

- There are approximately **770 housing units** which exist off the North Ave extension, north of Plattsburgh Ave turnoff. (Please see map) The bulk of those are north of Forest St.
- Additionally there are an elementary school (Flynn), two nursing home facilities, one water treatment plant, year round beach dwellers who make fires and a city bus route. **We all use ONE entrance (North Ave) and share ONE Exit on that same road.**

At present we are all forced to pass the school, nursing home entrances and up to a mile of the North Ave extension to enter or exit our neighborhood. This exceeds, by far, any recommendation of the Institute of Traffic Engineers (ITE) and makes for a very sick street. We are one gas explosion, one major crash, one large fire away from disaster! (see ITE text)

History

The roadway surrounding property was deeded to and accepted by the City of Burlington by the Rivers Edge Condo Association in two parcels in March and September 1999. Roadway has remained blocked off by a privately owned locked gate.

Possible Concerns:

- Size of road:
 - Northview Dr. is 24'7" at its entry off North Ave
 - At the gate it is 27'.
 - The curve is 24" 1"
 - The road widens significantly when it becomes Rivers Edge.

That compares favorably to the well-traveled, blind curved roadway of Archibald as it enters Prospect Ave. That road is 22'3" by the cemetery entrance and 24'6" on the curve.

- Forest St. is 29'1"; Woods is 28'9" at the intersection of Northview
 - Both Forest and Woods connect from North Ave to Northview

Affected neighbors – have had a private roadway for 17 years at the tax payers expense.

Institute of Traffic Engineers Recommendations 2010 edition, section 4.6.2

- "It is recommended that dead end streets (only one outlet) be no longer than 1000 feet and serve no more than 30 dwelling units. Within an otherwise connected street network, the length of dead end streets should be restricted to no longer than 200 feet".
- The guiding principal is to **minimize** the number of units with only one direction of access for BOTH efficiency of traffic circulation and emergency vehicle access.
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September 17, 2016

Mayor Miro Weinberger
City Hall - 149 Church St
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Dear Mayor Weinberger,

The attached petition and information is in response to your letter of April 26, 2016, (attached) regarding my request to open the interconnecting streets of Northview Dr. (connected also with Forest and Woods Streets) and Rivers Edge Drive in Burlington. I have included a copy of my letter of 3/2/16 which more fully outlines my request and activity from 12/3/15 until that time.

Methods: Residents were contacted at their homes or at public places such as the Marathon and the local food trucks. If they lived north of Barley Rd, the petition was explained using a map of the area as needed. Questions were answered. Efforts were made to assure that the residents saw the opening as important for safety not convenience. At least one adult living in the unit was asked to sign. Only units were counted, although in some cases, more than one resident asked to sign. Therefore, more signatures than units will be noted.

Results: At this point in time, residents of 238 units (north of Simms St) have been successfully contacted and those of 224 units have agreed to sign the petition. The overwhelming rate of acceptance is 94% for units on the west side of North Ave and 30% for those on the east. *The caveat being that only seven units were approached on the east and only residents of two units signed.* Those two residents had been approached prior to an effort by Rivers Edge Association to defeat any chance of success for the petition there.

Discussion: Unfortunately, someone roiled the residents on the east side of North Ave with information I had shared. Flyers against the petition were distributed. Residents of Rivers Edge were prepared in advance: Each repeated verbatim the same arguments against opening the gate. As a group they believe 'no emergency incidents have ever occurred and therefore none will occur in the future' which demand the gate to be opened. They evidently allow the children to play in the streets and are concerned about traffic. We sincerely sympathize with that. However, there was a complete refusal to discuss compromise. When we suggested an emergency situation such as a person with a heart attack at 4 AM needing an ambulance when North Ave is blocked by a fallen tree or wire, the answer was, "Well, I guess you would die!" Another suggested if we 'don't feel safe, we should move'. They do not believe the roads are fully connected and owned by the city.

