

Re: Update on Parking Lot Access

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I do have concerns about blocking both main entrances in to the south lot and requiring entry only at the northmost point of the half-circle drive.

Being so close to the intersection, I feel this could create potential for accidents (for those coming from the south and needing to make a left).

Perhaps we could get used to moving and re-setting the cones after each event.

It also would not hurt to also get the "no trucks" image signs (in red if they have it), added to the two main entrances.

If we could afford more professional looking blockades, as Jeff points out, this would be ideal.

Thanks, Steve.

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On Thu, Jun 19, 2025 at 5:37 PM Steve Walker <swalker@mcknightcrossings.org> wrote:

Jeff I understand where you are coming from. However, I think your premise of keeping people out of church is by no means the intent. I hope I was clear by distinguishing authorized and unauthorized users. As you may be aware, we tried a softer approach by posting signage. They are not working.

I agree that automatic traffic barriers are ideal. Hopefully that will happen sometime in the future. In the meantime, we are looking for a workable solution that will limit the erosion to the parking lot from unauthorized commercial trucks. Realistically, there will be some trials and errors while we are searching for a fix. I'm glad you weighed-in because it gave us with an opportunity to have some constructive dialogue.

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On Jun 19, 2025, at 4:45 PM, Jeff McGlawn <jmcglawn@mcknightcrossings.org> wrote:

Hi Steve

Just a quick note. If we are trying to put up barriers to keep people out of the church. We should really consider the purpose. If we feel that it is important and are wanting to spend money for sure we should get retractable automatic bollards so that when we have events they are down and then when we are done they go back up at specific arranged time and don't require people to engage it should be something that can be arranged much in advanced online as well as have a switch inside for ad hoc events.

It is a bother and a bit dangerous to have anything keeping our main entrance unavailable for people to use for events during the week as it is now with the cones. So definitely having a new option that is safer and more helpful would be better.

I completely understand to cost to the repair of the parking lot. This might cost the same but might save a new parking lot if we put a new one in.

Just some thoughts. Thanks for including us in the conversation. I'm all about making the church more inviting and something that is out of sight when we arrive would be great.

Jeff

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On Wed, Jun 18, 2025, 10:14 PM Steve Walker <[swalker@mcknightcrossings.org](mailto:swalker@mcknightcrossings.org)> wrote:

Hello All,

I wanted to give you a quick heads-up that we are actively exploring methods to deter unauthorized use of our main parking lot. I’m reaching out to you because you host regular events with invited guests.

While signage has been in place, it has unfortunately proven ineffective in discouraging misuse. We’re now considering physical barriers or other controlled access solutions to better manage who is using the lot. At the same time, we’re committed to ensuring that access remains smooth and welcoming for our invited guests, such as food pantry clients, pickleball and basketball players, and other authorized users.

We also value our role as a good neighbor, and when possible, we’d still like to have the option to accommodate truck drivers who may need a safe place to park during an emergency—unfortunately in some cases providing temporary access may not be an option.

So that you have an idea of why we are considering methods to restrict access of unauthorized use, below is a picture of the damage commercial trucks can cause to the lot.

Obviously on Sundays, there will be unrestricted access to the lot. We’ll keep you updated as plans progress, and we welcome any input or questions you might have along the way.

Thank you

Steve Walker

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