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Hello Commission Chairs,

I live at 137 Milky Way, across the street from Galaxy Park, in the Grandview Commons / North Star neighborhood. I have lived here since 2019.

I have observed many unsafe activities on Quarry Lane and Milky Way over the years. Last summer I witnessed a car making a right at a high speed onto Quarry Lane from Milky Way hit a small child on a bicycle who was crossing in the intersection on Quarry Lane. Thankfully, the car only struck the bike and the child was unharmed. This is also an intersection where U-turns are frequent and often unexpected by other motorists and pedestrians.

There is a lot of pedestrian traffic, mostly children, crossing both Milky Way and Quarry Lane to access Galaxy Park, especially when the weather is favorable. In my observations, about halfway down Quarry Lane, by the walkway into the playground is the busiest. School busses also pick up neighborhood children on Milky Way near Regan Street. There is no speed limit posted for these streets on these blocks. Even though Milwaukee St. is now 25mph, it is not widely observed. Traffic from both the north and south on Milky Way is typically over the limit as well. This traffic control tool seems ineffective and I believe other tools need to be implemented.

As a pedestrian in an intersection I was struck by a negligent motorist in 2015. I was badly injured but extremely lucky, yet the physical and psychological impacts remain. No one should have to go through something like this. So many of these incidents can be prevented.

Any efforts the City can make, coupled with fencing planned by the Harmony Apartments owners, can help ensure the safety of area residents and hopefully deter criminal activity.

Thank you,  
Amee Lapke