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**Subject:** Parking on Lake Placid Drive & Kathleen Pl. at Alpha Lake Park  
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Mayor and Council

I am writing to advise of the parking situation in the described area that poses a serious traffic safety issue as well as a significant fire safety Issue for the neighborhood.

Alpha Lake park that hosts a beach, tennis courts, dog park and kids playground has, for the 19 year we have lived here, grown increasingly popular with weekend visitors. At the current time it is busier than in the past 19 years we have lived in the adjacent cul de sac. This past week end had cars parked on both sides of Lake Placid Drive and in the entrance to Kathleen Place. The vehicles were parked on corners and in front of the fire hydrant at the northwest corner of the roads fully blocking access to the hydrant.

The parked cars on both Lake Placid Drive and the cul de Sac entrance reduce the road width such that it is unlikely that sufficient road radius remains that a fire truck could turn into the cul de sac. Additionally the reduced radius leaves no areas for pedestrians to walk either east or west other than on the roadway.

The Bylaw officers have ticketed some of these vehicles however if there was a need for fire truck to gain access to the cul de sac or the fire hydrant these tickets would not be of any assistance in facilitating these actions.

Section U of the Parking bylaw states "in any cul de sac unless expressly permitted by a traffic control device". I have asked the bylaw officers and have been advised that it is permitted in the straight section, entrance to the cul de sac. The wording does not support this nor does the situation that was present this past weekend.

If the parked cars presented an obstruction to a safety vehicle or access to the fire hydrant the liability for any loss associated would, in my opinion, would be the municipalities. In the winter months with reduced road widths from snow build up this creates the same situation.

A temporary solution might be to deploy some municipal staff to manage roadway parking, similar to how they were deployed to manage people in the parks during the early phases of Covid. They were pleasant and in my experience effective in managing the gathering issue.

Thanks you for your time and anticipated action on this matter.

Yours truly,

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