

# West Meadows Parking Survey Results - July 3, 2016

***Please:*** Take a few minutes to read this information carefully. It is being provided with hopes that it can generate a community consensus and general agreement on how to manage street parking that is already impacting many of you *significantly* and has the potential to impact many more in the future.

**WHO WAS SURVEYED:** The following information was obtained by way of an on-line survey conducted on behalf of the West Meadows Estates Home Owners Association (**WMEHOA**) between June 18 and July 5 of 2016. Seventy-five of approximately 300 property owners in West Meadows Estates, living closest to West Salem High School, were contacted and invited to share their opinions regarding what is described as “Overflow Parking” from the high school parking lots during the school year.

**DATA COLLECTED:** We have only included data submitted to the survey posted on the WMEHOA website. This data **has not** been edited beyond removing any specific linkage identifying responses with a specific owner or address. To protect the security of the owners, no “IP” addresses were obtained from computers or mobile devices used to submit responses.

**SURVEY QUESTIONS:** The questions used in the survey were developed after interviewing several neighbors who are being directly impacted by student parking on a regular basis and discussions with officials from the Salem/Keiser School Administration, Police, Planning, and Parking departments of the City of Salem. In January, this issue was also presented to the West Salem Neighborhood Association (**WSNA**), an outreach arm of the City of Salem that attempts to deal with concerns that are of concern to the City Council. The goal was to capture affected property owner’s *experiences* and *responses* to increasing levels of student parking that is overflowing from the West Salem High School campus.

**WMEHOA GOAL:** We are making this data available by website and email to all property owners, allowing them to review and consider what their neighbors have expressed about their experiences with student parking on neighborhood streets. We invite you to meet casually with your neighbors to share and consider their opinions and concerns. These issues can create strong emotional responses both for and against ways of minimizing overflow parking on your streets. Please take some time to consider your personal position, as any actions which may be pursued can have “Quality of life” impacts and affect property values for decades to come.

At this time, no decisions or recommendations have submitted to City officials, nor have official applications been filed for changes to parking regulations. It was thought that all affected residents should have a chance to express their concerns and enter into conversations about possible solutions before proceeding with any requests or plans.

**NEXT STEPS:** The next step in this process will be to present this data to the WSNA for their review and consideration. ***They are already interested and sympathetic to our concerns.*** Before asking the Salem City Council or other City departments to become involved, they will seek additional input from property owners during one of their twice-monthly meetings at Roth’s Grocery. We strongly recommend that you attend that meeting so that all voices are heard. If

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the city believes there is adequate pressure to move forward, they will review our information/recommendations and may create additional "official" surveys of the affected property owners.

**ASSURANCES:** This is **not** an effort to "ram a bad solution down the homeowner's throats." Rather, it is an effort to allow the homeowner's to find a workable solution to a problem that is developing. Because this will impact our neighborhood for years to come, we want to do everything possible to engage everyone in the solution. Our neighborhood "culture" (and property values) depends on us working together to build consensus and encourage the City of Salem to provide resources that will make our neighborhood better and more livable. It is also an opportunity for us to engage the West Salem students and help them develop an understanding of how communities can work together for solutions, rather than becoming confrontational and divisive.

## Detailed Survey Results.

**Question 1:** -Are you being impacted by "student overflow" parking on your street? Select from the scale below.

Answered: 57 - Skipped: 0

	Not at all-	--	At Times-	--	Frequently-	Total-	
<b>Q1</b>	<b>26.32%</b> 15	<b>3.51%</b> 2	<b>24.56%</b> 14	<b>3.51%</b> 2	<b>42.11%</b> 24	57	

**Question2:** At approximately what time of day?

6am-4pm

Before I go to work, on lunch, and when i come home for the day.

7:00am-4:00pm

morning through afternoon

8:00am-3:00pm

8 until 4 in the afternoon Monday through friday

8:45AM

Before school and after

8am to 3:30pm

School hours any time I come or go.

