

Creating an improved traffic pattern around Byrd School

The goal is to have a design in place to do a *trial* parking and pattern change by **March 1**. This would give us two weeks before Spring Break to see how well the change is working, and to make any necessary adjustments. If all goes well, the change would become permanent.

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The Glen Rock Police, in cooperation with the Glen Rock Board of Education and the principal and staff of Byrd School, have been asked to develop an improved traffic pattern and parking situation, as well as safer student drop-off and pick-up zones. To that end, Captain Miller and Traffic Officer McGovern met with school staff. Based on their input, they developed the following plan.

Here are the proposed changes:

On Marinus between Boulevard and Doremus:

- **Move Staff Parking** to the South side of the street (next to the school), with the required reserved school bus and handicapped spots. This would add approximately four (4) spots to Marinus Place. The North side of the street would become a **No Parking Anytime zone**. Parking would be on a first come, first served basis. Resident parking would only be allowed on the South side.

On Doremus (in front of the school) between Oxford and Marinus:

- Change the East side of the street (across from the school) to a **No Parking Zone** during school hours, on school days. Parking would be permitted on the East side of the street after and before the predetermined school hours or when school is not in session. The staff parking displaced from Doremus would have to relocate to either Marinus, the other sections of Doremus, or Boulevard.
- Create a **Student Drop-Off Zone (With No Parking Anytime)** on the West Side of Doremus (along the school side). This would:
 - Allow parents to drop off children on **the school side of Doremus**, at the curb, greatly reducing the number of students who cross at the guard, and also where they shouldn't.
 - Reduce the incidents of students who open car doors on the street side and get out in a traffic-congested area.
 - Alleviate the issue of blocked driveways and parents parking in prohibited areas.
- At dismissal times, parents would be permitted to line up on the West side of Doremus (along the school side), but be **required to remain in their cars**. This would allow the children to walk over to the car and enter from the curb side. As the first cars leave, the line would move up.
- The traffic pattern on Doremus Ave currently changes three times a day: from two-way traffic flow to a makeshift, one-way street. This can be confusing and dangerous. The Police Department's proposal would change this so that **during school hours on school days, Doremus Ave would be a one-way street from Oxford Place to Rock Road.**

Visitor/Temporary Parking

- The Department recognizes that there will be situations when a parent may need to run into the school to pick up a sick child, drop off a forgotten item or similar circumstance, **after school is in session**, when traffic has lessened. There will be some leeway for this, **however...at drop-off and pick-up times, parents will be required to remain in their cars.**

To help you better understand the changes, please see the attached [diagram](#).

