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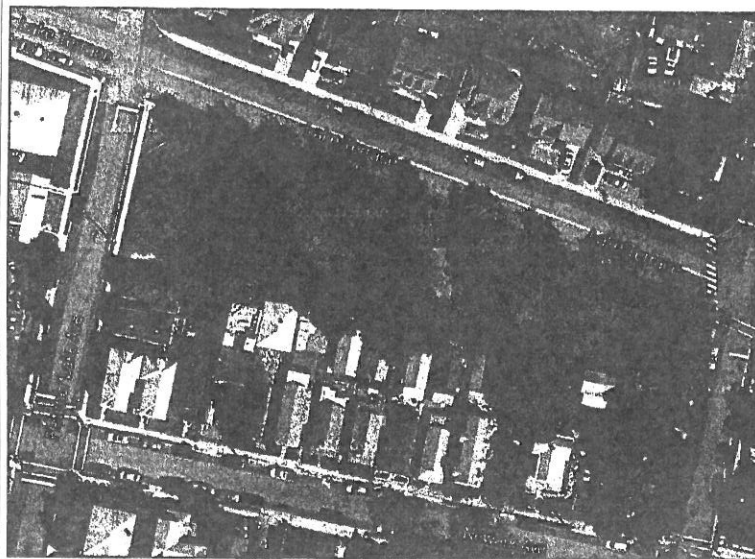
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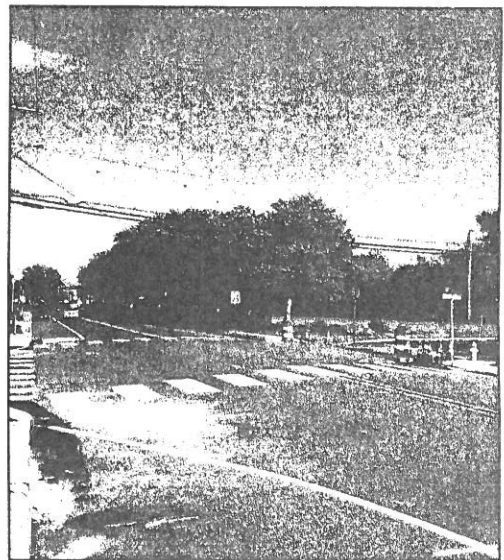
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COURTESY OF GOOGLE MAPS

The intersections of Lake Terrace and Madison Aves. and Lake Terrace and Fletcher Lake Aves. are the topic of a petition for Monmouth County to add stop signs. A two-year-old boy was struck by a car near the park on Lake Terrace Ave.



KIMBERLY BURNETT THE COAST STAR

The intersections of Lake Terrace and Madison Aves. and Lake Terrace and Fletcher Lake Aves. has been a major concern for residents for years. A petition was started to add stop signs.

Petition to implement stop sign on Lake Terrace intersection

PETITION

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The accident has helped spur a petition drive online, Mr. Decker said. In response, he received an email from the county's chief engineer for traffic design, detailing a 2013 county study which determined there was not enough traffic volume to justify stop signs at the intersection.

According to the email, from Monmouth County engineer Daria Jakimowska, the 2013 county survey "consisted of traffic counts, an analysis of three-year crash history, studies of radar spot speed readings and sight distances and a review of existing traffic regulations and 'traffic control devices.'"

The study also said only four accidents had been reported within the Lake Terrace Corridor between 2010 and 2014.

The borough, which Mr. Decker said supports the request for stop signs, can conduct its own engineering study, Ms. Jakimowska wrote, adding that the county would "review it and concur with the findings as appropriate."

At the July 14 mayor and council meeting, Councilman Norman Goldfarb said borough efforts are "an ongoing project and should be completed shortly."

"Mayor [Gary] Engelstad, Councilman [Norman] Goldfarb, and Chief [Leonard] Guida have been doing everything in their power to reduce the speeding," Mr. Decker said.

He also acknowledged that the county has deployed several safety measures to limit speeding. Cited in Ms. Jakimowska's email, they include handicapped ramps and two new, high visibility crosswalks, as well as the replacement of existing crosswalks. A travel lane was narrowed to 11 feet in width and the yellow center line refurbished. Signage was also added, including pedestrian-walking signs.

