

**From:** dru pearson  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 3:39 PM  
**To:** District1  
**Subject:** Legacy School no parking signs

Board of Directors:

I hope you will end the traffic nightmare along Rancho Escondido in the Rancho Escondido development. Parents discharging or picking up their children clog our neighborhood streets (Unfortunately, it is located directly across from Legacy Charter School.) two times a day, in the morning and in the afternoon. If an emergency vehicle or fire truck was needed, I doubt it would be possible for it to get through the street at those times.

I hate to think my safety is being compromised because Legacy School will not provide adequate drop-off provisions for their students' parents.

I urge the Board to approve the No Parking signs which have been erected in the neighborhood. Until the Board approves the signs, police will not enforce the regulation, and our community's safety will continue to be compromised.



Thank you.

à bientôt,  
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Dru Pearson

*Europe on a Dime: Five-Star Travel on a One-Star Budget*

*My interview on a Boston radio show.*

-----Original Message-----

From: Angie Semenza

Sent: Wednesday, August 14, 2013 2:57 PM

To: District1

Subject: Legacy school no parking signs

This is ridiculous. The legacy school parents are rude and act like they have the right of way in our community. When they are taking or picking up for the school we residents have one lane traffic thru that exit. As a result if we don't want to deal with it or need to get our own children to school on a timely manner we are forced to exit on Magee.

Sent from my iPhone



**From:** Troy Whaley  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2013 3:29 PM  
**To:** District1  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

We need your assistance, if this was happening in your neighborhood you would feel the pain that we feel, Even greater is the worry that in the event of an Emergency those EMS an Fire vehicles would NOT be able to get through the street. This is not right and we need your assistance.

Troy Whaley  
3660 W Camino De Caliope  
Tucson AZ 85741



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Amy Flores · \_\_\_\_  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 7:03:02 PM MST  
**To:** "[District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov)" <[District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** Legacy school no parking signs

Please install the no parking signs. It is for everyone's safety.  
Amy Flores

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Anamaria Almazan Saavedra  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 9:59:00 PM MST  
**To:** "[district1@pima.gov](mailto:district1@pima.gov)" <[district1@pima.gov](mailto:district1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** School at Cortaro & Rancho Escondido

we need the traffic problem to be solve ASAP. This is a Private Community and we do have to pay HOA. This is not fair at all.- We being dealing with this for over two years,-= All the cars picking-up kids should be entering only at the school Parking Lot. May be they will need to make it bigger...just make them do it...it is not our problem.



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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jess Horton  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 10:12:21 PM MST  
**To:** <[District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Jessica Horton. I currently own a home in Rancho Escondido. I purchased my home shortly before the Legacy school was constructed two years ago. One of the reasons I purchased my home in that community was that there was very little traffic in the community, as well as along Cortaro Farms Rd in front of our community.

Shortly after I purchased and moved into the home, that changed. Well before the Cortaro Farms Rd/Magee Road construction began, but AFTER the Legacy school opened, there was a immediate (as in, overnight) change in the amount of traffic on Cortaro Farms Rd and on Paseo Rancho Escondido. The longer the Legacy school has been open, the more traffic we have seen in even the interior streets of Rancho Escondido around 3pm, specifically from parents picking up their children from school. Once the construction began on Cortaro Farms Road, the problem only became worse. I witnessed children running (unsupervised) through the active construction zone on several occasions. Eventually, the construction crew simply stopped working for the day around 2:30. I can only assume that the heavy vehicle and pedestrian traffic was the reason for this, as crews were working further east on Cortaro Farms/Magee Road at that same time of day.

The residents of Rancho Escondido have experienced delays in the arrival of emergency vehicles into our neighborhood because of parents parking on both sides of Paseo Rancho Escondido, thus restricting two-way traffic down to one very narrow lane. Getting in and out of Rancho Escondido via Paseo Rancho Escondido from 2:45-3:15pm is nearly impossible. In addition to the traffic flow problem created by these irresponsible parents, I rarely see anyone looking to check for traffic before opening car doors (usually with children bounding out into the street). Children are often unsupervised, and running amok while they wait for their parents to arrive into our neighborhood to pick them up from school. It is only a matter of time before someone, very likely a child, gets hurt. Our community has worked very hard to document the situation and request help for anyone who will listen to prevent this very scenario from happening.

All attempts by residents of our neighborhood and members of our Homeowners Association to contact the school about this problem have resulted in absolutely NO action from the school. In

fact, the Legacy School told our HOA Coordinator, Teri McGuinness to stop calling this past spring, as they had no interest in speaking with her. I myself have called and emailed the school with absolutely NO response. The school clearly does not have the safety of their students as a primary focus during morning and afternoon parent pick-up and drop-off. Legacy does not offer any bus service for their students. They boast an enrollment of approximately 1200 students (it is entirely possible that their enrollment has grown since last year), so you can imagine the magnitude of this problem.

