

Mount Olive and Harcourt Traffic Calming

As you may have already heard, several streets in our neighborhood have opted to participate in DeKalb County's Traffic Calming Program (<https://www.dekalbcountyga.gov/transportation/traffic-calming-program>). Mount Olive Dr was the first of these streets to gain approval to participate, and they had their public interest meeting on Tuesday, May 7th. For those of you who were not able to attend, meeting highlights are outlined below:

1. Mount Olive residents have tentatively agreed to move forward with speed tables, as this was the only traffic calming option the road is eligible for.
2. Over the next few months, County traffic engineers will finalize their traffic calming plan for Mount Olive Dr, including specific speed table locations.
3. Any final traffic calming plan will require 65% homeowner approval. This includes homeowners on Mount Olive Dr and adjoining streets that would be directly impacted by traffic calming.

Also at this meeting, County traffic engineers were alerted to several other traffic related issues in our neighborhood. We also explored some options for reducing thru traffic which would be outside the scope of the County's official Traffic Calming Program. Some of these other discussion topics included:

1. Adding a sidewalk to the section of Mt Olive Dr that is currently without a sidewalk on either side of the road.
2. Adding a "no left turn 4pm to 6pm" sign to N Druid Hills Rd @ Willivee, to prevent entrance into our neighborhood from Willivee during that time period. This would not be restricted to "thru traffic" so even residents could be ticketed for making a left turn at that intersection during rush hour, and might necessitate similar signs at Arbordale and Laurel Hill roads.
3. Converting N Druid Woods @ Mt Olive Dr into an "all way" stop. (This had been previously recommended to the County by LRSCA as well.)
4. Adjusting traffic signal timing to make it easier to exit the neighborhood at Mistletoe Rd and Harcourt Dr.
5. Improving safety and traffic flow on N Druid Hills Rd; considering current congestion levels when approving new development projects (ie - North DeKalb Mall)

In addition to Mount Olive Dr, three other streets in our neighborhood are currently eligible or interested in pursuing traffic calming. These streets are Harcourt Dr, Laurel Ridge Dr, and Wilson Woods Dr. Harcourt Drive has scheduled its public interest meeting for Tuesday, May 28th at 10am, so you should see those signs going up in the neighborhood soon.

Please direct any questions or comments regarding neighborhood traffic calming efforts to Whitney McGinniss, LRSCA Board Member, at wlmcginniss@gmail.com or (404) 904-1254.