7AM- 3.30PM

Mid-day

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Early morning through 3pm have made it very difficult to get in and out of my driveway as the cars are packed in along both sides of the street in front of my home.

Mid afternoons and early evenings it's difficult to navigate vehicles and pedestrians through the narrow opening created by cars lining both sides of the street.

We live near the top of Titan Dr, therefore when we take a walk down Dutch Oven and even at the top of our street. All the cars is an eye sore and we see litter is common.

0700-0730 & 1400-1530

During the day time hours

7am to 3 pm

Speeding cars before and after school on Settlers Spring

From about 7:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

All Morning & Afternoon (Weekdays)

7:30am-3pm

7:30 am to 4:00 pm and sometimes later in the day as well. If there is an event, we have the parking problem as well.

0700-1600

7:30-3

Working hours conflicting with school parking hours

The times the students are actually in school. They speed, park horribly, block garbage cans and litter daily

At the beginning and end of the school day. Traffic within the WMHOA has increased considerably with little to no observance of a residential speed limit.

From 7:15 to 3:30

Starts around 7:15am and goes until school lets out

8-2

7:15 - 3:30 ish

Mid-morning

Through tout the day

During class room hours

School hrs

M-f 645-330

From 7:15 am until about 3:00 pm.

From 6:45 AM until 4:00 PM. Cars make it extremely difficult to travel on streets to and from work.

During school hours

0800 to 1500

6:30 / 3:00

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**Question 3: What concerns do you have? Check any that apply.**

Answered: 45- Skipped: 12

Answer Choices	Responses
Property damage	22% 10
<b>Litter</b>	<b>69%</b> <b>31</b>
Noise	36% 16
<b>Illegal Parking (non-curbed wheels, too far from curb, too close together, parking on curves, etc.)</b>	<b>73%</b> <b>33</b>
<b>Blocking driveway or garbage cans</b>	<b>67%</b> <b>30</b>
"Hanging-out", eating lunch, inappropriate behaviors, etc.	47% 21
Other (please specify in question 8 below)	38% 17

**Question 4: If a Permit Required Zone was established, would you need an annual Residential Parking permit (\$15) and Guest Passes (free with permit)?**

Answered: 45 Skipped: 12

	No, I don't park on the street	--	I would consider it	---	Definitely would need at least one..	Total
Q 4	28.89% 13	2.22% 1	20.00% 9	4.44% 2	44.44% 20	45

**Question 5: Are you concerned that "Student Overflow" parking might impact the value of your home?**

Answered: 45 - Skipped: 12

	No	--	Maybe	---	Yes	Total
Q5	6.67% 3	6.67% 3	13.33% 6	4.44% 2	68.89% 31	45

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**Question 6:** Regardless of direct impact on your street, what level of concern does this create for you as a member of the Homeowners Association?

Answered: 57 - Skipped: 0

	None	-	Moderate	--	Very High	Total
Q6	5.26% 3	3.51% 2	24.56% 14	14.04% 8	52.63% 30	57

**Question 7:** Would you be willing to join a petition to the City of Salem to create a Residential Parking zone?

Answered: 57 - Skipped: 0

	No	--	I'll consider it	---	Yes	Total
Q7	10.53% 6	1.75% 1	26.32% 15	1.75% 1	59.65% 34	57

## **Question 8: Other Comments and Suggestions**

36 responses

I want no high school parking on my street

What efforts have been made to address this situation directly with the school officials? Some of the "offending" behaviors should have already been reported to school authorities and remedied by them. If they have FAILED to fix those problems, then you have a case. Also, it seems to me that some of the "offending" behaviors are neither illegal nor actionable. It cannot be against the law to eat lunch. Making noise? When, in the middle of the day? Really a problem? I need to know what is the actual problem, to whom, and what has been done already before I sign a petition to start a turf war.

Garbage and other service providers cannot find parking easy passage in these areas. Safety is also a major concern with line-of-sight being blocked.

