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Dawn,

I'm asking that this email and attached photos, be included in an electronic "packet", or some method, for attendees to review during the Zoom meeting tomorrow with Chief Tuscan.

Snowboarders at Lafayette Park are consistently causing damage to Park property.

The specific area is adjacent to the building near the South side stairway.

Borders run from in the woods, over the boardwalk, and land on the steps or railings.

They shovel snow onto the walk and steps, packing it to a hard slippery mass.

They have damaged trees, the steps, and railings. They have cut trees in the woods to clear a path for their run. This activity started about ten years ago when new steps and railings were installed. Boarders at times have brought electrical generators, large flood lights, and professional looking video recording equipment, to capture the boarding.

Police have been notified multiple times every year for the past ten years to stop this damaging and dangerous activity. What has been done the last 10 years is not working, the boarders continue returning. It is often observed that the same individuals return after the police had them leave. It's time for another strategy

There is a simple and very inexpensive remedy to this problem. A fence panel, 6' x 8' in front of the pathway from the woods would be a barrier to the run. The fence could be matching in

design and materials to the existing adjacent fences at the garden area, and around the trash receptacle.

An onsite view by Park and Police officials could be informative and helpful. A simple remedy to stop the damaging of the stairs, railings, and environmental damage, is worthy of pursuit. The safety of pedestrians using the steps, along with the potential liability of boarders being injured, are important considerations. Police have more demanding use of their resources than continually dealing with these boarders.

The suggestion is a very inexpensive remedy. A reasonable goal would be to have this project completed in 2021 before the winter of 2021-2022.

Thank You,
Dennis Hoelscher (Resident)

