



**TRANSPORTATION ADVISORY COMMITTEE**

Arlington Planning Department, 730 Mass Ave,  
Arlington MA, c/o Laura Wiener

**To:** Board of Selectmen, Arlington, Mass  
**From:** Transportation Advisory Committee (TAC)  
**Subject:** Hardy School: School Zone and Parking Changes  
**Date:** 14 July 2011

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With the Thompson School rebuild underway, the number of students attending Hardy School will increase significantly in the Fall of 2011. To manage the expected increase in traffic, to provide a remote drop-off area, to accommodate additional faculty/staff parking, and to improve safety near the school, the following changes were developed jointly with the school and are unanimously recommended by TAC. We thank Hardy School Principal Deb D’Amico for her leadership in this effort.

1. Establish a legal school zone, with 20 mph speed limit, around the school
2. Changes in on-street parking regulations, as detailed below

Location	Change	Reason
South side Mass Ave between Chandler and Egerton (except for existing handicapped space)	No parking, drop-off only 7:45 – 8:15 AM Mon. – Fri. Sept. - June	Establish a remote drop-off zone. Parking restriction only applies at times when adjacent businesses are closed and parking demand is light.
North side of Brooks Avenue, extending 50’ easterly from Chandler	No parking 7:45 – 8:45 AM, 1:45 – 2:45 PM When school is in session	Improve mobility and visibility at the Brooks / Chandler intersection
Unpaved municipal lot at Lake Street and the bike path. (9 spaces)	Parking by permit <sup>1</sup> only, Monday-Friday	Establish an overflow lot for school staff, to minimize overflow parking in the neighborhood.
East Arlington residential streets	Provide permits <sup>1</sup> to exempt from the 2 hour limit (no signage needed)	Some additional parking may be needed for school staff. Rather than designating one street, staff members will be encouraged to park in on a number of streets, to avoid excessive concentration of parked vehicles on one street.

Respectfully submitted,

Scott Smith – Working Group Lead  
 Jeff Maxtutis– TAC Co-Chair

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<sup>1</sup> The design of the permit will be coordinated with the Police Department

# Background Information

## Planned Drop Off Policy

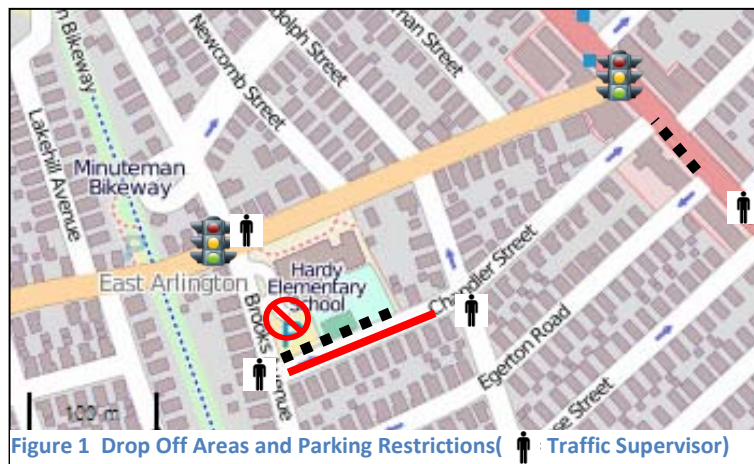
**The school parking lot is for staff only between the hours of 7:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Do not enter the parking lot during these hours.**

There are two zones for automobile drop-off. No parking is allowed in these areas between 7:45 and 8:15 AM. If you wish to stay in the playground with your child until the 8:10 bell, park on a nearby street and walk.

- Chandler Street Drop Off Zone is from Brooks Avenue intersection to the end of the playground fence along the left side. This area is for pull-up and drop-off only. The right side of Chandler is a designated travel zone for Drop Off traffic to enter and leave. Please have your child exit from the LEFT side of the car.
- Mass. Ave. Drop Off Zone is between Chandler Street and Egerton Road, by Cambridge Savings Bank. Please have your child exit from the RIGHT side of the car. The walking route from there to the school is down the east side of Chandler Street to Herbert Road, cross Herbert/Chandler with the traffic supervisor, and then continue to the school.

### Drop Off Areas (Dotted Lines in Figure 1)

1. Students assemble in playground by Chandler Street
2. Only school staff vehicles are permitted in driveway or parking lot off of Brooks Avenue
3. Dotted lines indicate the drop off zones on Chandler (by the playground) and Mass Ave. (between Chandler and Egerton)
4. No parking at all on the right side of Chandler (red line on map)



## Abutter Notification

On July 1 the following letter was sent to:

Kostas Koulouris, 96 Chandler St.  
Cambridge Savings Bank 188 Mass Ave  
Infinity Creations 180 Mass Ave  
Le Mirage 180 Mass Ave  
Arlington Vision Center 180 Mass Ave  
Leader Loan Servicing 180 Mass Ave

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July 1, 2011

Dear Neighbor,

As you may know, with the Thompson School rebuild underway, the number of students attending Hardy School will increase significantly in the Fall of 2011. To manage the expected increase in traffic, and to improve safety near the school, the following parking restrictions may be proposed. You are receiving this letter because one of these changes abuts your property.

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We expect that these changes will be discussed and possibly voted at the following public meetings. You are welcome to attend and be heard at either of these meetings:

- Transportation Advisory Committee, Wednesday July 13<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM in Town Hall Annex, second floor conference room
- Board of Selectmen, Monday July 18<sup>th</sup>, 7:15 PM in the Selectmen's meeting room, Town Hall

Agendas for both meetings will be available 2 days before the meeting at the town website [www.arlingtonma.gov](http://www.arlingtonma.gov). If you have any questions, please contact the school at 781 316-3781.

Thank you.

Deb D'Amico

Principal, Hardy School

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## Other Changes

A number of other changes, which don't require a vote of the Board of Selectmen, are planned:

- a. In addition to the existing traffic supervisors at Herbert/Chandler and Lake/Brooks, two other traffic supervisors are planned: Brooks / Chandler and Mass Ave / Marathon. (The closure of Thompson School makes two supervisors available.)
- b. A number of walking and cycling routes are being established.
- c. Pedestrian clearance intervals (flashing don't walk) at Mass/Foster/Linwood and at Mass/Lake will be lengthened to meet current standards in the Manual on Uniform Traffic Control Devices (MUTCD). This is being coordinated with DPW.
- d. Snow removal will need to be provided at both current and new drop off areas, and at the overflow lot.

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