

## Danielle Delaney

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**From:** Danielle Delaney  
**Sent:** Friday, June 3, 2022 11:32 AM  
**To:** Danielle Delaney  
**Subject:** FW: PS&T and PF joint meeting 06/08/22 FW: 129 Pine Ridge Rd.

### Referred to Zoning & Planning, Public Facilities and Public Safety & Transportation Committees

**#72-22 Discussion with Police, DPW and Inspectional Services on sidewalk obstructions**  
COUNCILORS DOWNS, BOWMAN, MALAKIE, HUMPHREY, WRIGHT, RYAN, GREENBERG, DANBERG, GROSSMAN, AND LUCAS requesting a discussion with Police, Public Works and Inspectional Services regarding sidewalk obstruction, enforcement, regulation, and operating procedures during construction used to ensure safety for nonmotorized road users.

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**To:** Cassidy Flynn <[cflynn@newtonma.gov](mailto:cflynn@newtonma.gov)>; Alicia Bowman <[abowman@newtonma.gov](mailto:abowman@newtonma.gov)>  
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Here's one example of construction vehicles repeatedly parking on the sidewalk.

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This was a specific example of a sidewalk being removed for a long period of time, and being parked on during construction on a regular basis. I reported it as often as I could but it didn't seem to make a difference.

Jenn

Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jenn Martin <[jamartin77@gmail.com](mailto:jamartin77@gmail.com)>  
**Date:** June 14, 2021 at 8:24:58 AM EDT  
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**Subject: Re: 129 Pine Ridge Rd.**

Dear Ms. Finamore,

Following up on this sidewalk situation from a year ago. My understanding is that the sidewalk must be repaired to City standards if it was damaged during the work; the work on this property was completed quite some time ago and there is still no repaired/replaced sidewalk. Do you know what the plan is? It is

a popular walking route. The Chestnut St. section was replaced through the corner as part of the recent work on Chestnut St. but the Pine Ridge section was removed. Photo is from last week.

Thank you,

Jenn Martin  
86 Allen Ave

On Tue, May 12, 2020 at 8:58 AM Deb Finamore <[dfinamore@newtonma.gov](mailto:dfinamore@newtonma.gov)> wrote:

Ms. Martin,

I have spoken with the Building Inspector and he will go speak with the contractors on Pine Ridge Road today.

Thank you,

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**From:** Jenn Martin <[jamartin77@gmail.com](mailto:jamartin77@gmail.com)>  
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**Subject:** 129 Pine Ridge Rd.

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Dear Ms. Finamore,

I'm writing regarding 129 Pine Ridge. The workers at this site have been parking on the sidewalk on and off for the last year. See photo below from this morning. The sidewalk is already uneven and dangerous. Having to navigate on foot the narrow space between the fence and the parked vehicles is challenging. I see kids on scooters and bikes having to go way out in the road to get around the parked vehicle, which puts them squarely into the path of a turning vehicle from Chestnut. Vehicles also park too close to Chestnut St.

My understanding is that it is illegal to park on the sidewalk in Newton (Sec 19-166(b) and 26-16(a) of the City Ordinances). Vehicles also need to park 20' back from the intersection (Sec 19-166(i)). With 145 Pine Ridge also now under construction and vehicles parked on both sides, I understand that this section of Pine Ridge may be feeling tight, but the sidewalk shouldn't be sacrificed. A more appropriate path forward would be to restrict parking on one side of the street or the other if that is needed to maintain appropriate width for thru-traffic.

This is a concern for all sidewalks in Newton -- construction workers should not be blocking the sidewalk, intersections, fire hydrants, etc. There are so many people out walking and biking. With the resumption of construction work, this is a great time to remind workers of the City Parking Ordinances, and also to be careful opening their doors so they don't hit someone walking or riding a bike or scooter in the street or on a sidewalk.

Thank you,  
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