Two of their older residents are sure the gate was meant to be permanent. On the other hand, information from older residents on the west side of North Ave disputes the permanency of the gate, relaying their expectation of removal when the building was done. Despite an informative discussion with a Rivers Edge board member, the level of animosity and the lack of any interest in compromise precluded my feeling safe enough to continue attempting a petition there.

Overall there appears to be a real need to address the definition of 'emergencies'. There have been five emergencies/incidents raised by residents during which no attempt to open the gate or divert traffic occurred.

1) A large fire at North Gate occurred during its construction and residents north of the fire were shunted up North Ave to the lake until it was brought under control. Those south of the fire couldn't move because of emergency traffic.

2) There had been a deadly crash where a car was split in half having hit a tree by North Gate. North Ave was closed. Residents were forced to walk their children past the scene on their way to Flynn school. Opening the gate would have allowed them to avoid the area.

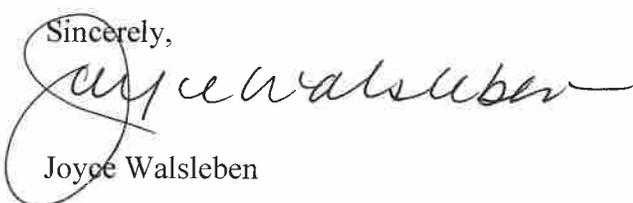
3) More recently, there was a major car crash around Starr Farm road which shut down the intersection of North Ave and Plattsburgh Ave. Cars were backed up all around the intersection, down North Ave and up Plattsburgh Ave for almost two hours before being guided towards the lake and around the Flynn school yard. Two of my neighbors, each of whom had run to the drug store for a very ill spouse left at home, were caught in that. One was able to get to Turf and drive against the flow on the one way street, the other was told to sit in her car and wait.

4) There was a recent lockdown at the Flynn school which locked up the road for over an hour. Cars were not able to reach Barley Rd to leave the area.

5) Each year, during the marathon, when we have added thousands of people and are essentially locked in place for hours, the ambulances and emergency vehicles repeatedly make their way loudly up and down our section of North Ave, causing concern for runners and watchers while no attempt to at least temporarily open the gate and allow shorter, safer access is made.

Conclusion: How does the city justify locking an interconnecting roadway and effectively trapping residents of 770 housing units to use a one mile long roadway for ingress and egress? I am hopeful that you will take the petition into consideration to rectify this issue as promised.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Joyce Walsleben". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Joyce Walsleben

Re: Walsleben letter to mayor Weinberger 9.18.16

ATTACHMENTS:

- 1) Map
- 2) Information sheet on roadway history and concerns
- 3) Letter to me from Mayor dated 4.26.2016
- 4) Petition - 15 pages
- 5) Letter to mayor dated 3.2.2016



Office of Mayor Miro Weinberger

April 26, 2016

Joyce Walsleben
61 Northshore Drive
Burlington, VT 05408

Dear Joyce,

Thank you for your commitment and dedication, and for bringing the Rivers Edge Drive gate issue to our attention. For the past number of months, my office has reviewed the permit and deed documents with the City Attorney's Office and the Department of Public Works to understand the history and permitting issues involved with the project. Rivers Edge Drive was developed as a private road, and the gate was originally permitted for that reason. When the street was accepted by the City ten years later, the gate was left in place, apparently at least in part because the road did not fully meet City standards.

Generally, before considering a major traffic change and related costs in a specific neighborhood, the City would like to have a sense of the public support for the action. Therefore, as we have done in similar situations, we would suggest that if you wish to have the gate removed, you collect signatures on a petition from the affected neighbors asking the City to consider opening the gate. Generally, the City would want to see signatures from at least 30% of the properties directly impacted and an equal share of those not directly impacted that want the street examined to be opened. The directly impacted streets include: Rivers Edge Drive, Borestone Lane, Forest Street, and Northview Drive.

