



rRemarks Data for August 11, 2026 Village Council Meeting

Agenda Section & Item: Manager's Report - REP 2026-11299 B. Report: Private Tree Ordinance Discussion

Commenter: David Ungari

Comment: I would like to see clear cutting stopped. Too many old and tall trees being cut for no reason. Should be requirements for replanting.

Agenda Section & Item: Comments of a General Nature

Commenter: Jackie Spagnola

Comment: Good evening. My name is Jackie Spagnola, and I live near the Maple Avenue and Brookbank Road intersection.

I am here tonight because I am asking the Village to take immediate action to protect the children who use the school bus stop at this intersection.

I have been bringing concerns about this location to the Village for approximately five years. Over that time, I have repeatedly raised concerns about vehicle speeds, pedestrian safety, cut-through traffic and trucks, and the difficulty children have safely crossing Maple Avenue to reach the bus.

I have asked the Village to consider specific solutions, including reducing the speed limit on Maple, increased enforcement, addressing cut-through traffic, and evaluating whether a stop sign or other traffic-control measure is appropriate at Maple and Brookbank.

Most recently, this summer I contacted the Village after a vehicle nearly struck a pedestrian at this location. That incident was particularly alarming because this is the exact location where our children gather to board the school bus. Unfortunately, I did not receive any response to that report.

School begins in approximately three weeks.

I understand that traffic engineering decisions require analysis, but I do not believe we should wait for another accident - or another near miss involving a child - to take action.

The Village has had years of notice about the concerns at this intersection, and the Village's own traffic studies have documented significant traffic volume and vehicle speeds on this stretch of Maple.

I am asking the Village to take immediate, concrete steps before school begins.

Specifically, I am asking for:

Targeted police traffic enforcement at Maple and Brookbank during the school bus arrival period.

An immediate, in-person safety review of this bus stop during the actual morning drop-off period, including visibility, crossing conditions, signage, and the location of the bus stop.

An expedited engineering review of traffic control at Maple and Brookbank, including whether an all-way stop or another traffic-control measure is warranted.

A review of the current speed limit and appropriate traffic-calming measures for this stretch of Maple Avenue.

A response to the families who use this bus stop identifying what immediate measures the Village will implement before school starts and what longer-term improvements will be evaluated.

I am not asking the Village to wait for another study, another near miss, or another school year.

I am asking for action now, while we still have three weeks to make this bus stop safer.

And I want to emphasize that I am not the only parent concerned. Other families who use this bus stop are submitting comments as well because they share these concerns.

Our children should be able to walk to their school bus without having to navigate a dangerous crossing and hope that drivers see them.

Thank you.

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Commenter: Jim Watson

Comment: My lot in DG is just over an acre and has dozens of trees, which I love.

However, when I moved in, the yard was over run my 50+ invasive trees, including Buckthorn, Mulberry, and Tree of Heaven. Over time, I've removed these trees as I worked on my property. My concern is specific to permission necessary to remove such burdensome and invasive trees. I continue to have these trees pop up in my yard as a result of both long incubation and neighboring trees dropping seeds into my property. I want to avoid any unnecessary approval process to remove these trees.

I have also had the unfortunate circumstances of a large elm dying. Are these exceptions for this process?

Finally, I want to thank the village for taking this on and working to preserve our trees. I continue to plant new trees in the yard, along with more native plantings. I also want to thank the city for the 3 trees they planted (on my "parkway", but house side of the sidewalk).

Agenda Section & Item: Comments of a General Nature

Commenter: Laura Taglia

Comment: I am a parent whose child uses the school bus stop at Maple Avenue and Brookbank Road, and I am concerned about the safety of children crossing Maple Avenue at this location.

There have been ongoing concerns about vehicle speeds, pedestrian safety, cut-through traffic, and drivers' behavior around this intersection. A recent near-miss involving a vehicle and a pedestrian has made these concerns especially urgent. With school beginning in approximately three weeks, I am asking the Village to take immediate action before the school year begins.

Please provide targeted traffic enforcement at Maple and Brookbank during the school bus arrival period, conduct an in-person safety assessment of the bus stop during the morning arrival period, and expedite an engineering review of traffic control at the intersection.

I also ask the Village to evaluate the speed limit, pedestrian visibility, signage, traffic-calming measures, and whether an all-way stop or another traffic-control measure would improve safety.

Children should be able to walk to their school bus without having to navigate an unsafe crossing. Please take action before there is an actual accident involving a child.

Thank you.