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Nashville Neighborhood Rallies Against Speeding Problem

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NASHVILLE, Tenn. - People in one Nashville neighborhood took to the streets to try and stop vehicles from speeding through their neighborhood.

People from the Caldwell Abbay Hall Neighborhood Association, also known as the "Zoo neighborhood," said speeding has been an issue throughout their neighborhood.

A group rallied near Norman Binkley Elementary School Friday afternoon to encourage drivers to slow down and obey the speed limit.

A Metro Police officer was also on hand monitoring drivers, and five drivers were given warnings for speeding during the rally.

Neighbors described the area as a place where families, pet owners, and retired individuals walk throughout the day. They said since many streets don't have sidewalks, the speeding cars that often cut through the neighborhood put residents in danger.

"We just ask people to respect our neighborhood," said Ellen Britton, a member of the Caldwell Abbay Hall Neighborhood Association. "We love sharing our neighborhood with anyone who wants to visit. We ask they respect the residential nature of our neighborhood and observe the speed limit."

Neighbors said the Caldwell Abbay Hall Neighborhood has been used frequently as a cut through for drivers attempting to bypass congestion on Harding Place, and it has offered an alternate route to Nolensville Pike.

"Our goal is to have a safe, welcoming neighborhood," said Tricia Frantz, President of the Caldwell Abbay Hall Neighborhood Association in a statement. "It is our responsibility to be proactive and create the community we want."

This was the third rally the group has scheduled to address this issue. Organizers said the first two rallies had a positive effect on the speed of vehicles driving through the area.

Another rally has been scheduled for Monday, September 12 at 7 a.m. at Danby Drive and Lynn Drive.

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