If such a petition is submitted to the Department of Public Works, the Department will then consider whether or not to conduct a traffic or other study and whether other improvements or alterations would be required to carry out the requested change. Any recommendations would then be submitted to the Public Works Commission (if they involve traffic matters) and/or the City Council (if they involve other streets issues), and public input would be taken at that time.

If you have questions about the process, please do not hesitate to contact my office or Norm Baldwin at the Department of Public Works. Thank you.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Miro Weinberger". The signature is stylized and fluid, with a large loop at the end.

Miro Weinberger
Mayor

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4/27/16	JOHN SWANSON	128 NORTH SHORE DR	[Signature]
4/27/16	Elizabeth Watson	132 NORTH Shore Dr.	[Signature]
4/27/16	ROSE WATSON	132 NORTH SHORE DR	[Signature]
4/27/16	Tom Swanson	118 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/13/16	Betsy Catanzaro	10 Northshore Dr.	Betsy Catanzaro
5/14/16	Linnæa TAYLOR	7 Northshore Dr	Linnæa Taylor
5/14/16	Hitchcock Carlson	54 Northshore Dr.	Burlington VT
5/14/16	Gary Corbin	54 Northshore Dr.	Burlington VT
5/15/16	Jackie HAWKS	59 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	Peter HAWKS	59 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Debra Dodge	57 Northshore Dr.	Debra Dodge
5/15/16	Catherine Connor	55 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	Suzanne Althoff	42 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Otto Althoff	42 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	ATTY LEVI	32 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15/16	PAUL LEVI	32 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15/16	H. Maden Lutz	23 Northshore	[Signature]
5/15/16	Carl R. [unclear]	19 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	Pauline Gervais	15 Northshore Dr.	[Signature]
5/15/16	JOANN CARSON	11 NORTHSHORE DR.	[Signature]
5/15/16	Janice Hughes	9 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	David C. Thout	8 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	MAZU AND DICK	8 NORTHSHORE DR	[Signature]
5/15	Jean Jordan	3 Northshore	[Signature]
5/17/16	Faye Lawes	14 Hardy Ave	[Signature]
5/17/16	Wanda Davis	20 Hardy Ave	Wanda M. Davis
5/17/16	Elizabeth Dusablon	76 Hardy Ave.	Elizabeth Dusablon
5/17/16	John [unclear]	28 Hardy Ave	[Signature]
5/17/16	Brianna Walker	84 Hardy Avenue	[Signature]

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Signatures: 29

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5/17/16	Elisbeth Mode	120 "	Elisbeth Mode
5/17/16	GABRIELLA KARSCH	124 Northshore Dr	Gabriella Karsch
5/17/16	Margaret Gelinas	121 Northshore Dr.	Margaret Gelinas
5/18/16	GILDA BIGGS	103 NORTHSHORE	Gilda Biggs
5/18/16	Daniel Biggs	103 North Shore Dr.	Daniel Biggs
5/18/16	Alexander Zebinski	119 North Shore Dr.	Alexander Zebinski
5/18/16	Margy Zebinski	" " "	Margy Zebinski
5/18/16	Irene Raymond	84 Northshore Dr	Irene Raymond
5/21/16	Matt Sand	127 Claire Pointe Rd	Matt Sand
5/21/16	Lucas Mullally	119 Claire Pointe Rd	Lucas Mullally
5/21/16	Liza Smith-Vedder	111 Claire Pointe Rd	Liza Smith-Vedder
5/21/16	Nicole Gagnon	123 Claire Pointe Rd	Nicole Gagnon
5/21/16	Joe Gagnon	123 CLAIRES POINTE RD.	Joe Gagnon
5/21/16	Jim Paul	87 Claire Pt Rd.	Jim Paul
5/23/16	Michael McBoe	6 Hardy Ave	Michael McBoe
5/23/16	Harvey	34 Hardy	Harvey
5/23/16	Helen & Bernice	42 Hardy Ave	Helen & Bernice
5/23/16	Diana Blon	43 Hardy Ave	Diana Blon
5/23/16	Dyanica Little	43 Hardy Ave	Dyanica Little
5/23/16	Francis Gault	60 Hardy Ave	Francis Gault
5/23/16	Jana Lafayette	98 Hardy Ave	Jana Lafayette
5/23/16	Libby Branch	93 Hardy Ave	Libby Branch
5/23/16	Janice H. Young	101 Hardy Ave	Janice H. Young
5/23/16	Thomas P. Guter	119 Hardy Ave	Thomas P. Guter
5/23/16	Lucie Blanchard	112 Hardy Ave	Lucie Blanchard
5/23/16	Larry Blanchard	112 HARDY AVE	Larry Blanchard
5/24/16	Joanna Cole	108 Rivers Edge Dr.	Joanna Cole
5/29/16	Robert LaPointe	2048 North Ave	Robert LaPointe

