



# *City of New Bedford*

IN COMMITTEE

March 14, 2019

The Honorable City Council  
133 William Street  
New Bedford, MA 02740

Dear Honorable Members of the City Council:

The Committee on Public Safety & Neighborhoods at a Meeting held on Wednesday, February 27, 2019, considered a COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting letters from East Rodney French Boulevard residents detailing their concerns regarding problems surrounding the East Beach area. (Ref'd 4/12/18) (5/1/18-returned unsigned by the Mayor) (5/21/18-tabled 60 days)

On motion by Councillor Coelho and seconded by Councillor Abreu, the Committee VOTED: To recommend to the City Council to take "No Further Action" on the COMMUNICATION, Councillor Gomes, submitting letters from East Rodney French Boulevard residents detailing their concerns regarding problems surrounding the East Beach area. This motion passed on a voice vote.

IN COMMITTEE ON PUBLIC SAFETY &  
NEIGHBORHOODS

*Brian K. Gomes*

Councillor Brian K. Gomes, Chairman

BKG: dmb

Armando & Lucilia Estudante  
1157 East Rodney French Blvd  
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508 994 7991

Issues on East Rodney French Blvd.

To Whom It May Concern:

Issues at Hand:

- Lack of Police Surveillance in our neighborhood at night and during the day on summer days.
- Trash being left on the beach and in our yard.
- Drag Racing (cars, motorcycles, scooters) up and down East Rodney French Blvd.
- Day and night partying at the beach involving cursing, loud music, drinking and blatant drug use.
- Loud music on weeknights disturbing the elderly and working taxpayers in the neighborhood.
- Dog feces not being picked up by dog owners.
- People from out of town claiming our local beaches and polluting them with trash.
- People setting up camps early AM and laying claim to the spot for entire summer with jets skis and boats beaching up and speeding leaving broken glass, diapers, broken foam coolers etc.
- Residential Parking being taken to avoid paying for parking in City Lots.

Possible Solutions

- More Police presence: Police should patrol the area more diligently on bicycle or on foot so they can be more engaged in their surroundings. Cruising by on police cars doesn't work.
- Relocate Volleyball nets further south in front of the parking lots on East Rodney French Blvd.
- Implementation of Beach use permits for New Bedford residents only.
- Implementation of Residential Parking zones and distribution of Permits that allow residents to park in their own neighborhoods. Citations if people park without a permit.

Sincerely yours,

*Armando & Lucilia Estudante*

# East Rodney Beach Issues

Thomas & Frances Kearns

14 Nina Street

To whom it may concern:

Issues:

- Drag racing ( Cars )
- Drag Racing ( Scooters )
- Trash being left on beach ( Not enough containers& no surveillance on blatant offenders )
- Drug use at night.
- People setting up camps early AM and laying claim to the spot for entire summer with jets skis and boats beaching up and speeding leaving broken glass, diapers, broken foam coolers etc.
- People parking in front of house using drugs and drinking at night and throwing trash on lawn.
- Loud music on weeknights.
- Cursing and foul language.
- Dogs not being picked up after.

## Possible solutions:

- Police need to be present **at all times** on **foot,**  
**Bicycle, roller blade, etc** to curb these issues.
- **Not** riding around in cruisers totally detached from what is going on at street level.
- Move volleyball courts to non residential parking lot area's

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Begin forwarded message:

**From:** Jeffrey Ramos <jramosmbta@gmail.com (mailto:jramosmbta@gmail.com)>**Date:** February 22, 2018 at 3:01:54 AM EST**To:** barrywsylvia@gmail.com (mailto:barrywsylvia@gmail.com)**Subject:** Re: East Rodney Beach Issues.docx

On Feb 22, 2018 2:43 PM, "Jeffrey Ramos" <jramosmbta@gmail.com (mailto:jramosmbta@gmail.com)> wrote:

To whom it may concern. My name is Jeffrey Ramos. I live at 18 seavelw terrace. I am writing this letter to ask for your consideration in moving the volleyball net to the south towards the fort. Perhaps in front of the parking lot where residents would not be bothered by the late night noises by some of the unruly people. I just looking for a good alternative for everyone. Thank you for your time. From Jeffrey Ramos

On Feb 22, 2018 2:30 PM, "Jeffrey Ramos" <jramosmbta@gmail.com (mailto:jramosmbta@gmail.com)> wrote:

Yes, will do.

