

Christine Joyce

2/10/03

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Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 11:47 AM
To: Don Johnson; Dore' Hunter
Cc: Board of Selectmen; Manager Department
Subject: RE: Traffic Complaint re Brookside Mall-Concern About Tomorrow's Sale

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Thanks, Trey

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From: Don Johnson [mailto:djohnson@town.acton.ma.us]
Sent: Tuesday, January 21, 2003 12:59 PM
To: Dore' Hunter
Cc: Board of Selectmen; Manager Department
Subject: FW: Traffic Complaint re Brookside Mall-Concern About Tomorrow's Sale

Dore':
Frank and I were in the same boat in terms of when we saw your note. Note his comments/police actions below. That intersection is bad on a good day ... another fine mess the State has gotten us into.

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> From: Don Johnson
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> From: Frank Widmayer
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> To: Don Johnson
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> Importance: High

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> From: Dore' Hunter
> Sent: Friday, January 17, 2003 6:36 PM
> To: Manager Department; Board of Selectmen
> Cc: Frank Widmayer
> Subject: Traffic Complaint re Brookside Mall-Concern About Tomorrow's Sale

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> Regards,
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From: Don Johnson
Sent: Wednesday, January 22, 2003 1:20 PM
To: Christine Joyce
Cc: Frank Widmayer; Garry Rhodes; Roland Bartl
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Chris, please schedule and advise Frank, Garry and Roland.

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Christine Joyce

From: Garry Rhodes
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To: Don Johnson
Cc: Christine Joyce
Subject: Brookside Shops Traffic

Don,
Just a reminder I will not be here on 2/24. I will be on vacation 2/21-3/9
Garry