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Dear Suzy McWilliams and the HTOCA Board Members:

In an effort to provide positive and open communication and in light of the letters circulated within the neighborhood, MSNV has prepared the attached letter addressed to the Hillbrook/Tall Oaks neighbors. To-date the HTOCA Board has been very supportive in its efforts to facilitate communication between MSNV and the neighborhood at large. We feel it is important to directly write the neighbors. We want to ensure the status and nature of the possible expansion is understood and that our intentions are clear.

Our first effort to communicate with neighborhood regarding our possible expansion was at an April 2005 meeting between the MSNV and HTOCA boards. The second out-reach was to a slightly larger group encompassing close-by neighbors, as well as the board, who were invited for a traffic-focused meeting held at MSNV on June 14, 2006. While we felt those meetings were a good start to open communication regarding MSNV's schematic plans, letters circulated throughout the neighborhood have misconstrued what was said at the traffic meeting. One letter, in particular, was written prior to the June 14 meeting.

We feel it is important to address a few issues within the smaller circle of the HTOCA board and MSNV regarding some specific concerns raised by the neighbors. The most significant issue is the fact that there is the memory of a promise made, by MSNV during the 1993 SE process, to never expand. While impressions of what was promised in the past may remain, we feel it might be helpful to share the original letter that was sent to the HTOCA board at that time. Despite any facts we can present, we recognize that the only solution to this unfortunate impression is to be open and honest in our communications during the current process. We hope our early efforts prove our intentions for an open dialogue.

Secondly, as delineated in the attached letter, MSNV has no intention of pursuing traffic calming measures that are not deemed acceptable by the neighborhood. It is our hope that Hillbrook/Tall Oaks and MSNV representatives can work together to achieve viable, realistic solutions. If you would like to join in this dialogue, our next meeting regarding Traffic will be held November 16 at 7:00pm at the George Mason Regional Library.

MSNV operates within our current SE restrictions, which are numerous. Of specific concern is the impression that MSNV holds many evening events. Again, while presentation of facts may not change impressions, we abide by our development restrictions, which allow for very limited evening events – only 14 after hours meetings and 8 weekend activities per year. School-wide

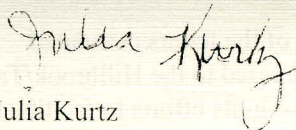
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events are carefully planned to occur within the restrictions of our current SE. A calendar delineating all school events is sent to the ten neighbors closest to MSNV, as required by our development conditions, and to the HTOCA Board president prior to the school year in July. We also send an updated calendar every time we make changes.

Finally, in an effort to openly distribute information about our process, we would like to inform you that we have applied for a Street Dedication Vacation on the eastern most side of our property. We are interested in clearing unnecessary restrictions from our land regardless of whether or not we expand at this site. Our adjacent neighbors will be receiving letters regarding the hearing. As well, there will be a sign posted on our property. This hearing has nothing to do with the potential Special Exception process that we would initiate if we were to expand. If you have any questions regarding this upcoming hearing, please feel free to contact me.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Cordially,



Julia Kurtz  
President, MSNV Board of Trustees