On Feb 20, 2018 2:50 AM, <barrywsylvia@gmail.com (mailto:barrywsylvia@gmail.com)> wrote:

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On Mar 11, 2018, at 8:17 PM, Harvey Kertzman <[quincy.transport@hotmail.com](mailto:quincy.transport@hotmail.com)  
(<mailto:quincy.transport@hotmail.com>)> wrote:

To who it may concern::: I moved to east Rodney French Blvd 5 years ago ..It is probably the most beautiful street in New England...the first year we were here all was perfect...then like a PLAGUE the loud boisterous profane party's and indecent behavior and very heavy drinking and lots of pot has become a daily occurrence during the summer..The motorcycles and cars race 70-80 MPH all day and night..it's a miracle that no one has gotten killed..I take that back, 2 years ago a man drowned while being towed on a pool type raft..the ocean antics with jet skis is absolute insanity..the noise is so loud at night we can hardly sleep..I am still in love with this street , but please if there is any way you can help those of us who just want peace and quiet , I would be forever GREATFULL..ps.4th of July is out of hand..last year several fires were started and luckily we put them out in time before there was major damage.....thank you Harvey Kertzman 1147 East Rodney French blvd..

On Mar 11, 2018, at 7:13 PM, "barrywsvylvia@gmail.com (<mailto:barrywsvylvia@gmail.com>)"  
<[barrywsvylvia@gmail.com](mailto:barrywsvylvia@gmail.com) (<mailto:barrywsvylvia@gmail.com>)> wrote:

Just waiting on the new guy from Quincy !!!  
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(<mailto:barrywsvylvia@gmail.com>)>, Lee <[wlide11@comcast.net](mailto:wlide11@comcast.net) (<mailto:wlide11@comcast.net>)>  
**Subject:** Letter  
**Reply-To:** louise bishop <[bishop59beads@yahoo.com](mailto:bishop59beads@yahoo.com) (<mailto:bishop59beads@yahoo.com>)>

Here it is hopefully

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3/11/2018

John & Lucy Regan  
1169 East Rodney French Blvd  
New Bedford, Ma 02744  
508 993 7117

Dear Ladies/Gentlemen:

We write in support with our fellow petitioning neighbors (and along with those whom privately share the same concerns) regarding several issues affecting the quality of life in our neighborhood. Personally, in the last two years, we have had individuals shooting a rap video on our doorsteps at 6:00 am, individuals participating in a "photo shoot" on our property, an individual attempting an illegal entry of our home, and most recently, an individual peering through our windows (voyeurism.) Those were just the instances we have reported to police. We have also endured litter such as liquor bottles, beer bottles, fast food wrappers, pizza boxes, feminine hygiene products, soiled diapers, condoms, feces (of an undetermined origin), on, or impinging on the property.

We have witnessed lewd and lascivious acts (including solicitation) along the seawall on the east side of East Rodney French Blvd. (East Rodney), drug use, drug sales, littering along the seawall, Monkey Island, and East Beach, drag racing along East Rodney, non-street legal vehicles (quads) racing along East Rodney, open alcohol containers in public spaces, hypodermic needles, illegal parking along the east side and west side of East Rodney. We have also endured displays of public intoxication, foul stench of cannabis, verbal and physical fighting, overnight beach parties, loud vulgar music (especially at night). Our wives, daughters, partners have suffered catcalling, solicitations, and other displays aforementioned.

Such are our concerns as to what infringes on our right to the quiet enjoyment of our own property and community at large.

We are of the opinion that many of these issues would be mitigated with some common sense approaches such as:

- Increased police (blue light, slow roll) visibility and beat patrols along the seawall, Monkey Island, and East Beach
- Greater enforcement of parking restrictions, MV moving violations, open liquor container ordinances
- Implementation of East Beach use permits for New Bedford residents only
- Relocate the volleyball nets further south on the beach (across from the southernmost parking lot)
- "No Parking Any Time" all year round implemented on the west side of East Rodney
- "No Parking Anytime May-October" and "No Parking Between Dusk-Dawn November-April" implemented on the east side of East Rodney
- Permit Restricted Residential Only parking zones on Seaview Terrace, Nina St, Freedom Blvd, Ricketson St

Sincerely,  
John Regan  
Lucy M. Regan

Issues with Noise, Etc. on East Rodney French Blvd.

Carlos & Maria Vinagre

3 Nina Street

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Filipe Andre

3 Nina Street

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Warren L. Ide  
Louise A. Bishop  
10 Nina St.  
New Bedford, MA 02744

To Whom It May Concern,

**Regarding Issues of Noise and Activities at East Beach after 10PM**

As a resident of the South End and a payer of high property taxes for the last 25 years, we strongly feel these issues must be addressed as a matter of public safety and maintaining a standard of living we want in our neighborhood.

- Especially during the Summer months there is very loud and dangerous drag racing on East Rodney French Blvd in front of our home.
- There is late night drinking, partying, arguing etc. on the beach.
- Foul language and very loud music is disturbing to us and especially to our grandchildren who are frequent guests.
- Volley ball is played well into the early morning.
- Trash such as beer bottles and garbage is left on the beach and frequently on our lawn.
- Arguments and intoxication between friends or girlfriends due to intoxication is usually offensive, loud and disturbing to this otherwise peaceful neighborhood..
- With all this activity in our neighborhood there is an increase in theft of property for homes, cars being broken into and other unlawful activity.

We hope a solution to these ongoing issues can be found in the very near future.

Thank you!