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Pls sign only once!

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5/18/16	LINDA Greer	79 Northshore Dr.	Linda Greer
5/18/16	LOYD LA CASSE	74 NORTH SHORE DR	Lloyd LaCasse
"	JANICE CLEMENTS	63 NORTSHORE DR.	Janice Clements
"	FRANK WILLIS	86 NORTSHORE DR	Frank Willis
"	Colin Willis	86 NORTSHORE DR	Colin Willis
"	Sally Crossmuckle	29 Northshore Dr.	Sally Crossmuckle
5/11	Pat Redford	135 Northshore Dr.	Pat Redford
5-18-16	Glenn Fay, Jr	27 Northshore	Glenn Fay, Jr
# 96	5/18/16 JACK BREMER	96 Northshore	Jack Bremer
	5/18/16 Lily Li	96 Northshore	Lily Li
5-18-16	Jean Rook	56 Northshore	Jean Rook
5/18/16	Howard Smith	101 Northshore	Howard Smith
5.18.16	PAT GUINLAN	130 NORTSHORE DR.	Pat Guinlan
5.18.16	VIRGINIA HOOD	25 Northshore Drive	Virginia Hood
5/18/16	ELIZABETH MILES	127 Northshore Drive	Elizabeth A. Miles
5/18/16	LARISA DEVOST	62 NORTSHORE DRIVE	Larisa Devost
5/18/16	W. Stephen Yaw	23 Northshore Dr.	W. Stephen Yaw
5/18/16	Natalie Duany	12 Northshore Dr.	Natalie Duany
5/18/16	Jeanne Marie Berger	75 NORTSHORE DR	Jeanne Marie Berger
	JANET MUTHBRAGER		
5/18/16	LISA PAIGE	87 Northshore Drive	Lisa Paige
5/18/16	HELEN WELTMAN	109 Northshore Dr	Helen Weltman
5/29/16	CHELSEA OCLATIS	25 WESTWARD DR.	Chelsea Oclatis
5/29/16	Kyuan Fumar	2044 North Ave	Kyuan Fumar
5/29/16	Corrie McBee	2044 N. Ave	Corrie McBee
5/29/16	Kusan Keed	2056 North Ave	Kusan Keed
5/29/16	Nicola DNSCOI	2056 North Ave.	Nicola DNSCOI
5/29/16	Heather Wick	2069 North Ave.	Heather Wick
5/29/16	Sam Yachovetsky	2069 North Ave	Sam Yachovetsky
5-29-16	Margaret Gundersen	2089 North Ave.	Margaret Gundersen

