

To Mr. Larsen and our School Board,

This month we hope everyone remembers the reason for the Season, so we would like to say.....

Merry Christmas!

Our department hopes everyone has a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

- We have issued 37 tickets and out of the 37 tickets we had 12 suspended off of buses for vaping and PDA;
- We had 24 reimbursable trips for the month of November;
- We had 31 non-reimbursable trips for the month of November

December Birthdays

- Susan McHenry Dec 1
- Liz Stauffer Dec 1
- Steve Rodriguez Dec 6

Highway Outside Meadowbrook Subdivision:

- Roadway is 2 lanes and 35 MPH.
- There is a warning sign before the speed limit change from 55 mph. It is flagged with a bright orange warning diamond. The speed limit sign is also flagged with the orange diamond.
- We have requested a "bus stop ahead" sign from the state highway department and it will be added soon.
- There is a slight decline in the road. There is no hill obstructing the view. The road decline assists drivers in seeing the upcoming traffic/bus.
- There is a bike lane AND gravel buffer between the roadway and the grass area where the students are to wait in the AM. Area is lit by a street lamp. They have been instructed to wait no closer than the power pole. They have also been instructed to wait until the bus is stopped, the door open, and driver signals for them to enter. The driver is a very responsible caring driver who follows the driver trainings and procedures. The driver is very punctual and we have the bus right app available to assist parents as well.
- The sheriff's department can be found patrolling and clocking vehicle speed multiple times a week at the subdivision entrance. The added patrol is much more than most stops have.

Meadowbrook Subdivision Entrance:

- The entrance has a gravel divider between the lanes. T
- here is not enough space to safely perform a U-Turn at either spot. A valid/correct U-Turn in a bus requires 5-6 lanes worth of space. It is illegal and unsafe for a bus to perform unnecessary backup maneuvers. In a subdivision, it is extremely unsafe to perform a backup because there are vehicles, children,

and pets that could come out at any moment... especially if they are running late and trying to catch the bus.

- At the 2nd space that was suggested to use, there is not enough room AND there is also a blind curve around the corner. Many vehicles have come around that corner and we've had a few near accidents last year.

Recommendation:

It is the recommendation of the transportation department to leave the bus stop as is for the Meadowbrook subdivision. We strive to make decisions that will be safe, timely, and not waste money/fuel. This subdivision is well-lit, well maintained, and is a nice and friendly neighborhood. There is a safe, well lit waiting area for the kids It is off to the side of the roads with no obstructions.

We would like to thank Mr. Larsen and the school board for their continued support of our department.

Thank you,

Coleen Jones