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## Hillcrest Drive residents get traffic to slow down, at least temporarily

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Orinda residents on Hillcrest Drive hold signs to encourage drivers to slow down. Photo Sora O'Doherty

a group of them have filed an application with the city of Orinda for traffic calming measures. The residents are requesting "no right turn during school hours" signs from both Martha and Overhill roads onto Hillcrest, with the exception of Hillcrest Drive residents. They would also like to see speed cushions, a school crosswalk at the intersection of Martha and Hillcrest, a speed limit of 15 mph as well as parking restrictions.

"This school year seems to be worse than others as we've seen several near-accidents of cars barely missing kids walking and riding their bikes to school," Sweeden said. "One Monday, we clocked more than 100 cars passing through Hillcrest Drive between 7:45 and 8:05 a.m., many (if not most), going well in excess of the speed limit," she added.

Residents plan to put postcards on cars that are illegally parked and to work with the Orinda police department to ticket those drivers who are breaking the law.

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