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5/12/16	ELIZABETH KNUDSEN	116 Northshore Dr	Elizabeth Knudsen
5/17/16	JENNIFER MARTIN	90 HARDY AVE	Jennifer Martin
5/17/16	Tim Rouille	90 HARDY AVE	Tim Rouille
5/17/16	JOE Baylan	106 Hardy Ave	Joe Baylan
5/17/16	George Carlot Jr.	35 Derling Dr	George Carlot Jr.
5/17/16	Sabitha Dion	71 HARDY AV	Sabitha Dion
5/17/16	John Dany	35 Hardy Ave	John Dany
5/17/16	Sarah John	35 Hardy Ave	Sarah John
5/17/16	Lisa Tulko	21 Hardy Ave	Lisa Tulko
5/17/16	Cassandra Montminy	5 Hardy Ave	Cassandra Montminy
5/17/16	Keith Cunningham	5 Hardy Ave	Keith Cunningham
5/17/16	Christopher Lighte	39 Westward Dr	Christopher Lighte
5/17/16	Hillary Liddle	39 Westward Dr	Hillary Liddle
5-18-16	Phyllis Whitcomb	26 North Shore Dr	Phyllis Whitcomb
5.29.16	LUCY B. MASTERS	35 Northshore Dr	Lucy B. Masters
5.29.16	Ashley Taylor	15 Northgate Rd	Ashley Taylor
5.29.16	Anita Boss	66 Northshore Dr	Anita Boss
5.29	CONDA - ECHA	36 Northgate Rd	CONDA
5/29	Jackie Dodge	18 Northgate	Jackie Dodge
5/29	Almira Kadric	6 Northgate Rd	Almira Kadric
5.29	ALMIRA BASIC	73 NORTHGATE RD.	Almira Basic
5/29	Sharon Hathaway	74 Northgate	Sharon Hathaway
5/29	Michelle Benedict	72 Northgate Rd	Michelle Benedict
5.29	Linda Komeo	51 Northgate Rd	Linda Komeo
5.29	Theresa Smart	217 Northgate Rd	Theresa Smart
5/29	Amanda Moore	91 Northgate Rd	Amanda Moore
5/29	Lynne P. Kobayashi	812 Northgate Rd	Lynne P. Kobayashi
5/29	Daniel Toand	113 Northgate Rd	Daniel Toand
5/29	Samantha Olio	302 Northgate Rd	Samantha Olio

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5-21-16	G. Pitter	37 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
	Louise Merman	642 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
5/21/16	Joyce W. Orr	47 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
5/21/16	Elizabeth Webb	45 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
	Bill Davison	55 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
	Ray Stearns	59 Claire Pointe	[Signature]
5/21/16	BROOKE LOCKWOOD	33 CLAIRE Pointe Rd, Burl	[Signature]
5/21/16	Toukhan Paul	87 Claire Pointe Rd	[Signature]
5/29/16	Isaiah Keepin	19 Woods St	[Signature]
5/29/16	JARA Goldstein	1936 North Ave.	[Signature]
5/29/16	Bobby Hackett	1936 N. Ave	[Signature]
5/29/16	Melina K-John	33 Northgate	[Signature]
5/29/16	Juwana Joradic	301 Northgate R.D	[Signature]
5/29/16	Juan Joradic	301 Northgate RD.	[Signature]
5/29/16	Alvin Joradic	301 Northgate RD.	[Signature]
5/29/16	ADVAN KARBLAR	33 NORTHGATE	[Signature]
5/29/16	MARIT JOANNA	113 NORTHGATE RD	[Signature]
5/29/16	Sandra Griffin	402 Northgate Rd	[Signature]
5/29/16	Ken Jones	1928 North Ave	[Signature]
5/29/16	Ellen Lascelle	88 Northshore	[Signature]
5/29/16	Bob Lascelle	88 North Shore Drive	[Signature]
5-30-16	Jon ANDRUS	94 Northshore	[Signature]
5-30-16	Susan B Leavitt	94 Northshore	[Signature]
5-30-16	DAN KRE DEHNE	104 NORTHSHORE	[Signature]
5-30-16	Kolana Dehne	104 NORTHSHORE	[Signature]
6/1/16	JANNETTE	446 North Hill Rd	[Signature]
6/1/16	Dana Corey	319 Northgate Rd.	[Signature]
6/1/16	Lecan Lund	3768 Spearhead Charlotte	[Signature]
6/1/16	Devon Mullen	351 Northgate Rd	[Signature]