I have very recently moved from Rancho Escondido, and my home will be going on the market this week. The traffic problems created by the Legacy school was one of the reasons why I felt it necessary to leave the neighborhood. I am hopeful that this traffic problem does not affect the sale of my home, but I am aware of the possibility that a potential homebuyer could pass up our listing entirely should they try to enter Paseo Rancho Escondido while parents are picking up their children from school.

It is past time to rectify this problem. Contrary to statements the Legacy School has made, this traffic problem PREDATES the road construction project on Cortaro Farms Rd. It has not gone away, and is unlikely to go away unless action is taken by the County. If the Legacy School had been willing to compromise with the neighborhood, we would have been able to solve this problem two years ago. Please, help our community by approving the "No Parking" signs on Paseo Rancho Escondido and surrounding streets.

Sincerely Yours,  
Jessica Horton  
8270 N Camino de la Viola

Board of Directors:

I hope you will end the traffic nightmare along Paseo Rancho Escondido in the Rancho Escondido development (85741). Parents dropping off and picking up their children at the Legacy Charter School clog our neighborhood streets (Unfortunately, our community is located directly across Cortaro from the school). If an emergency vehicle or fire truck was needed, I doubt it would be possible for it to get through the street at those times, as a small car can barely pass.

I hate to think my safety is being compromised because Legacy School refuses to provide adequate drop-off and pick up provisions for their students' parents.

I urge the Board to approve the No Parking signs which have been erected in the neighborhood. Better yet have the curbs painted red and give out tickets to those who refuse to obey. Until the Board approves the signs, police will not enforce the regulation, and our community's safety will continue to be compromised.

Thank you.

David Pinney, Rancho Escondido homeowner.





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**From:** Bob Milby Jr. <  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 5:18:10 PM MST  
**To:** <[district1@pima.gov](mailto:district1@pima.gov)>  
**Cc:** Christine Milby  
**Subject:** Proposed Parking Ordinances in District 1 - Albany Ave. & Paseo Del Rancho Escondido

Dear Ms. Miller,

As parents of a second grade student at Legacy Traditional School in Pima County, we are deeply concerned about two proposed parking ordinances scheduled to come before the Board of Supervisors for a vote on Monday, August 19. Located in District 1, Legacy is a charter school and no school district buses service the students there. Over 900 students are either picked-up by parents or walk home directly. That creates a difficult situation, as twice each school day a substantial surge in traffic occurs as we drop off and pick up our children.

On-site parking is insufficient in the view of many parents. We are constantly working with the school to develop better ways of safely shuttling children in and out, and are encouraged that there is a meeting scheduled between the Pima County Department of Transportation and Legacy on September 26 to further address the situation.

Because parking is at such a premium between 7:15-8:00 a.m. and 2:15-3:00 p.m., parents picking up their children are often forced to look off campus for overflow parking. This has resulted in cars parked along the sides of Albany Avenue and Paseo Del Rancho Escondido, two surface streets located off the south side of Cortaro Farms Road. Parents then utilize the HAWK flasher and school crossing guard to safely walk their children across Cortaro Farms Road and either onto or off the Legacy campus.

Two proposed parking ordinances would eliminate that option for parents like us. As written, the proposed ordinances prevent parking, standing or stopping along either side of either Albany Avenue from Cortaro Farms to Washakie Way or Paseo Del Rancho Escondido from Cortaro Farms to Placita Picante. The stated reasons are "safety issues due to sight distance and inhibiting through traffic." We believe the proposed ordinances overstep what is truly necessary to address the safety concerns, and in fact may actually increase safety concerns due to unintended consequences.

The simple fact is that vehicular and pedestrian traffic are not going away. Parents must be able to pick up and drop off their children. If parking closer to the school is prohibited it is very likely that parents will park further into the neighborhood, just beyond the limits of the ordinances. That means that pedestrian traffic will increase along those streets, simultaneously with vehicle traffic in a greater concentration due to a smaller area in which cars are permitted to park. Increased exposure of children walking among a greater concentration of vehicles should raise safety concerns of its own. We believe there is a better approach.

Assuming that "sight distance" refers to the capability of a driver to clearly view an intersection, we believe ARS 28-873 is sufficient to prevent parking within 30 feet of a stop sign. That statute serves the same purpose as the proposed ordinance for keeping vehicles back from the two main intersections at issue (Cortaro Farms & Albany, and Cortaro Farms & Paseo Del Rancho Escondido), thereby preserving sight distance. Additionally, County Ordinance 2012-007 already prohibits stopping, standing or parking along Cortaro Farms Road from 450 feet west of Albany all the way to Broward Trail. While enforcement may be in question, statutory limitation is not.

