

307 E. Front St.  
Napoleon, OH 43545  
April 14, 1996

Mr. Jim Hershberger - Councilman  
929 Haley Ave.  
Napoleon, OH 43545

Dear Jim;

It is with a good deal of reluctance that I find myself writing this letter to you, as I generally prefer to not interfere in my neighbors' business. However when their actions adversely affect what I am trying to achieve through improvements to my property, I feel that action is warranted.

I am well aware that I do not live in one of the finer areas of the city. I do, however feel that there is no excuse for people, either out of ignorance or intentionally allowing their property to deteriorate, and trash to accumulate, to the point that they adversely affect the appearance of the entire neighborhood. Obviously this can have an adverse affect on property values as well.

First of all I want to make it clear that I have no problem with Brent Damman's performance when I have called with a complaint about one of my neighbors. In fact he is right now in the process of taking the necessary steps to get one of my neighbors to clean up their property.

My complaint is that for whatever reason, the city has been unable to successfully get removed three inoperable cars, one inoperable sport utility vehicle (which does not even have an engine), and one inoperable boat; all within view of my living room. I have brought this to Brent's attention several times and as far as I know he has forwarded the complaint to the appropriate party or parties.

The neighbors across the street have one car that has not moved since last summer, at least not on its own. Recently it was pushed to the end of the driveway where it has remained.

The next door neighbors at 233 E. Front moved into the house about four years ago and brought with them an inoperable boat (parked behind the garage) which has not moved since. About one year later the engine, which was subsequently removed, in their Blazer blew up and that vehicle has not moved since. Last summer their Pontiac Grand Am died and it was pushed behind the Blazer, never to move again. Shortly after Christmas, 1995 a Ford Taurus appeared in their drive, never to move again. Last summer they acquired a Mercury Cougar which, until recently had not moved. However, even though it is once again "driveable", nevertheless it (the Cougar) spends more time in the driveway with the hood up, and with parts hanging out of the engine compartment, than the car spends on the road.

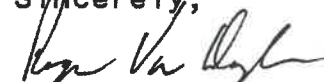
Along with myself there are others on this street who are very grateful to the city for the beautiful new street and sidewalks we have been provided. We are hoping that with the city's help, this



additional step to get some of our neighbors to clean up their act will further enhance the quality of life along East Front Street.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. In the meantime I would like to thank you in advance for any help you may be able to render in solving this problem.

Sincerely,



Roger Von Deylen