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6/1/16	Melissa Swedro	290 Northgate Rd	Melissa Swedro
6/1/16	Nikki Eino	250 Northgate Rd	Nikki Eino
6/1/16	Jaimie L Seward	344 Northgate Rd	Jaimie L Seward
6/1/16	Brittany Robertson	129 Northgate Rd	Brittany Robertson
6/1/16	Crystal Sandlin	129 Northgate Rd	Crystal Sandlin
6-1-16	Anthony Soudoff	244 Northgate Rd	Anthony Soudoff
6/1/2016	Rodrigo Corey	42 Westhaven Dr	Rodrigo Corey
6/1/2016	Kseniya Ursu	241 NORTHGATE	Kseniya Ursu
6/1/2016	Mahira Mukunda	341 NORTHGATE	Mahira Mukunda
6-1-16	ASMA KOUNSAWA	255 NORTHGATE	ASMA KOUNSAWA
6-1-16	Sarah Buhl	247 Northgate Rd.	Sarah Buhl
6-1-16	Dawa Tamang	241 Northgate Rd	Dawa Tamang
6-1-16	Svetlana Ursu	922 Northgate Rd	Svetlana Ursu
6-1-16	Shannon Moniere	358 Northgate Rd	Shannon Moniere
6-1-16	Laduna Osmancevic	71 Northgate Rd	Laduna Osmancevic
6-1-16	Denuna OSMANCEVIC	210 Northgate Rd.	Denuna OSMANCEVIC
6-1-16	Rebekah Tucker	215 Northgate Rd.	Rebekah Tucker
6-1-16	Claire Brunell	214 Northgate Rd	Claire Brunell
6-1-16	KELEE PIERRE	42 " "	KELEE PIERRE
6-1-16	Robert Bernard	342 " "	Robert Bernard
6-1-16	Heather Newcomb	242 Northgate Rd.	Heather Newcomb
6/1/16	Michael Lotze	104 Northgate Rd	Michael Lotze
6/1/16	Patillon Brkovic	329 Northgate Rd.	Patillon Brkovic
6/1/16	Windy Ballou	225 FAIRBANK	Windy Ballou
6/3/16	Trae Barrett	30 Northshore	Trae Barrett
6-3-16	Steve D. Carolis	2 NORTHSHORE DR	Steve D. Carolis
6-3-16	Casesy Lyon	23 Derway Dr	Casesy Lyon
6-4-16	Kim Ward.	3065 North Ave	Kim Ward

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5/15/16	Georgia Cummins	73 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	JOANNE MUEHLBERGER	75 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	HOWARD MUEHLBERGER	75 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/15/16	KURTIN PETTIT	73 Northshore	[Signature]
5/21/16	Jane Heins	78 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/21/16	Nancy LaCasse	74 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
5/26/16	Carol Marano	71 North Shore	[Signature]
5/26/16	JOHN HARRIAD	92 North shore	[Signature]
5/26/16	Gleanne Mc Cole	95 Northshore Dr	[Signature]
	Morella DeVost	64 Northshore Dr Burlington	[Signature]
6/3/16	Dorinda McIntyre	131 Northshore Dr. 3TV	[Signature]
8/29/16	SEAN McDONOUGH	14 DEWEY DRIVE, BURL	[Signature]
8/29/16	Mary Kutnam	25 Wing St	[Signature]
8-29-16	TRACY BADE	10 WING ST	[Signature]
8-29-16	Matthew Kerry	19 Simms St	[Signature]
8/29/16	WAYNE VAQUETTE	45 Simms St	[Signature]
8/29/16	Lawrence Clark	5 Edson St	[Signature]
8/29/16	Jordan Taylor	26 Edson St	[Signature]
8/29/16	Rebecca Porter	23 Edson St	[Signature]
8/29/16	RON MELNER	23 EDSON ST.	[Signature]
8/29/16	VIRGINIA KINGEY	36 EDSON ST	[Signature]
8/29/16	Kristopher Daudelin	26 Dewey Dr	[Signature]
"	Patti Racine	1877 North Ave.	[Signature]
9-20-16	Karin Fudolos	1885 North Ave	[Signature]
9/15/16	Joyce Walsleben	61 Northshore Dr	[Signature]