An important note is that the entire stretch of road covered by the proposed ordinances is walled by cinder block. No homes directly access either street because there are no driveways located within the limits of the proposed ordinances. There are no sight distance issues for cars entering or exiting either street using driveways, since there are no points of ingress or egress included (with the exception of two intersections off of Paseo Del Rancho Escondido).

One suggestion for addressing the issue of "inhibiting through traffic" is to restrict parking to only one side of each of these streets. Allowing cars on only one side of the road, still subject to ARS 28-873 and other existing statutes and ordinances, would not inhibit traffic in our opinion. This would include emergency vehicle access, as the streets in question are still wide enough to accommodate both.

Another suggestion is to limit parking to a specific period of time, such as 15 or 20 minutes. This could be enforced with the help of parking meters, and could even be used to generate county revenue.

It is interesting that the proposed ordinance for Paseo Del Rancho Escondido covers hundreds of yards, while the proposed ordinance for Albany only covers about 40-50 feet. If the rationale is the same for both ordinances, it seems to be an inconsistent approach to safety.

For these reasons, we feel it is in the best interest of the community to reevaluate the proposed ordinances for better solutions to these issues. We are asking for your vote to either reject these two ordinances or table them each for further discussion as safety appears to be compromised in both its current and proposed state.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

Sincerely,

Bob and Christine Milby  
Pima County, District 3

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** kathy little  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 5:31:00 PM MST  
**To:** <[District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

Please vote to approve the "No Parking" signs that the county finally installed along Rancho Escondido across from the school. The parking along both sides of the street has not only been annoying to the neighborhood residents (for two years now) but also causes a traffic hazard both before and after school.

Thank you in advance for your vote of approval.

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Kathy Little  
8263 N. Placita Picante  
Tucson AZ. 85741



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**From:** Monna Sebring  
**Date:** August 14, 2013, 5:19:51 PM MST  
**To:** <[District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

Please consider approving the No Parking signs that our neighborhood has recently erected on Rancho Escondido road. Ever since the Legacy School opened 2 years ago, the parents of students have used our neighborhood entrance as a parking lot. In the mornings and afternoons cars are lined up on both sides of our small neighborhood street. I believe this is a safety hazard as it is difficult for moving traffic to navigate through the street when it is packed with cars on both sides and other cars coming and going from these "parking spaces". They also leave a lot of litter in our neighborhood. The school has been completely uninterested in helping us resolve this issue.

Please help us!

thank you for your attention,  
Monna Sebring  
resident of Rancho Escondido neighborhood

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**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

Regarding the enforcement of NO PARKING ....I have personally stopped and ask some of the parents that are in (violation to the signs )yet not approved if they knew that what they are doing was disrespectful to the community and safety of their own children and was blankly told to mind my own business,this is the same answer i have got from the head of the Legacy school as well.Yes this has been going on now for 2 YEARS .Your help will be much needed!

**From:** Eric Jurgensen  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 8:53 AM  
**To:** District1  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

To whom it may concern.

The below subject matter is a serious safety hazard for not only the residents of Rancho Escondido, but anyone in this vicinity during the morning or afternoon hours when the Legacy School starts or gets out.

Some bicyclist or passer buy, or resident on their way home or to work is going to get seriously injured or killed for no other reason than a bunch of parents who think parking on both sides of a street across from their school is easier than driving into the school ground and dealing with the traffic there. The Legacy School there needs to take some responsibility here as well. Just because they are a charter school doesn't mean anything. They still receive a great deal of public tax dollars and are very aware of the situation being discussed here.

Besides the fact that even without the signs, it is illegal to park so close to any intersection on a county street, (at least by my recollection of the DMV rules) the signs being there, and not being enforced, is ridiculous. During the hours that the school starts and gets out, the entrance to Rancho Escondido is left with barely enough room for one vehicle to travel through the gauntlet of parked cars. this is a curved street with 25 mile per hour zone and even at 20mph there is little time to react to cars that come from the opposite direction when you enter or exit the neighborhood.

If all that's needed is a simple vote to say to Pima County Sheriff, "OK to enforce the new signs", then lets get it done before we have to watch the news one evening about a tragic accident because no one took action.

Your response will be appreciated, and we all hope the county will take immediate action. If someone requires pictures or video, that can be arraigned quickly, but as stated below, just come on over to our street tomorrow morning about 7:45am. you too will be frustrated.

PS

Pima County had no trouble at all hanging out there to enforce and write countless tickets during the construction of the Cortaro Farms Road widening project. Good on them. Thanks you. Now enforce basic parking laws and life will be good. If the residents of Ranch Escondido started parking on both sides of the entrance to their school, I'm sure an immediate call from Legacy School would go out to ask Pima County Sheriff to enforce.

