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John Loffredo
Commissioner
Erie County Department of Public Works
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Dear Mr. Loffredo

I write as a resident of Hamburg to complain about the deplorable condition your department maintains on the McKinley Park median. By my count, the unsightly high grass and weeds on the median were mowed two times this summer, once after a telephone complaint to the individual in charge of South Towns maintenance and the other, as in past years, just before the Erie County Fair.

The condition shows up even more sharply when compared to the sections of the median mowed by adjacent homeowners. This problem has existed for the 18 years I have lived in Hamburg. Three years ago, after calling to urge mowing, we were told the department did not have the proper equipment for mowing the median, or the manpower. After an appeal to County Legislator Lynne Dixon, we were informed sufficient funds were allotted to the department two years ago to rectify the problem.

This year, our calls to urge mowing were met by a variety of excuses: priority for work elsewhere, broken machinery; illness on the part of the employee who "made it his job" to mow the median last year. I understand the need to manage equipment and manpower efficiently, but it is incomprehensible that a median thousands of motorists pass by remains in such deplorable condition throughout the spring, summer and fall.

Sincerely,

Lee Coppola
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cc/Legislator Lynne Dixon

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