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4/28/16	Kaye Alexander	112 Northshore Dr	Kaye Alexander
4/28/16	Edward Halonde	112 NORTHSHORE	Edward Halonde
4/28/16	Eric Curbman	67 Northshore	Eric Curbman
4/28/16	Bruce Nelson	12 Northshore	Bruce Nelson
4/28/16	Karen Corbman	67 Northshore	Karen Corbman
4/28/16	Wendy Anderson	6 Northshore Dr.	Wendy Anderson
4/28/16	Donna Sutton Fry	27 Northshore Dr	Donna Sutton Fry
4/28/16	PATRICIA Mae CUBBIN	38 NORTHSHORE DR	Patricia Mae CUBBIN
4/28/16	Michael Ducout	13 Northshore	Michael Ducout
5/13/16	Kevin Spaulding	60 Northshore	Kevin Spaulding
6/13/16	Benjamin White's	60 Northshore	Benjamin White's
5/13/16	Cecily Dexter	4 Northshore	Cecily Dexter
5/13/16	Michael Coyle	4 North Shore	Michael Coyle
5/14/16	Mary Roman	53 Northshore Dr.	Mary Roman
5/14/16	Frank E. Romany	53 Northshore Dr.	Frank E. Romany
5/14/16	Michael Gilman	48 Northshore Dr.	Michael Gilman
5/14/16	Kevin Gallagher	48 Northshore Dr.	Kevin Gallagher
5/14/16	FREDERICK B. BERGER	44 NORTHSHORE DR	FREDERICK B. BERGER
5/14/16	STEVE TAUBMAN	47 NORTHSHORE DR	STEVE TAUBMAN
5/14/16	MIGUEL A. Bernard-Rivera	37 Northshore Dr.	MIGUEL A. Bernard-Rivera
5/14/16	Vivianne	33 NORTHSHORE DR	Vivianne
5/14/16	Hiana Agnew	31 Northshore	Hiana Agnew
5/14/16	Gusta N. Johnson	28 Northshore Dr.	Gusta N. Johnson
5/14/16	George Bradbee	22 Northshore Dr.	George Bradbee
5/14/16	Joel Redd-Bradbee	22 Northshore Dr.	Joel Redd-Bradbee
5/14/16	Cathy N. Sieff	20 Northshore Dr.	Cathy N. Sieff
5/14/16	Leslie Tuttle	122 North Ave	Leslie Tuttle (STARFAR)
5/14/16	Thomas Done	16 Northshore	Thomas Done
5/13/16	A. C. CUMMINS	10 North Shore	A. C. CUMMINS

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5/20	JEFF WINKLER	414 NORTHGATE ROAD	<i>[Signature]</i>
5-20	steve Jaramillo	128 northgate Road	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/25	Ryan Senna	405 northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/31	Stephanie Barrows	333 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
5/31	Jaydon Lafontaine	428 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/2	Mindy Stewart	440 Northgate RD	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/2	John D'Amico	90 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/15	Hope Smith	457 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/15	David Lacroix	226 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Kevin BEAN	111 N GATE	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Shannon Whitehouse	363 N. Gate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Kristina Francis	265 northgate rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
	Star Lafontaine	213 Northgate Rd.	<i>[Signature]</i>
6/15	Jordan Guerin	232 Northgate Rd	<i>[Signature]</i>
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61 Northshore Drive
Burlington VT 05408
3/2/2016

Mayor Miro Weinberger
149 Church St
Burlington VT 05401

Dear Mayor Weinberger,

I would like to thank you and your staff for meeting with me on the following occasions regarding the opening of the locked gate on Northview Drive preventing interconnectivity into Rivers Edge Drive in the New North End.

