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Dear Neighbor,

Parking has long been a problem subject in Teaneck. Holy Name Medical Center especially has struggled with this issue as we've continued to grow and need to meet the needs of our patients and their families. Over the years, we have explored options from building parking garage(s) on our own or in partnership with New Jersey Transit in addition to expanding surface parking where feasible. Structured parking like garages has become very expensive, costing roughly \$30,000 per space, where surface parking can be achieved for significantly less, about \$3,000 per space. Cost is one factor, access for patients is another. The hospital's Emergency Room, Cancer Center and MS Center have all grown in recent years and these services among others are located in the rear and require direct access.

Street parking around the hospital is creating difficulties for many neighbors. Holy Name, being very conscious of our mandate to be an understanding and supporting neighbor instituted a No Street Parking Policy for all our employees and contractors several years ago. We currently have over 300 employees parking at the Glenpointe and we are shuttling these employees from the Glenpointe to the hospital. We have also instructed all employees not to use the Township streets to park their vehicles. Hospital employees found in violation of this policy have been disciplined and even terminated.

To accommodate our growing patient population, Holy Name expanded valet parking in both the front and rear of the hospital. In order to make the valet service more functional in the rear of the hospital we expanded a gravel parking lot on property we own and buffered most of it with evergreen trees.

Unfortunately, some of your neighbors on Grange Road have been fighting this temporary solution. As a result of those complaints, we have received a citation from the Township and are scheduled to appear in court on January 9th. At that time, it is possible that this temporary parking solution will be found to be improper by the court, even though we contend it is not. With no other alternative available, such a determination would result in the spillage of vehicles onto the streets by employees and others. In times of high volume, our patients would be forced to park on residential streets, having exhausted all available spots on our property.

We hope that Holy Name's temporary solution will be able to continue, in advance of our permanent parking solution. We will be submitting a plan to the Township on January 6 for a surface lot with attractive perimeter landscaping on our own property, which will provide a long term parking solution. If not, we anticipate that the outcome will exacerbate the parking problem that exists in Teaneck.

If you agree with us, we urge you to contact the Town Council and building officials to let them know you endorse Holy Name and its efforts to reduce on street parking in the neighborhood.

Sincerely,

Michael Maron
President & CEO