We need to find an area for a new parking lot for them as well as this will only get worse. It is spilling onto west meadows so we also need to make sure we do all of the streets surrounding with permits if that's the case. I also think you should only be able to park on one side or the other of Dutch oven as its not wide enough for dual parking. It's very dangerous

The school district should build a parking garage on campus or make sufficient additional parking available by some other method. As the school grows this problem will continually get worse.

Free permit for residents if zoned However, I would prefer them not to park in our subdivision at all.

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Is the schools parking free? Is the school parking lot full? If we create a permit it needs to be free for residents and the fees should go to the HOA to improve our curb appeal and limit the number of cars parked curb side and designated areas.

Parking on both sides of narrow parts of streets (e.g. Rainsong at Dutch Oven) Cutting across/littering undeveloped sites - Firefly & Rainsong. Also on game nights

I truly am hoping that there is a way for these students to have a place to park without covering all sides of our streets. This has greatly impacted my pets, my visitors and our family. I am very worried about the re-sell of our property. As soon as buyers see what the streets look like, they certainly would want to keep looking for a quieter street to live on where their children can play.

As long as we are contacting the city and school district regarding the parking issue, the number of high school students speeding up and down Titan (where I live) has increased dramatically and has created a danger to children and pets (1 dog was hit and killed in front of my house just a few months ago in the morning as students were driving to school and the driver did not even stop). The city needs to either place speed bumps at various points on Titan (something I don't particularly want) or they have to look again at placing a stop sign at Titan and Islander. This problem is not going away. It is getting worse.

I believe the kids should be parking at the High School, not in neighborhood. It is unsafe for people to take walks, kids to play outside, it is an eye sore and not fair to homeowners in the area. The high school has empty parking spaces everyday. I believe the high school should take the responsibility to ensure thier students park in the designated parking spaces on school grounds.

THE SCHOOL SHOULD DO EVERYTHING IT CAN TO BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR BY ACCOMMODATING THEIR STUDENTS ON SCHOOL PROPERTY.

For emergency situations, would be very hard for the fire dept and ambulance to respond with parking on both sides of street. Hard to get through.

i own 4 lots in the subdivision

I regularly view the situation from my back deck. Regularly there a few cars that speed, squeal tires and drive erratically. The. Noise level increases. Beware unintended consequences. Don't just move cars to other streets in the neighborhood.

Students don't usually park on West Meadows near my house, but there is still an impact when I drive in and out of the neighborhood. When students park on both sides of a street the street essentially becomes one-way because there is not enough room to pass another car comfortably. Student cars sometimes partially block the mailboxes; this makes it difficult for me to stop on my way home to pick up my mail, and may keep the letter carrier from delivering the mail. This started when somebody built whatever it is at the corner of Titan and Orchard Heights. Is there space on the school property for another student parking lot? I don't think residents should have to pay to park outside their own home. I think we should require permits for students wanting to park in the neighborhood, and charge THEM.

This is a growing concern since I have 3 small children. There have been numerous times that I have witnessed student drivers that are driving too fast or reckless on my street. Not to mention backing out of my driveway has been difficult due to limited space on Mayfly Ave. Driving into the community is also very challenging since the is NO room to pass other on-coming vehicles. As a homeowner who pays their dues, these issues needed to be resolved yesterday!

No

The other problem is that it turns our streets into a single lane. Only one car can drive through at a time. I often have to back up and move over where there is room so a car can pass through. It is dangerous. It is also hard to turn the corner from Rainsong onto Dutch Oven. There is no visibility. It

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has also created a problem for all of the delivery vehicles trying to reach our homes (UPS, Fed Ex, USPS). It has created problems for the people building new homes. They have trouble getting their big trucks and necessary equipment to their property. Our driveway has become a turnaround for the students all day long as well.

e-mailed Janice

Require the school to provide more parking spaces

Can't build on my 15 lots with students blocking access. Makes construction difficult & costly. School needs to provide free parking & more parking spaces on campus for these street parking students.

