



## Memorandum

DATE: October 2, 2014

TO: Board of Public Works

FROM: Mark Radtke, Director of Public Works *MR*

RE: Request to Remove Parking along the West Side of DePere Street North and South of Fifth Street

The Police Department recently responded to a minor accident at the corner of Fifth Street and DePere Street. The investigation indicated a contributing factor in the crash was the limited sight distance due to vehicles parked on the west side of DePere Street. Parking is only allowed on the west side of the street in this vicinity and there is high demand for on street parking for St. John Church activities, including five scheduled weekly masses.

Officer Groeschel suggests the elimination of one parking stall on DePere Street both north and south of the existing crosswalks at the intersection. In reviewing the accident history at this intersection, there is not a high volume of crashes, but of the accidents that have occurred, a high percentage of them are right angle accidents which could imply a sight distance issue. Three of those involved left turns from eastbound vehicles on Fifth Street crashing with DePere Street vehicles, with two of those occurring since 2012 (not including the recently reported accident).

With the regular occurrence of parked vehicles along the west side of DePere Street in this location, and the three fairly recent right angle crashes that may have been caused by the lack of vision due to parked vehicles, there is basis to consider elimination of some parking at the intersection. *My recommendation is to conduct a 90 day trial period for the prohibition of parking along the west side of DePere Street 25 feet north and south of Fifth Street.*

Nearby property owners were notified of tonight's meeting.

Enclosure

**Mark Radtke**

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**From:** Christopher Groeschel  
**Sent:** Sunday, September 21, 2014 3:26 PM  
**To:** Tim Styka  
**Cc:** Tim Montour; Mark Radtke  
**Subject:** Parking issue on DePere Street between Fifth and Sixth Streets

Tim, & Tim

Cc Tim Montour

I know this may have been brought up in the past to either one of you, and it was brought up to me again today. I had a crash at DePere St. and Fifth St. with the parking on west side of DePere St. north of Fifth St. being a contributing factor. A parishioner of St. John's expressed concern about the difficulty of crossing DePere St. at Fifth St. after 4:00PM Saturday night mass and 9:00AM Sunday morning mass. This person mentioned a close call of a pedestrian getting struck by vehicle on Easter Vigil mass. Today's incident had driver heading east on Fifth St. and moving out from stop sign little by little with difficulty seeing around parked vehicles. Driver was able to stop, but southbound vehicle was unable to stop before low speed crash occurred.

This parishioner and persons involved in crash express the possibility of backing up the parking along west side of DePere St. in 500blk a full car length to assist in being able to see vehicles coming from the north heading south on DePere St. The parishioner asked if possible to have persons from the church place caution signs in middle of roadway to alert drivers of pedestrians in area (maybe similar to new one on Racine and Broad about crosswalk and pedestrian law). I directed her to alderpersons or engineering department of DPW to see if things could be implemented.

In looking at the intersection, it may be beneficial for elimination of approx. 15 ft more away from crosswalks on both north and south side of Fifth St. on west side of road. This would move the view area wider for possible clearer view. Maybe a sign stating "no parking from here to corner" in both areas. This would eliminate 2 parking spaces in area. Of course, an ordinance change would have to occur. I do not know if D.O.T. needs to be involved as it is a state highway, but I would leave this issue in engineering dept. hands.

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Tim Montour,

I know you have helped me with other intersections in city about number of crashes, would it be beneficial to look at stats for DePere St. for both Fifth St. and Sixth St. intersection? Any help would be appreciated.

Thank you both for your time,

**Officer Chris Groeschel**  
**CITY OF MENASHA POLICE DEPARTMENT**

Patrol Officer and Crisis Intervention Team

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## Mark Radtke

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**From:** road2oz@new.rr.com  
**Sent:** Monday, September 22, 2014 10:48 AM  
**To:** Mark Radtke  
**Subject:** 5th Street and DePere Street Intersection Concern

Good Mr. Radtke:

I am a parishioner of St. John Parish located on DePere and 5th Street in Menasha. Yesterday morning after leaving church around 10am, I witness a minor fender bender at the intersection of 5th street and DePere Streets. First of all I think that their needs to be something placed at that intersection to allow parishioners/pedestrians to walk safely across the road. Secondly, I think that their needs to be a no parking sign or something so that cars do not park so close so that cars can make a better judgment in regards to oncoming traffic. Last April, we almost had a parishioner hit at nighttime after our Easter vigil mass due to the traffic not stopping for pedestrians.

If you could please look into this situation and if need be contact the St. John/St. Mary's Business Manager, Steve Siegel(725-7714 x418), if you need further clarification as he is aware of both of these incidences.

