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*BERGEN COUNTY, NEW JERSEY*

Dear Residents:

**Subject: Blocking sidewalks (N.J. state statute 39:4-138F)**      8/29/2017

Recently we have received numerous complaints about parked cars blocking sidewalks. The complaints stem from children attempting to ride their bicycles on the sidewalks to mothers pushing baby carriages being forced into the roadway by illegally parked vehicles. As the school year approaches students walking to school may have to walk in the roadways due to cars parked on the sidewalks.

Our Police Department has issued warnings to violators by mail and windshield warnings asking cooperation and compliance. We have even posted digital sign boards with don't block sidewalk warnings. This is getting results and we thank the residents for their cooperation.

**Most of the concerns/ complaints are during the daytime when pedestrian traffic is the greatest.**

We do understand that the nighttime 3-6AM (No Street Parking Ordinance) puts additional difficulties on residents squeezing vehicles onto limited driveways, which may result in vehicles encroaching on the sidewalk during the overnight hours. **While technically this is a violation, the law gives us discretion on traffic enforcement and for that reason will be enforcing the blocked sidewalk violation only during our day shifts from 7AM to 8PM. This will not affect overnight driveway parking.**

While we reserve the right to issue summons if absolutely necessary, it is not our intent to target residents with limited property parking during the hours of 8PM to 7AM.

Again, as Police Chief and former resident for 35 years, I understand the parking difficulties and thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,



Robert Flannelly  
Chief of Police