

**1. Laurel Ridge Traffic Calming Plan:**

- As with the other streets in our neighborhood, Laurel Ridge Dr does not qualify for anything other than speed tables through the County's "traffic calming program". Further the road is too steep to install any speed tables near the blind curve on Laurel Ridge Dr between Shetland and Mt Olive.
- Laurel Ridge Drive is moving forward with a tentative plan to install 5-7 speed tables between it's terminus at Mount Olive Dr and Shetland Dr. (There are currently no plans to include speed tables in the Laurel Ridge Drive cul-de-sac.)
- Because Larch Ln will need to be included in Laurel Ridge Drive's "impact zone", the County has suggested that we determine whether Larch Ln would be interested in having a speed table (or possibly two) on their street. Either way, they would be assessed the same \$25/yr fee as Laurel Ridge Dr residents.

**2. Mount Olive Traffic Calming Plan:**

- An update was also given regarding the status of Mount Olive Dr's traffic calming plan. The current preliminary plan calls for a total of 12 speed tables to be installed on Mount Olive at the following approximate locations: 3 between Laurel Ridge and N Druid Woods, 1 between N Druid Woods and Balsam, 1 between Balsam and Acacia, 1 between Acacia and Mistletoe, 1 between Larch and Ivy, 2 between Ivy and Laurel Ridge, 1 between Laurel Ridge and Blueberry, 2 between Blueberry and Harcourt.
- There was discussion of whether to reduce the Mt Olive traffic calming zone from Laurel Ridge (west) to Blueberry (instead of Laurel Ridge (west) to Harcourt). This would reduce the number of speed tables from 12 to 10, but it would also exclude 70 households (Blueberry Trl, Poinset Pl, and that section of Mount Olive) from the "impact zone", which would equate to fewer signatures to collect and fewer residents assessed a \$25/yr fee.

**3. DeKalb County Police Perspective:**

- Al Fowler, from the DeKalb County Police Department, also attended this meeting to respond to resident concerns about speeding, blind curves on Mt Olive and Laurel Ridge, and pedestrian/crosswalk safety.
- The North Central Precinct has one mobile digital speed limit sign which can be requested by neighborhoods for 1-2 weeks at a time to address speeding concerns. Mount Olive Dr has been added to the list at a resident's request. Other streets/locations can be added to the rotation if desired. This sign is shared between all neighborhoods in the North Central Precinct.
- It is the Police Department's position that speed tables are the "best" alternative for neighborhoods seeking to reduce their speeding, thru traffic volume, and overall street safety. Mr Fowler said that digital speed limit signs, bike lanes, center islands, no parking zones, and other alternatives do not work as well as speed tables.

**4. Odd and Ends:**

- The County was able to redo the traffic study for Wilson Woods Dr and that street DOES qualify for traffic calming. They will need to hold a public meeting and move through the same process as Mount Olive, Harcourt, and Laurel Ridge
- Discussion continued regarding the possible installation of "no left turn" signs during afternoon rush hour at Willivee and other entrances along N Druid Hills Rd. A similar "no right turn" sign was installed at Spring Creek Rd to address morning cut thru traffic and residents have been happy with the outcome.
- Discussion also continued regarding possible installation of "no parking" signs in the blind turns on Mount Olive and Laurel Ridge. LRSCA has agreed to facilitate this process after all other relevant traffic calming plans are finalized.
- If our neighborhood finds the temporary digital speed limit sign from DeKalb PD to be helpful, there is a process to allow LRSCA to privately purchase and install permanent digital speed limit signs. These signs range in price from \$1,000 to \$3,000 depending on size, programability, and other features.