> From:

> To:

> Date: Wed, 14 Aug 2013 14:48:50 -0700

> Subject: Traffic on Paseo Rancho Escondido

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> Dear Residents,

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> After much work by the Board of Directors, Pima County Transportation has installed "No Parking" signs on both sides of the roads along Rancho Escondido and Albany in the other community. After complaints from the residents that the traffic has not improved and the police are not enforcing. I did some more research. I found that the Board of Supervisors has to approve the signs before the police can enforce. I spoke to the district for the community and found they are voting on this Monday. He indicated that he thought about postponing until next month, and I told him that the residents have been dealing with this for two years and to please go to Rancho Escondido at 2:15 to 2:45 to see what is going on.

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> WHAT YOU CAN DO TO HELP: Email your district at [District1@pima.gov](mailto:District1@pima.gov). Put in subject line: Legacy School No Parking Signs and voice your opinion. The more responses they get, the better change the community has.

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> Thanks,

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> Teri McGuinness

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**From:** Rosie Young  
**Sent:** Thursday, August 15, 2013 9:26 AM  
**To:** District1  
**Subject:** Legacy School No Parking Signs

Hello,

My name is Rosemarie Young, I live at 8280 N Placita Picante. In the Rancho Escondido neighborhood. I think the signs are a terrible idea. There is only an inconvenience for a short while. Now the signs are an inconvenience for the parents of Legacy Traditional School children. I am a resident, and a parent of three Legacy traditional children, and I have no problem with the parents of Legacy Traditional children parking along the entrance of Rancho Escondido. Once in the morning and once in the evening. This problem the other residents are having with this "traffic". Is ridiculous I plan on sending this to my HOA also. People need to think about others, and stop being so selfish there are two ways to get out of the neighborhood, not just one, and it will be a bigger inconvenience to have them parking in the neighborhood in front of the houses. Please take the signs down.

Thank you,  
Rosemarie Young

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Justin Northcraft  
**Date:** August 15, 2013, 9:36:44 AM MST  
**To:** <[district1@pima.gov](mailto:district1@pima.gov)>  
**Subject:** Parking Ordinances by Legacy Traditional School

Ms. Miller,

My name is Justin Northcraft. I live across the street from Legacy Traditional School near Cotaro and Thornydale and I am currently serving my second year as the PTO President for the school. I currently have three children that attend the school and we have attended the school since their opening here in Tucson several years ago.

Living across the street from the school I have been in the middle of the disaster that we face. Every day I see the concerns I have about the safety of the children that attend the school and/or live in the neighborhood reinforced. Last week myself and the crossing guard were nearly hit by a car that chose not to stop at the cross walk while the lights were on and we crossed the road. Unfortunately this is a daily event for many people that walk across Cotaro road. I have many encounters of people not stopping, honking their horns, yelling profanities and I will say unkind gestures in front of the children and parents. Then we have children walking in between parked cars across the neighborhood roads. We have cars that are driving way too fast through the neighborhood given the amount of children and congestion. We have people who's sole intention is to drive through our neighborhood just so they don't have to stop at the cross walk. There are children that sit on the side walks in the neighborhood waiting for their ride. I occasionally walk from my home over to the shopping center where I always cross the path of someone walking through the small strip of desert and or wash that looks questionable at best. Living in this neighborhood I can say that the issues surrounding people parking in the street **DO NOT** stop with the parents and children that attend Legacy. It is a problem that pelages the people that live in this neighborhood on a daily basis. Please come pass through some evening, I have nearly been hit backing out of my driveway many times because I have limited visibility and people are driving too fast.

I am reaching out to you because I have learned about the proposed ordinances affecting some of our streets, Albany Ave and Paseo Del Rancho Escondido. I strongly urge you to table the decision on these ordinances. This may surprise you given the information I have shared although **this solution is a half baked, knee jerk reaction at best**. We need to find a better solution, something that addresses the issues we face in this neighborhood. I do not know what that solution looks like. I also do not like to oppose something without offering another solution

so I am willing to help facilitate some discussion between the parents and neighbors. So that we can come up with a better solution, one that addresses more concerns.

There is one last item that I wanted to address with you. I find it disturbing that the Pima County Sheriff can find the time to come enforce the proposed ordinances multiple times per day over this last week. But concerns about the safety of people crossing Cotaro road continually falls on deaf ears over the last several years. I know several people including the school that called the sheriff regarding the safety of people walking and driving across the road only to be ignored or someone showing up only to give a pacification type of response to the situation. I am a supporter of our law enforcement teams and others that serve our community, they have nothing but my respect. I understand they have limited resources and need to prioritize multiple events happening at any given moment. Although their ability to **enforce proposed ordinances** while people are breaking existing one less than 100 feet from them and choosing to ignore it, **is just wrong!**

**Please table the decisions on these ordinances and help us find a better solution!**

Thank you for taking the time to hear a voice from one of your own supporters!

Justin Northcraft