

Car Traffic and Parking at BIAC

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BIAC's Maple Street location, combined with common arrival and departure times for large groups, causes some issues with traffic flow and parking.

Safety is everyone's responsibility - Masters, Juniors and parents alike! Please do your part and adhere to the following traffic and parking guidelines.

Maple Street is used by many people who live and work past BIAC at Docketown or other businesses. Understandably, they get frustrated by having access to their homes blocked every day. I have witnessed frustrated drivers speed past the front of BIAC's gates, narrowly missing people crossing the street ("road rage" style). So please realize – **the parking situation is not just a hassle, it also creates a serious safety issue for us and our children.** We would all like to avoid losing anybody – so I'm asking your help.

To that end:

- **DO NOT STOP IN THE STREET in front of BIAC** to drop off/pickup. Pull completely off the street before stopping. There is a wider place next to the building and just past it where you can pull to the side to let people in or out - briefly!
- **DO NOT PARK IN THE STREET.** There is usually parking available around the corners to the north or south on Maple Street, please find a space if you need to park and wait. Parents - your kids will find you. And it's quicker than having to go to the hospital to find them.
- **DO NOT PARK ONLY HALFWAY OFF THE STREET.** Pulling only halfway off the street does not allow both lanes to flow, it's the same as parking in the street. Please pull all the way off the street when you park.
- **DO NOT MAKE A U-TURN JUST AFTER THE MAPLE ST CORNER.** It is a blind corner and people coming around can't see you. And it jams up traffic. Travel through to the Docketown end of Maple Street where there is a little more space and (carefully!) turn around there. This one applies to Masters groups trying to park, too!
- **CARPOOL** when possible.
- **PARENTS, TALK TO YOUR KIDS.** Emphasize as pedestrians they to keep their eyes open and away from their phones in this area. For those who can drive, emphasize their responsibility to use care in this crowded area.

BIAC's relationship with the community, and our ability to remain where we are, depends on us being reasonable neighbors. Please do your part to respect our neighbors and other user groups and let's use some common sense and manners to mitigate the traffic before and after practices.

Finally, if you see someone exhibiting the dangerous behaviors above, please help by *kindly and politely* reminding them that it worsens the traffic for all of us and to please find a better spot to park or turn around.

