It has been a few months since traffic volume, speed and density on Winfield Road have been discussed.

Our Winfield Road neighbors all agree - something needs to be done. We need to stop the18-wheelers from rumbling by applying their air brakes and horns and emitting diesel exhaust. The speed limit needs to be lowered significantly to increase safety and lessen the noise.

On any given weekday, the average semi-truck traffic passing by each hour is over 75 trucks. Last night at 7:30 pm, while outside with my dogs, I counted 9 semis passing by in 5 minutes. Along with the obvious speed limit concerns, the air quality is being compromised. Exhaust fumes not only fill our yards but if windows are open at all, the fumes enter the houses.

As the weather is improving the street racing has started up again. This includes cars as well as motorcycles. The drivers can see a clear stretch of road and they accelerate to take advantage of that. Not only does this racing cause unnecessary traffic noise but it is very dangerous. Law enforcement is nonexistent.

Upon researching recommended decibel limits, I found that the World Health Organization recommends the average noise exposure to road traffic should be no louder than 53 decibels during the day and no more than 45 decibels at night. I personally recorded a range of decibels from 79-110. This is unacceptable, especially for a residential area.

The 30+ year old wooden stockade fence in our backyards is breaking apart and warping in numerous areas.

I am currently in contact with the Illinois EPA, the Illinois Public Health Department and the Illinois Pollution Control Board's Environmental Regulators to address the air quality and noise pollution along Winfield Road between Roosevelt Road to the north and Mack Road to the south.

Can you let me know if any traffic studies were conducted and if so, what did the data indicate? Has there been any discussion of a sound barrier wall replacing the rotting wooden fencing?

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