



Dear Regent Park Residents,

Happy 2020! We understand that your time is precious, so thank you in advance for your time and attention to this important correspondence.

Our Regent Park (RP) Community continues to grow and change. With change comes challenges. In 2019 parking problems were brought to the board by RP residents more than any other issue. If this trend continues, one of our most pressing challenges for 2020 will be on-street parking. Due to the growth of our neighborhoods, we have residents with more vehicles per household.

Recognizing this growing challenge, your RP Board hired a highly recommended consultant for several purposes: to assess current reality regarding parking; to share current South Carolina transportation laws; and to make recommendations for how best to handle our parking challenges.

There were three major findings from the consultant:

1. **Safety:** When cars are parked on streets in Regent Park it might be impossible for fire trucks, ambulances, and school buses to make their way through our neighborhoods.
2. **Narrow Streets:** According to current South Carolina law our streets do not meet minimum state requirements for travel lane width when cars are parked on the street. (When Regent Park was first developed on-street parking was not a consideration. People were expected to park in their garage or driveway.)
3. **Intersection Sightlines:** According to South Carolina law, full roadway width is mandated within 110 feet of intersections. York County adds to the state law by stipulating that there be no parking within 250 feet of a stop sign or intersection to insure safe sightlines.

If you would like to read more details, we have attached a data sheet for your convenience.

We do not want to eliminate on-street parking, though legally we discovered this is a viable option. At one point in time, on street parking was not allowed in RP. At the same time, we want to have safe roads for emergency vehicles and school buses, and we want our residents to be able to safely travel our streets. We also want our neighborhoods to have few, if any, parking concerns.

Here are our hopes and recommendations:

We believe that we can work together to conquer our current parking challenges and avoid imposing more stringent guidelines. We would ask each resident to be courteous and kind to your neighbors as related to parking to avoid the inconvenient realities of no on-street parking.

Here are our recommendations for parking:

1. **Park in your garage and driveway** before choosing to park on the street. Most RP homes can park two cars in the garage and four in the driveway.
2. **If you must park on the street:**
 - a. **Park in front of your own house.** (We know this is a challenge for owners who live in cul-de-sac homes.)
 - b. Do not park directly across the street from a neighbor's driveway. If you need to block a driveway, then block your own.

- c. Do not park directly across from a car parked on the other side of a street. Be sure to stagger parking.
 - d. Please do not park close to intersections and stop signs.
3. When hosting a party (or having work done on your home) give your neighbors advance notice of the event. Make sure to have as many of your guests (or workers) park in your driveway. If they must park on the street have them adhere to the same guidelines RP residents are following. If you are able, offer your driveway to their guests. Parking on the grass, your lawn or common areas, is prohibited at all times.
 4. Please keep in mind that when traveling in a lane that is impeded by a parked car, oncoming traffic has the right of way and as always stop for school buses when the stop arm is out.

Each of our RP neighborhoods has a designated representative. Attached with this letter is a list of the names and contact information for each neighborhood representative. These individuals look forward to hearing your solutions and suggestions on how best to address the current parking challenges in RP.

We hope that you have found this letter informative. As your Board, our number one concern is for the safety and well-being of all RP residents. It is our sincere hope and desire that as neighbors we can find the solutions needed to meet RP's current parking concerns. If this is not possible, then we will need to consider other options. We promise to keep RP residents' safety and well-being as our number one commitment.

Thanks for your help with this important concern,
Regent Park Board of Directors



2019 Parking Study Findings

- On-street parking along the study area roadways was inventoried during the early morning hours of Wednesday, August 21, Thursday, August 22, and Saturday, August 24, as well as the evening hours of Tuesday, September 24.
- An average of 99 cars per day was counted parked on neighborhood roadways over all four days of inventory.
- According to York County Code Section 154.065 (C) (1), all private streets shall meet the same design and construction standards as comparable public streets. According to Section 155.239 (E) (1), all streets utilizing on-street parking must maintain a minimum 20-foot unobstructed travel lane width. This would preclude any on-street parking from being allowed within the neighborhood.
- American Association of State Highway and Transportation Officials (AASHTO) policy requires a minimum street width of 26 feet to accommodate on-street parking.
- Design vehicle turning movement for school buses and fire trucks at intersections within the community will require the full roadway width along each intersection roadway within 110 feet would inhibit design vehicle movements.
- Per York County Code, 250 feet of stopping sight distance is required along all study area roadways. Adequate stopping sight distance cannot be provided along any curved section of roadway with on-street parking.

Neighborhood Representatives

Buffy Foor - Keswick
Annemarie Collins - Madison Green
Tara Whiteley - Glen Ridge
Carrie Milligan - Greenbriar
Bruce Black - Overlook
Chad Bodie - Sheffield Point
Terry Blanton - Wentworth
Parry Starkey - Hampton Estates
Xavier Tufty - Chadwyck 1
Chuck DeRenzo - Chadwyck 2
Alonzo Azumendi - Chadwyck 2 (Middlebridge)
Kathy Masters - Kennsington
Lisa Churchill - Manor Lake
Caroline Land - Cuxhaven
Enclave - Ashley Schemine
Barclay Woods - Erika Hogan
Woburn Abby - Rob Henson
Sunningdale – **Need Volunteer**
Towne Square – **Need Volunteer**
Pike View – **Need Volunteer**

If you do not know how to contact your neighborhood representative or would like to volunteer for one of the openings, please send an email to rphomeowners@yahoo.com.