to your position. Well, maybe Mayor of Hansville. If you would put forward just one idea that didn't require restricting traffic you might regain some credibility with the hundreds of commuters you have annoyed and disappointed. As long as you insist on providing cover for those people who's only ready answer is to protect their own, I doubt this issue will go away. In fact I would say that it is only a matter of time until it goes to court. I would gladly give toward that goal.

You come up short protecting the people of DWK. We haven't received any safety improvements that I am aware of? Although our section of Hood Canal Dr has just as much traffic. We could use a couple of widened road areas for school bus stops. Maybe shelters for kids. As long as you are gushy with community concern. It looks like our kids wait in groups, not privately like they do in Cliffside. So they won't need individual attention.

Thanks again for the response, and remember most of us want more efficient, safer roads. Not slower, safer roads! (Also most of us do not play in the road.)

James Wesson

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