

**Subject:** Follow-up Re: Pinecrest Village issue (re: a request for a speed bump/hump)

Jim:

This is Jonathan Goodman. I hope you are well. I'm writing again about the chronic speeding problem on my street -- S.W. 71 Avenue, between 124th and 134th Street. I wrote to you last about this in early May of this year. That email exchange is below.

The speeding problem diminished significantly shortly after our email exchange -- because school ended a few weeks later. But school is back in session. And, now that the post-hurricane debris has been largely cleaned up (at least on my block), the cars are speeding again. Basically, drivers use my street as an alternate to 72nd Avenue because we have no stop signs (but 72nd Avenue has a full, four-way stop at 128th Street).

This morning, at about 7:00 a.m., when it was still not quite light, I was walking my dogs (with a flashlight). I heard a car speeding down my street, from south to north. I directed the flashlight beam into the middle of the street (to make sure the driver could see me and my two dogs) and gave the driver the "slow-down" signal (i.e., hand held horizontal, palm down, with a slight downward pushing motion). That caused the driver to **speed up** and blare his honking horn at me.

The "enforcement action" you mentioned in your May 5 email to the manager lasted for a few days last May but ended (at least according to my impression) shortly before school ended. I have not seen any enforcement action on my street since school resumed in mid-August.

As I mentioned in my May email, I would like some type of significant step taken to address this safety hazard. The typical enforcement action of having a marked car parked on the swale every once in a while, doesn't seem to work well, plus, it has not been used for many months.

To me, the best alternatives are either a full stop sign (probably at 130th or 128th Street) or speed bumps. I know there are some speed bumps in Pinecrest and several speed bumps in Palmetto Bay. Maybe both tools can be used.

Let's nip this dangerous problem in the bud, Jim, before someone gets hurt (or worse). There are more families with young children living on the street and they need to be protected. In fact, I believe that four or five new families with kids have moved in over the past five or six months.

Thank you.

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