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In light of the recent discussions and speculation surrounding the incident that occurred on Walnut Way, we would like to respectfully share our perspective in the interest of transparency, accuracy, and open communication.

On Tuesday, a young resident—unaccompanied at the time—was observed ringing doorbells along the upper section of Walnut Way (between 61-55) and then riding downhill at a high speed. During this, he collided with our vehicle, which was slowly reversing out of our driveway at 37 Walnut Way.

Our immediate concern was the child's well-being. We checked on him, [cleaned] a wound, and personally accompanied him home. We also informed his mother right away about what had happened.

Later, after the child developed some bruising, the family contacted emergency services. In response, an ambulance, fire truck, and police officer arrived at the scene. The officer came to our home, reviewed the circumstances of the incident, and while on our driveway, observed other children riding unsafely. He advised them directly to slow down and wear helmets.

When we asked about any formal procedures or actions we needed to take, the officer assured us that there was no cause for concern. He explained that such incidents can happen in any neighborhood and emphasized the importance of simply checking in on the child—which we have continued to do

For clarity:

- No ticket or citation was issued.
- No case has been filed or is under investigation.
- Neither family has received any formal communication suggesting otherwise.

We are sharing this message to address some of the inaccurate or incomplete information circulating in emails and WhatsApp groups.

Our goal is to maintain a respectful and responsible dialogue within our community. It's also important to be mindful of how we describe such incidents.

While it may be easy to say the child was hit by a car, in this case, "collision" is a more accurate and neutral term that better reflects what occurred.

Unfortunately, couple community members have given the verdict on WhatsApp group that fault lies entirely with the driver, without knowing the full context and not witnessing the incident, but just taking their stand based on the messages from people on HOA board in WhatsApp groups and email update from HOA

We would appreciate it if the HOA could issue a [clarification] regarding the incident, specifically reflecting the information provided by witnesses — that the child involved was racing on a bike at a high speed at the time of the collision (not hit by a car

Thanks & Regards,
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