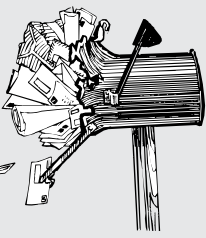


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Victim of teenage pranks
urges random acts of
kindness

Today, [May 26] while on my walk along Southwest Garden Home road, I was the victim of a random act of meanness by three teenage girls in a nice white car.

To be quite frank, they threw a wet sanitary napkin at me with a lewd picture on the top drawn in sharpie. This isn't the first time this has happened to me in this neighborhood.

Last year, two teenage girls threw unripe plums at me as I climbed the stairs to my apartment. There was no provocation; I'm just a normal woman in my 20s minding my own business.

It isn't so much what these girls did that bothers me; it's the fact that they did those things for fun. They actively set out to be mean to someone for laughs. That's cruel and hurtful.

When I was a high school student, I learned about the Random Acts of Kindness (RAK) organization (www.randomactsofkindness.org).

Whether it's buying coffee for the person behind you in line or preparing a surprise dinner for your family, RAK seeks to promote kindness among all of us.

As a teenager, RAK inspired a lot of fun activities for me. I remember picking flowers in the dark with my best friend.

We tied up the blooms in little bouquets and did our best to sneak up to random houses at night and leave the flowers on the doorstep.

There was a bit of teenage daring involved, but it was positive and I remember it fondly to this day. I wonder what those mean girls will think about their behavior when they grow up?

Casey Davis
Multnomah Village

Transportation bureau
should fix dangerous
Capitol/40th intersection

Multnomah Neighborhood Association has identified safety issues at several locations along Southwest Capitol Highway.

A safety vigil was held in March at Capitol Highway, near Miles Street and the West Hills Preschool and Learning Center. The most recent vigil target [in April] was Capitol Highway near the intersection at 40th Avenue.

"SLOW Down / Share the Road" signs were made available through the Portland Bureau of Transportation and 10 signs were strategically placed near this intersection.

Orange cones and bright safety vests helped to draw attention, while keeping the volunteers safe. The vigil volunteers placed and held signs to alert drivers heading off to work or school.

Capitol Highway safety concerns include speeding traffic in both directions and ignoring the stop sign at 40th Avenue. [Because of the unique Y configuration] a major traffic safety issue



Multnomah neighbors Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen, Moses Ross, James Nobles, and Greg Manning participate in a safety vigil in April at the intersection of Southwest Capitol Highway and 40th Avenue. (Photo courtesy of Patti-Waitman Ingebretsen)

occurs as vehicles attempt to navigate that dangerous intersection.

Multnomah neighborhood residents are actively pursuing Capitol Highway safety with the hope that the Portland Bureau of Transportation can resolve or decrease the identified safety issues.

The residents along Capitol Highway, as well as members of the Multnomah Neighborhood Association, are quietly hopeful that a solution can be found to address and resolve the identified safety concerns

Patti Waitman-Ingebretsen
Multnomah Village

Editor's Note: Since this letter was written, progress has been made. A city engineer inspected the intersection of Capitol Highway and 40th Avenue and came up with an ingenious solution—with paint. By repainting the traffic stripes and fog lines the transportation bureau can inexpensively redirect traffic in both directions and prevent potentially disastrous automobile accidents from occurring.

My understanding is that this repainting project has been approved and will be completed soon.

— Don Snedecor



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