- 12.3.2015 Meeting with Mayor Weinberger and Jordan Redell at the Bagel café
- 12.7.2015 Meeting with Jay Appleton for census
- Various meetings/conversations with councilor Tom Ayres
- 1.6.2016 Meeting with Mayor Weinberger and Jordan Redell
- 1.15.2016 Meeting with Norm Baldwin – DPW
- 1.20.2016 DPW presentation
- 2.11.2016 Meeting with Councilor Dave Hartnett
- Meeting with the Fire marshal
- 2.17.2016 DPW meeting – spoke with Norm Baldwin
- 2.24.2016 Meeting with Mayor Weinberger, Jordan Redell, Dave Hartnett, Tom Ayers (café)
- NPA meeting later than evening
- 3.1.2016 Meeting with North Gate condo management
- 3.2.2016 Meeting with Mayor Weinberger, Jordan Redell, and others at café

Let me reiterate that per ITE Neighborhood Street Design Guidelines, current 2010 edition, section 4.6.2:

It is recommended that dead end streets (only one outlet) be no longer than 1000' and serve no more than 30 dwelling units. Within an otherwise connected street network, the length of dead end streets should be restricted to no longer than 200'.

The referenced guideline is, in part, to ensure adequate emergency response; to avoid conditions where events in the roadway restrict first responders from reaching residential units. Interconnectivity of roadways ensures that multiple avenues of ingress and egress exist for first responders getting in and residents evacuating out. The existing condition has North Avenue above Barley Road as one large 'no outlet' condition.

Northview Drive can provide the necessary interconnectivity and therefore provide relief for the area. However, the roadway is gated and locked, eliminating it as an interconnection, thus jeopardizing the health, safety and welfare of the citizens residing in the affected area, not to mention any business or visitors in the area during a crisis.

It is unconscionable that a single incident at or above Barley Rd and North Avenue could result in North Avenue being blocked, which would eliminate any and all passage of motor vehicles, be they neighborhood cars, or emergency vehicles. That single incident may be a car crash, downed tree or electrical wire, gas or water line failure, school lock down or fire. Whatever the blocking event is, the result will be the same. No emergency vehicle could get into the affected area and no residents would be able to get out on that route.

I can only hope that the current alternative plan for emergency responders, which is to cut the bolt on the locked road, if necessary for their entry into the area, is effective and timely. The response time lost in: 1) making that decision; 2) finding the cutter; 3) and acting on it could be critical to life and death, and further jeopardizes the health, safety and welfare of the residents. This still does not help those who may need to evacuate or more simply get to work or long awaited doctor appointments in a timely fashion.

Importantly, a partial relief to this issue has been identified and brought to the city's attention. It is in the form of an existing interconnecting public street (Northview into Rivers Edge) that could provide an alternative point of ingress/egress to the affected area, but for the fact it is essentially willfully blocked by the city for no known reason. It is important to reiterate this point as no one has identified why this public roadway is gated.

As noted in the beginning of this letter, it has been three months since I first brought this to your attention. The fact that a resolution has not occurred is troubling to me. I think it is fair to say from this day forward that the City should be held responsible for any failure of timely emergency service or self-evacuation due to the limited ingress/egress to this area resulting from a locked gate on a city road.

In a time where terrorism and the issues such terrorist acts are exposing in our emergency response systems and tactics, the public is being constantly told "if you see something, say something". Well, this does not just apply to seeing potentially active threats, but also applies to the ability of first responders to answer a threat. I have pointed out a significant problem which has the potential to trap residents of over 770 housing units in our city and offered a reasonable partial correction.

This is no different from why we have a smoke alarm in every bedroom even though we have not had a fire; why we insist every building with a public area have more than one escape route. We need to be prepared.

I do sincerely thank you for your attention and direction with this problem and ask that it be resolved quickly for the health, safety and welfare of a large portion of the city.

Respectfully,

Joyce Walsleben
917.355.6261