

**IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS**

- Street Maintenance Department**..... (425) 452-7840  
*damaged signs, potholes, or icy streets*
- Police Traffic Division**..... (425) 452-6940  
*loud noise, speeding vehicles, and illegal parking*
- Neighborhood Traffic Calming Program**..... (425) 452-6867  
*pedestrian safety issues, outreach*
- Neighborhood Enhancement Program (NEP)**..... (425) 452-6103  
*updates and information on transportation NEP projects*
- General Transportation Questions**.....(425) 452-6856  
*[http:// www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation](http://www.bellevuewa.gov/transportation)*

November 17, 2009

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Bellevue, WA 98008

**Subject: Traffic Concerns on 171st Ave NE (NE 21st St - NE 24th St)**

Dear ██████████

Thank you for letting us know your concerns regarding traffic in your neighborhood. We have completed our field reviews, collected traffic data and reviewed this location and would like to share with you our findings and recommendations.

A speed and volume study conducted in September of this year on 170th Ave SE recorded the average speed of motorists as 21 mph with 85% of traffic traveling at or below 26 mph. For more details on the data that was collected, please see page 2.

As with most streets in Bellevue, we realize that there are some motorists in your neighborhood choosing to drive faster than the speed limit. Speed humps and other physical traffic calming measures are reserved for streets where speeds are higher, where 15% of motorists must be exceeding 35 mph. These guidelines were developed with the Fire Department due to the impact physical devices have on emergency response times.

To address motorists choosing to drive above the posted speed limit, we encourage you to request police enforcement by calling 425-452-6940. We also recommend that you participate in one of our education programs described in detail in this report and the enclosed green informational sheets. If you would like to borrow a radar dolly or would like to participate in one of these programs, please email me at [bcasey@bellevuewa.gov](mailto:bcasey@bellevuewa.gov) or call 425-452-6867.

Sincerely,

Brian Casey  
Neighborhood Traffic Project Manager  
Transportation Department

Enclosures



### General Information

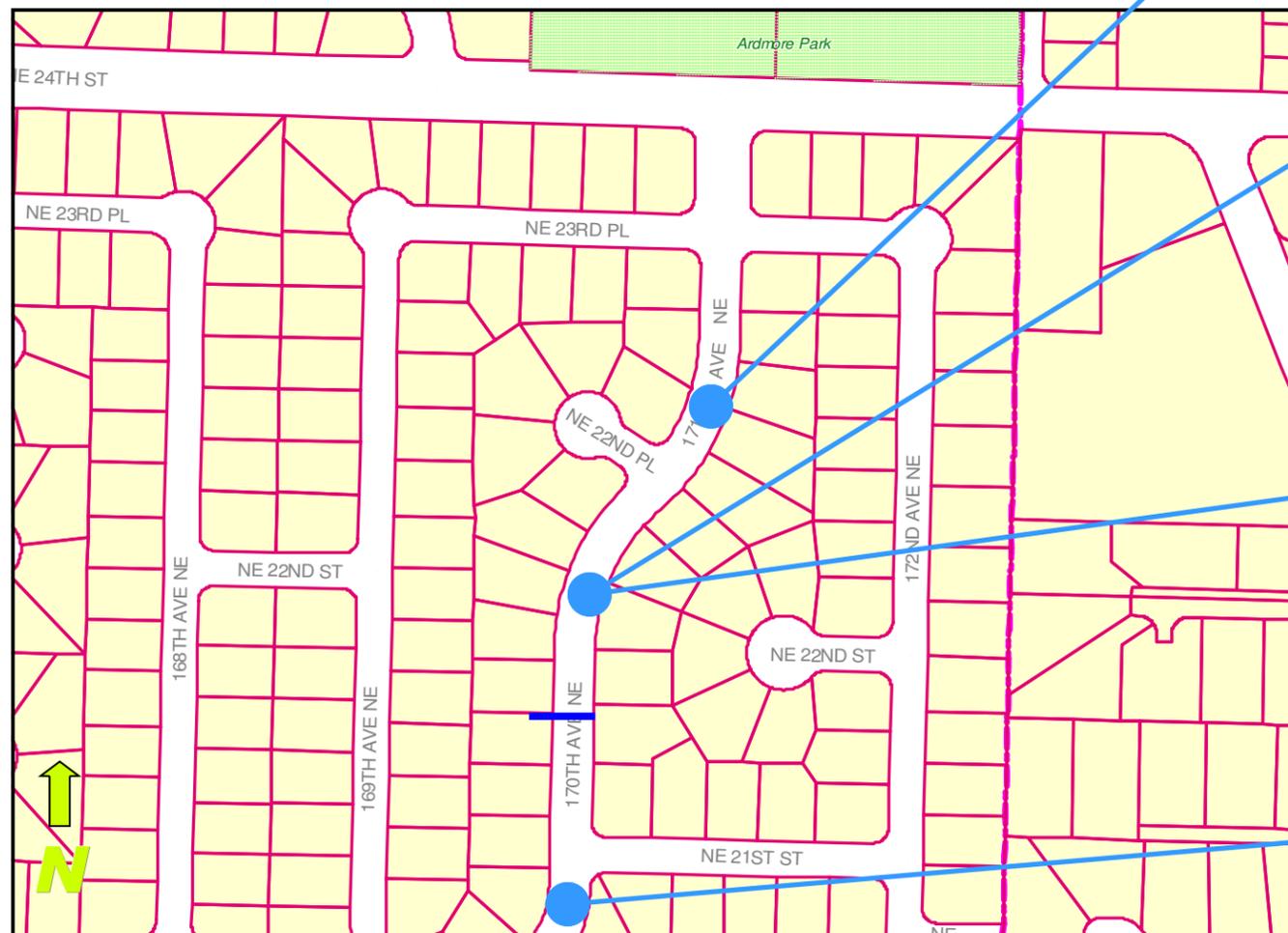
#### Speed Study

Street	Date Conducted	Traffic Volume Recorded	Speed Study	Speed Study	Average Speed
170th Ave NE	10/28/09	298 Vehicles (24 Hrs)	26 MPH* Northbound	26 MPH* Southbound	21 MPH

\*85% of motorists were recorded traveling at or below this speed.

#### Legend

— Location of study



### Recommendations



171st PI NE Facing North



170th Ave NE Facing South



170th Ave NE Facing North



170th Ave NE Facing North

**Radar Dolly**—We have a portable radar sign on a dolly residents can borrow and place on their street for up to two weeks. This unit gives motorists feedback on the speed at which they are driving, encouraging them to obey the speed limit.



Radar Dolly

**Neighborhood Speed Watch**—One of the ways you can help to address periodic speeders is by borrowing a radar unit and participating in our Neighborhood Speed Watch Program. Using the radar unit, you can record information about vehicles you observe traveling at or above 30 mph. From this information, we will locate the registered owners of the vehicles and send a letter to them asking for their cooperation in reducing their speed.

**Neighborhood Speed Reduction Program**—This neighborhood-sponsored program involves lending portable signs to the neighborhood for four months, encouraging motorists to respect the neighborhood, drive responsibly and drive 25 mph.



NSR Sign

Along with the signs, a neighborhood Pace Car program is organized with residents setting the pace for the motorists following them by driving 25 mph.

Please feel free to contact me if you feel your neighborhood would benefit from participating in the program or recommendations listed above.