Thank you  
Maribeth Knutson  
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Neenah, WI 54956  
(920)810-5501

# DETAILS OF ACCIDENT HISTORY

PERIOD STUDIED: FROM: TO:	0 MONTHS	ROUTE NUMBER/STREET NAME: Fifth St. LOCATION: at De Pere St. MUNICIPALITY: Menasha COUNTY: Winnebago REFERENCE MARKERS / NODES: -	CASE No. FILE: fifth_depere BY: cr DATE: 10/2/2014
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No.	DATE	TIME	# VEHICLES			SEVERITY	LIGHT	ROAD	SURFACE	WEATHER	CONTRIB. FACTORS	ACC. TYPE	ACCIDENT DESCRIPTION	KEY #
			1	2	3									
1	2/25/1994	10:56			PDO			5	4		RAN	(Friday)		
2	8/8/1994	13:27			PDO			1	2		RAN			
3	6/10/1995	10:21			INJ			2	2		LTRN			
4	6/10/1995	11:00			PDO			2	3		LTRN			
8	4/11/2000	7:45	2		N/R	1	1			80	Back	unit 1 backed into unit 2		
6	11/8/2000	14:02			PDO			1	1		RAN			
5	11/8/2000	14:02			PDO			1	1		RAN			
7	9/24/2001	11:26			INJ			1	2		LTRN			
9	2/1/2006	17:00	1		PDO	3	1	1	2	18	FixO	veh. 1 turned right and struck a fire hydrant, hit and run		
10	8/8/2007	8:08	2		PDO	1	1	1	1	7	Ltrn	veh 2 turned left in front of veh 1, veh 1 hit veh 2		
11	3/16/2008	1:05	2		N/R	4	1	1	1	2 13	Rend	veh 1 passed on right, veh 2 turned right		
12	1/19/2013	17:14	2		INJ	4	1	1	2	7 4 40	Ltrn	veh 1 made a left turn, hit NB veh 2 (Saturday)		
13	3/7/2013	11:50	2		PDO	1	1	1	1	4	Rend	veh 2 stopped for crossing children, veh 1 hit veh 2		
14	3/12/2014	18:01	2		PDO	1	1	1	1	7	Rang	veh 1 stopped at stop sign, then proceeded in front of veh 2 (Wednesday)		

# ACCIDENT SUMMARY SHEET

ROUTE: *Fifth St.*

LOCATION: *at De Pere St.*

MUNICIPALITY: *Menasha*

COUNTY: *Winnebago*

TIME PERIOD COVERED: -

REFERENCE MARKERS / NODES -

REMARKS: *All Accidents*

DATE: *10/2/2014*

TIME OF DAY	# ACC	%	DIRECTION	# ACC	%	DIRECTION	# ACC	
6 AM - 10 AM	2	14.3%	North	5	20.0%	Northeast	0	0.0%
10 AM - 4 PM	8	57.1%	South	10	40.0%	Northwest	1	4.0%
4 PM - 7 PM	3	21.4%	East	3	12.0%	Southeast	1	4.0%
7 PM - 12 AM	0	0.0%	West	4	16.0%	Southwest	1	4.0%
12 AM - 6 AM	1	7.1%	<b>Total</b>	<b>25</b>		Unspecified	0	0.0%
Unspecified	0	0.0%						
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>							

WEATHER	# ACC	%	ACCIDENT TYPE	# ACC	%	ACCIDENT TYPE	# ACC	
Clear	6	42.9%	Rear End	2	14.3%	Pedestrian	0	0.0%
Cloudy	5	35.7%	Overtake	0	0.0%	Bicycle	0	0.0%
Rain	1	7.1%	Right Angle	5	35.7%	Parked Vehicle	0	0.0%
Snow	1	7.1%	Left Turn	5	35.7%	Backing	1	7.1%
Sleet/Hail/Freezing Rain	0	0.0%	Right Turn	0	0.0%	Run Off The Road	0	0.0%
Fog/Smog/Smoke	0	0.0%	Fixed Object	1	7.1%	Animal	0	0.0%
Unspecified	1	7.1%	Head On	0	0.0%	Other	0	0.0%
			Sideswipe	0	0.0%	Unspecified	0	0.0%
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>				

SURFACE	# ACC	%	ACCIDENT SEVERITY	# ACC	%
Dry	10	71.4%	Fatal	0	0.0%
Wet	2	14.3%	Injury	3	21.4%
Mud/Slush	1	7.1%	Property Damage	9	64.3%
Snow/Ice	0	0.0%	Non-Reportable	2	14.3%
Unspecified	1	7.1%	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>				

TIME OF YEAR	# ACC	%	TYPE OF VEHICLE	# ACC	%
Winter (Dec-Feb)	3	21.4%	Passenger Cars	12	92.3%
Spring (Mar-May)	4	28.6%	Commercial Vehicles	1	7.7%
Summer (Jun-Aug)	4	28.6%	<b>Total</b>	<b>13</b>	
Fall (Sep-Nov)	3	21.4%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>				

DAY OF WEEK	# ACC	%	LIGHT CONDITION	# ACC	%
Sunday	1	7.1%	Daylight	4	28.6%
Monday	2	14.3%	Dawn/Dusk	1	7.1%
Tuesday	2	14.3%	Night	2	14.3%
Wednesday	4	28.6%	Unspecified	7	50.0%
Thursday	1	7.1%	<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>	
Friday	1	7.1%			
Saturday	3	21.4%			
<b>Total</b>	<b>14</b>				

