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Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2011 10:43 AM
To: Briski, Kevin; Maniaci, Bridget
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Subject: Regarding the issue of Druhan Encroachment into Tenney Park

Hello

I am writing this email to provide my input regarding the quality of character of my neighbors, Pamela and Michael Druhan, and their value to the neighborhood. It has been brought to my attention that there is a campaign against them with regard to their 'encroachment' into Tenney Park. As members of my neighborhood they can always be counted on for a friendly wave or 'hello' when we see each other. They have done wonderful improvements to their property which was an eyesore and magnet for criminal activity before they purchased and renovated it. They are active in community life and have donated their beautiful home to host fundraising activities to benefit the area. Every winter, Michael is an absolute lifesaver, always so generous with his time, energy and snow blower. As a single female possessing only a shovel, I can tell you this is no small gesture and I'm sure many others on my block share my appreciation. I feel blessed with a wonderful neighborhood of homeowners who take such great care with their homes and property and keep watch over the area and each other. The park can be a source of nighttime rowdy behavior and neighbors are a front line of defense since we can't count on constant policing by the city. Pamela and Michael, because of their proximity, are the 'front' of this front line and if anything, I think their willingness to take on a park adjacent property should be commended.

I will not attempt to comment on whether the said 'encroachment' is or is not a valid complaint. I would, however, like to draw attention to the fact that the area of land in question is an unremarkable portion of border to a parking lot. The square footage of area in question is hardly depriving the public of any enjoyment of the park land proper. I find it a testament to the openness of the Druhans that rather than constructing a looming 6' privacy fence clearly separating their property from the park, they have left the area open to provide wildlife access across their property as well as allowing a more open sense of space and increased lake view to people visiting the park. As someone who walks the park area on a very regular basis, I cannot see any way in which the modifications they have made to the property can be viewed as anything other than an improvement and I encourage everyone involved to widen their thinking to include aspects other than some narrow assessment of actual square footage.

I thank you for your time
Sincerely

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From: Mindy Winter [<mailto:mmwinter@gmail.com>]
Sent: Wednesday, September 07, 2011 7:48 AM
To: Briski, Kevin
Subject: 1252 Sherman Av

Hello Mr. Briski:

I am writing to you on behalf of one of my neighbors, the Druhans of 1252 Sherman Av. I have been made aware of a situation regarding a dispute over their driveway, and I just wanted to send a note in support of the Druhans.

I have lived in the Tenney Lapham neighborhood for the past 11 years. I saw the Druhans house and property in the relative state of disarray in which it existed prior to their purchase of the property. The small parcel of Tenney Park that abuts the Druhans' property was also used as a public dumping grounds of sorts and consistently filled with the trash left behind by passers-by.

The Druhans have made vast improvements to their property and, by extension, to the neighborhood as a whole. They take pride in their personal space and the park space next to them. The Druhans are an asset to our neighborhood.

I do not know all of the particulars surrounding the Druhans' driveway situation, but I do hope that you find my input valuable in making your decision.

Thank you for your time,
Mindy