

Keeping MBCA Streets Safe: Bike Safety and Neighborhood Guidelines

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Dear Neighbors,

With summer in full swing, it is wonderful to see so many families out enjoying the neighborhood and heading down to the beaches. Over the past 2 years we have noticed a significant increase in the use of e-bikes, scooters and standard bicycles, and with it, a rise in reckless riding and close calls. We are genuinely concerned that a child will become injured or worse if parents do not intervene **now** before it is too late!

To ensure everyone's safety, we are asking all parents to review the rules of the road with their children. Whether riding an e-bike or a standard bicycle, all riders must adhere to the following safety expectations:

1. Stop at all stop signs. Bicycles are considered vehicles and must follow the same traffic laws as cars, including yielding the right-of-way at intersections.

2. Yield to pedestrians. Please remind kids to slow down around walkers, especially around blind corners and near high-traffic areas like Oak Grove Beach and Dividing Beach.

3. Wear a helmet. Under Maryland law, helmets are strictly required for all bicycle and e-bike riders under the age of 16.

In addition, these types of vehicles should never be used on the sidewalk and are not allowed on the beaches or clubhouse grounds. Bikes/Scooters/etc should be parked on the gravel parking lots and never used on the grass or sand.

Please take a few minutes this week to have a serious conversation with your kids about riding safely and respecting their neighbors on the road. We want everyone to have a fun and safe summer!

Best regards,

Your MBCA Board of Directors

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