

## Castlegate Apartment Development Access to 148<sup>th</sup>

Wilkes Community Group has no official position on this issue. However, it has been regularly discussed during meetings between September, 2014 and July, 2016.

Several Wilkes members feel that traffic safety demands that no new traffic enter from Castlegate onto 148<sup>th</sup> Ave. The hill<sup>1</sup> on 148<sup>th</sup> makes it impossible for drivers headed north to see autos pulling onto 148<sup>th</sup> from neighborhoods<sup>2</sup> along it. Since traffic normally moves north at higher-than-posted speeds, more cars entering onto 148<sup>th</sup> would make serious car crashes inevitable. 148<sup>th</sup> Avenue cannot be widened because of the narrow 1-84 and Union Pacific overpasses.

Argay Terrace has two streets<sup>3</sup> that currently dead end into that area, which is currently farmland. With Castlegate, those streets will be opened and connected to that development. The Argay Terrace Neighborhood Association would like them to remain closed. Some members of Wilkes board agreed.

The city's policy of "connectivity" requires that streets be open to traffic flow for transportation, emergency and safety purposes. Argay has actively lobbied for an exemption from that policy. Several Wilkes and condominium community members have met with PBOT to advice against it. They feel that the article in the February edition of the *Mid County Memo* is inaccurate and unfair to Kurt Krueger.

The matter is entirely for PBOT to decide. Neighborhood and homeowners associations can only express their opinions.

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<sup>1</sup> The crest of the hill is just south of the 148<sup>th</sup> PLACE entrance onto 148<sup>th</sup> AVENUE.

<sup>2</sup> Jasper Heights and River Cliff Estates condominiums.

<sup>3</sup> Morris Court and Rose Parkway

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