The county also approved two solar-powered radar speed display signs, which were installed by Mr. Decker's construction company, free of charge. The signs, which cost \$5,200, were donated by the Bradley Beach Memorial Day Committee.

Mr. Decker said he is thankful for the improvements made, but still believes stop signs are needed.

"Even with all the said improvements, Lake Terrace is just too easy to speed on, he said. "It's unfortunate, but the only way to create a safer environment at the park and for pedestrians is to install speed humps or multi-way stop signs."

Describing the June 11 accident, Mr. Fuggi said skid marks from the driver's vehicle were 25 feet in length.

Within 48 hours of posting the stop sign petition online, Mr. Decker said, he received 140 signatures toward a goal of 200.

"We are frustrated. We have been voicing our opinions for two years now," Mr. Decker said. "Unfortunately the county is not in agreement with the residents, who are the ones at risk."

The petition was posted to the website, change.org, where some signers have posted their reasons for signing it.

"I live on Lake Terrace and the number of people who speed on our street is insane! I can't tell you how many times I've almost been hit while walking my dog," Jamie Watson wrote.

"I agree with the comments made by Jesse Decker. This is a speed zone and regardless of your surveys, this stop sign is needed," Kevin Hurley, of Bradley Beach wrote.

The petition and comments can be viewed at:

www.change.org/p/monmouth-county-place-four-way-stop-signs-on-lake-terrace-in-bradley-beach-new-jersey.

Mr. Fuggi said Matteo's parents, Saul Esparza and Guadalupe Moreno, of Bradley Beach, plan to sue the Borough of Bradley Beach and Monmouth County, as well as, the driver of the vehicle that struck the boy on June 11.

"Clearly the intersection has been troubling to the community for years now," he said. "It's unfortunate that it took a tragedy like this before we take the necessary

precautions so this does not happen again."

Freeholder Thomas Arnone said he has been working with residents on Lake Terrace Ave. regarding the issue and says the improvements made by the county will improve safety.

"Education and enforcement of the speed limit is part of making this a safer corridor," he said.

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BRADLEY BEACH EVENTS

To submit a calendar listing or Bradley news story, e-mail kburnett@thecoaststar.com

SHAKESPEARE AT THE BEACH
Date: Friday and Saturday, July 24 - July 25
Time: 7 p.m.

Location: Fifth Ave. gazebo and boardwalk
 Hamlet scenes. Rain date is Sunday, June 26. Presented by the Bradley Beach Arts Council.

"TO KILL A MOCKINGBIRD"

Date: Friday, July 24
Time: 6:30 p.m.
Location: Carmen A. Biase Center, Main St.
 A presentation of the film "To Kill A Mockingbird." Discuss the book at the Gazebo Book Club on July 29 at 4 p.m.

GAZEBO BOOK CLUB
Date: Wednesday, July 29
Time: 4 p.m.
Location: Fifth Ave. gazebo
 Discuss the book "To Kill A Mockingbird" and discuss the film [shown on July 24 at the Baise Center].

HARRY POTTER BIRTHDAY BASH!
Date: Thursday, July 30
Time: 6 p.m.
Location: Bradley Beach Public Library, Fourth Ave.
 Celebrate everyone's favorite wizard during a birthday bash. Enjoy treats, play games, and have fun!

WIFFLEBALL TOURNAMENT

Date: Saturday, Aug. 1
Time: 9 a.m.
Location: Fourth Ave. beach
Cost: \$5 per player
 Teams of three players. Visit bradleybeachnj.gov for more information or to sign up.

FLIGHTY CONNECTIONS COMEDY
Date: Friday, Aug. 7
Time: 7 p.m.
Location: Bradley Beach Fire Department Banquet Hall, 815 Main St.

BRADLEY BEACH NIGHT AT THE LAKEWOOD BLUECLAWS
Date: Monday, Aug. 10
Time: 7:05 p.m.
Location: First Energy Park, 2 Stadium Way, Lakewood
Cost: \$10 for adults, \$8 for children
 Children in attendance have the chance to play catch on the field before the game. Children eat free. Visit bradleybeachnj.gov for more information.