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Please help to keep residential sidewalks clear, safe, and passable.

Sidewalks are "pedestrian lanes" that provide residents with space to travel within the public right-of-way separated from motor vehicles. Sidewalks provide places for children to walk, run, skate and play, and are often used by young bicyclists. Continuous and accessible sidewalk networks improve mobility for all pedestrians and are particularly important for pedestrians with disabilities.

A driveway is to provide access for vehicular ingress/egress between the right-of-way of a public or private street and the minimum required setback line on a lot. In other words your driveway stops at your property line, typically, approximately one foot from the sidewalk.

What is occurring is that vehicles are being parked partially on the driveway and on or across the sidewalk. Pedestrians (neighbors) desiring to use the sidewalk cannot and are forced into the roadway.

The Plainfield Town Code (Ordinance passed 11-12-1956), states it is unlawful to park a vehicle on, in, or across a public sidewalk. Which means this practice is not allowed and potentially subject to citation by the Town of Plainfield Police Department.

It is believed that no one wants to intentionally force their neighbors to walk in the roadway and that this practice is occurring with an honest unintended consequence. The Town of Plainfield askes that all residents be considerate of their neighbors and keep the sidewalks adjacent to their driveways clear for safe passage.