Not only is it a livability issue that effects the price of my home it is a safety issue

Have the school district cancel the lease to the fire department and return that area to student parking. Prior to the lease with the fire department there was adequate parking available to their students within the area on the corner of Titan and Orchard Heights..

Another concern I have is fire lane hazard as the students park on both sides of the roads and narrow them down to single lane traffic during school hours

Litter and speeding as they leave.

The volume of cars can make it difficult to walk and to drive on the affected streets. Although currently my address is not directly affected, I am concerned that it could be in the future as the student parking seems to be creeping closer to me.

I believe it is a safety hazard. With vehicles parked on both side there is only room for one vehicle to go up or down the roads. Therefore impedes flow of traffic, and exit and entrance to the surrounding areas. Emergency vehicles may run into thoroughfare issues in an emergency. It is impossible to see small children or animals with the congestion.

Excessive speed is also a problem with some student drivers when they leave the neighbor hood.

If we are going to ask for cars to not park in our neighborhood, it would behoove us to offer advice and other options to the school district. Where can they park? Is there another area close by? What about offering Chapman Hill parking lot? Would the district be willing to let West use that lot as well, or are they already doing that? I am also interested in how often this creates a problem for the homeowners. Are cars parking there multiple times a week, or just a couple times a month? Just my two cents... :)

Is there any land close to the school which the district would need to buy to provide more parking for students? We are new home owners in the area. Is this parking issue new to the area? What has changed over time?

Often times the students drive at dangerous speeds and block the width of the road to limit emergency vehicle access if needed. Danger to the students as they walk in middle of roads from vehicle to school and inability to see at corners due to cars parked.

Condoms left on the street after social activities in the cars Access for builders to construct new homes Sales of new homes when streets are blocked

I don't eat the hassle and expense of a parking permit.

People who live adjacent to the high school should know they will have issues related to noise, traffic, litter, etc. But they also receive benefits from living next to the school. This is similar to people who move in next to an airport and then complain about plane noise.

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## Question 9: 54 Respondent Addresses

2856 Horse Clover

2727 Old Farm Ave NW

2746 Old Farm Ave

2849 Mayfly

2859 Mayfly Ave

2869 Mayfly Ave. NW

Lots 237, 164, 296, 297

26 lots 6/18/2016

14 lots in firefly area

2827 Firefly

2838 Firefly ct.

2838 Firefly

2773 Dutch Oven

2782 Dutch Oven Ave. NW

2783 Dutch Oven Ave NW

1744 Settlers Spring Dr NW

1754 Settlers Spring Way

1784 Settlers Spring Dr NW

1794 Settlers Spring Dr.

1814 Settlers Spring Dr. NW

Butterfly Ave

Butterfly Ave NW

Butterfly Ave

2832 Butterfly ave nw

2841 Butterfly Ave NW

2921 Butterfly Ave NW

1310 Titan

1715 Titan 6/20/2016 4:44 PM

1530 Titan Dr. NW, Salem, OR 97304

1715 Titan Dr NW

1755 TITAN DR NW

1640 Titan Dr. NW

1655 Titan Dr NW

1817 Rainsong Dr NW

1752 Rainsong Dr. N.W.

1827 Rainsong Drive NW

1832 Rainsong Dr

1837 Rainsong drive nw

1842 Rainsong Drive nw 6

West meadows dr

West Meadows dr

1650 West Meadows Dr

1695 west meadows dr

1725 West Meadows Dr

1735 West Meadows

1745 West Meadows dr

1805 West Meadows dr

1815 West Meadows Drive NW

1825 West Meadows

1830 West Meadows Drive NW

1835 west meadows drive nw

1845 W Meadows

1855 West Meadows Drive

1865 West Meadows Dr NW

## Totals

Horse Clover - 1

Mayfly - 3

Old Farm - 2

Firefly Ct - 3

Dutch Oven - 3

Settlers Spring - 5

Butterfly - 6

Rainsong - 6

Titan - 7

West Meadows - 15

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Single-Lot Holders 51 lots

Multi-lot holders - 3 for 44 lots

Total lots represented - 93 lots