Warren L. Ide , retired Fire Chief, City of New Bedford  
Louise A. Bishop, retired School Adjustment Counselor, City of New Bedford

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**From:** David Oliveira <dmo214@aol.com (mailto:dmo214@aol.com)>**Date:** March 2, 2018 at 8:41:23 PM EST**To:** barrywysylvia@gmail.com (mailto:barrywysylvia@gmail.com)

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David Oliveira  
29 Nina Street  
New Bedford, Ma 02744

To Whom It May Concern:

Addressing issue on East Beach

Continuos yelling and fowl language.

Drag racing all hours of night.

Playing volleyball until 2-3 in the morning.

Parking on grass on both in front and side of house.

Leaving beer bottles and garbage in yard.

Arguments between friends or girlfriends due to intoxication.

With all this activity in neighboring it has increased the stealing of personal property, cars being broken in to and other unlawful activity.

As a resident of The south end of New Bedford an a payer of high taxes for close to forty years, I feel this issue have to be addressed.

A lot more police presance.

Moving volleyball court further south toward fort.

Tougher penalties for offenders.

Permit parking for residents.

David Oliveira  
Cathy Oliveira  
Justin Oliveira  
Brittany Oliveira

Sent from my iPhone

Robert and Joanne Viveiros  
1177 East Rodney French Blvd.  
New Bedford, MA 02744

To Whom It May Concern:

The following ongoing problems on East Rodney French Blvd. are primarily from April to September with daily problems during the summer months. It has become unbearable on most sunny, warm days to sit outside without constantly being disturbed throughout the course of daylight hours and many times after dark.

- Noise. Just about every single day we are bombarded with people blasting music from their vehicles. Several times it was so bad our windows were rattling inside the house.
- Foul language. Again this happens practically every day. I have had relatives visiting that were horrified at this and had to go indoors so they did not have to be exposed to this.
- Drinking, drug use, and drug dealing. This is frequently done right out in the open even though we are in full view of those doing it. They also urinate behind the wall and behind the trees and bushes that are on the beach in front of our property. They use the bushes that are on the beach to hide where they can shoot up. We walk on the beach in front of our property and find used hypodermic needles.
- Speeding. East Rodney French Blvd. has become a drag strip for vehicles, motorcycles, and scooters all summer long.
- Parking. Vehicles are parked illegally the entire length of East Rodney French Blvd. This is obviously to avoid having a sticker or to pay to park in the beach parking lot. Vehicles constantly park on the side streets to avoid parking on East Rodney French Blvd. Some have parked partly on our lawn or in front of our and our neighbors' mailboxes.

From Fort Rodman to the first single family home at the corner of Portland St., there are five "No Parking May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>" signs which are all in front of the East Beach parking lots. From here all the way to Brittany Dye, there are signs stating "No Parking May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to 6pm" on both sides of the street, and there is one sign in front of our property that says "No Parking 9am to 9pm". In contrast, West Rodney French Blvd. has "No Parking May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 15<sup>th</sup>" signs the entire length of both sides where there are single family homes. The reason they were put there is quite obvious; for residents to not be disturbed from the parking and the noise. It should be the same on East Rodney French Blvd.

This past summer we witnessed on a few occasions, police or parking enforcement officers stop and ticket illegally parked vehicles. We actually applauded them and thanked them for doing this. A few of these times we heard people argue with police and

parking enforcement officers that they have never been ticketed in the past for parking in these no parking zones.

The solution to all of these problems is quite simple.

- Change the present "No Parking from May 15<sup>th</sup> to Sept. 15<sup>th</sup> 9am to 6pm" signs to "No Parking Any Time"
- Add "Resident Only Parking" signs on side streets
- Strict enforcement of the laws

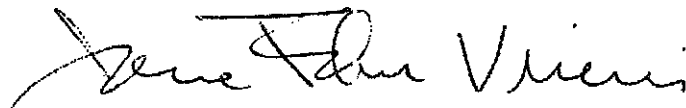
We are quite sure all the citizens of this neighborhood understand the resources of the Police Department are stretched quite thin, and there are many more serious crimes to respond to and deal with, however, these problems must also be dealt with.

Once people know they will get ticketed, they will no longer illegally park. Eventually tickets will only have to be issued on rare occasions. Illegal parking has caused all of the above complaints to escalate each year. The residents of this neighborhood pay some of the highest taxes in the city due to our location. All we ask for is the quality of life that we expected when we moved here.

Before I retired, my motto with my supervisory staff employees was "deal with the small problems so they do not turn into big problems."



Robert J. Viveiros



Joanne Florek Viveiros

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Adopted.

Presented to the Mayor for Approval April 17, 2018.

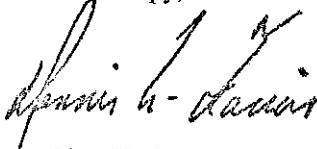
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IN CITY COUNCIL, April 12, 2018

Dennis W. Farias, City Clerk

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a true copy, attest:



City Clerk