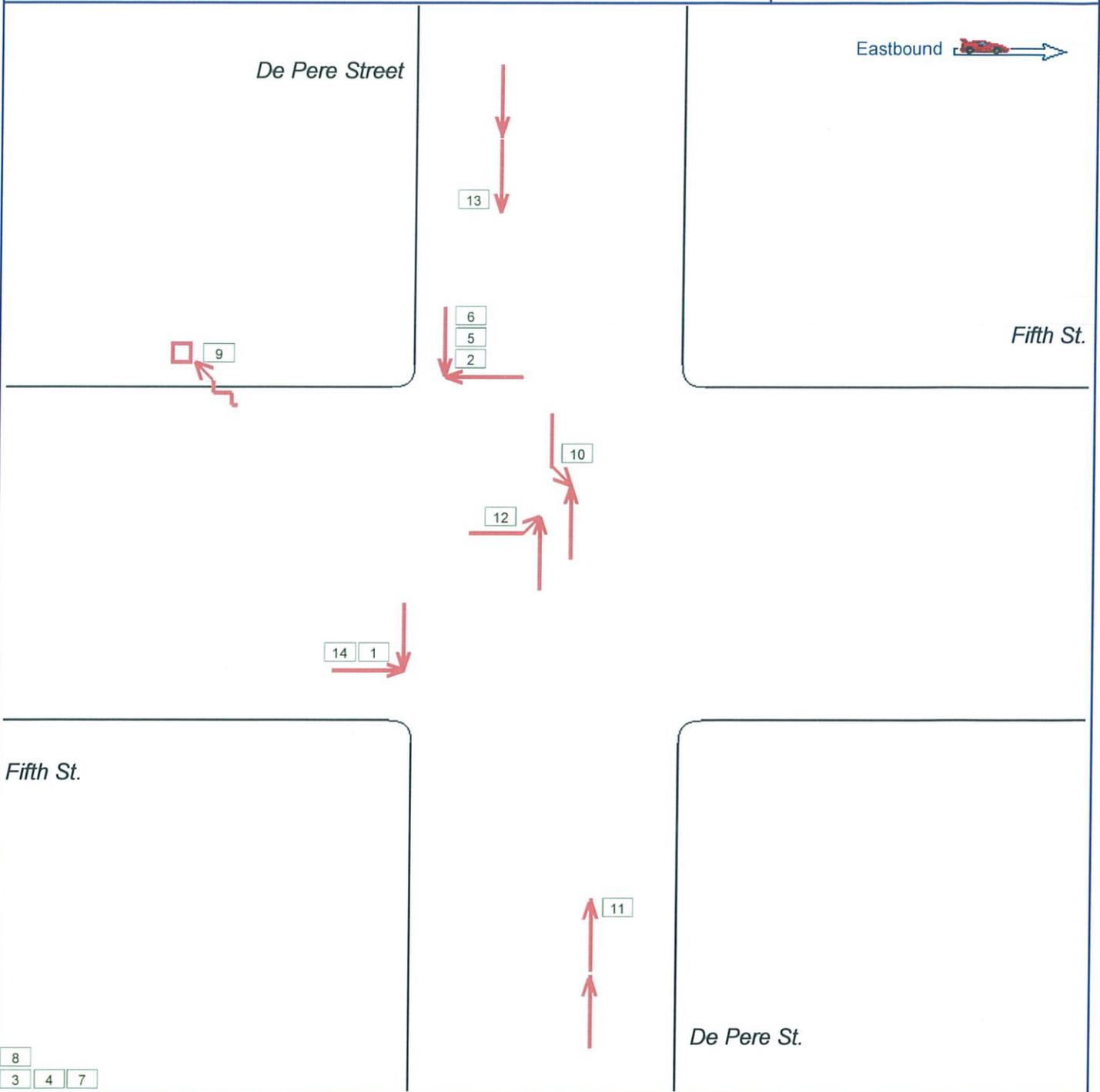
**SUMMARY OF ACCIDENT SEVERITY BY YEAR:**

Fatal Accidents	0
Injury Accidents	0
Property Damage Accidents	0
Non-Reportable Accidents	0
<b>Total Accidents</b>	<b>0</b>

# COLLISION DIAGRAM

Key Number = \_\_\_\_\_

MUNICIPALITY: <u>Menasha</u>	COUNTY: <u>Winnebago</u>	FILE: <u>fifth_depere</u>
INTERSECTION: <u>Fifth St.</u>		CASE #: _____
PERIOD: <u>0</u> YEARS <u>0</u> MONTHS	FROM _____ TO _____	BY: <u>cr</u> DATE: <u>10/2/2014</u>



SYMBOLS		MANNER OF COLLISION	
MOVING VEHICLE	<b>P</b> PEDESTRIAN	REAR END	HEAD ON
TURNING VEHICLE	<b>B</b> BICYCLIST	LEFT TURN	RIGHT TURN
BACKING VEHICLE	<b>A</b> ANIMAL	LEFT TURN	RIGHT TURN
PARKED VEHICLE	FIXED OBJECT	OVERTAKE	RIGHT ANGLE
RECORD NUMBER	Fatal	OUT OF CONTROL	SIDE SWIPE