

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

Every day, about a dozen seniors of limited mobility drive the quarter mile from my building to Skillman Avenue for personal chores. Since parking on Skillman Ave. is so limited, they sometimes drive around 10-15 minutes looking for a space. By removing parking spaces at Skillman and 52nd St., the "Safer Skillman Avenue Coalition" will make the quality of life even worse for our seniors. Instead, we could put a speed bump at that peculiar corner, in addition to the traffic light.

Affiliated with the elitist anti-car bike lobby, the name "Safer Skillman" is a win-win insult to our intelligence. Even if there were absolutely no accidents for 10 years, Skillman could still be "safer". They claim that every intersection is dangerous, even those with traffic lights. Accordingly, "Safer Skillman" plans to remove 8 parking spaces from each intersection on Skillman, and ultimately to make Skillman only one lane! What about the rest of us non-elites who do not ride bikes?

Skillman, our commercial lifeline, is very safe, with fewer than 2 pedestrian accidents per year, not always the fault of the car. Since May 2008, traffic lights

have been calibrated to allow a maximum of 20 mph, so Skillman is even safer. Let's add a speed bump at the corner of Skillman and 52nd, in addition to the traffic light.

I get complaints almost weekly from pedestrians who are hit by bikers. If we really want to prevent accidents on Skillman, we should require license plates for all bikes. That will put a stop to the current "hit and run" practice of bikers. License plates for all bikes will truly make Skillman "safer".

Very truly yours,
Al Volpe

Dear Woodside Herald & Staff

I am writing to thank you for your donation to the children's Halloween party at the Metro shelter. It was a great party. The children had a wonderful time, and of course, they loved the candy and goodies.

We were happy to be able to have a safe and fun place for them to trick or treat. So thank you so much for your kindness and thoughtfulness. The children, parents and staff of the Metro are very grateful for your generosity and continued support.

Sincerely,
Marcy Galatioto,
Dir. of Social Services