

Att: Linda Bernard

September 2, 2003

184 Virginia Street  
Portland, Maine 04103

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RESPONSE

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161 Virginia St

Dear Cheryl:

It seems there are so many issues I would like your opinion on, I should ask for a conference time. I will try to be succinct and ask you indulgence if I am long in going over the main points.

First, I have contacted the City Park Department three times by letter and telephone regarding the lot next to me which incorporates the walking trail through Pinegrove Park. It has several dead trees and a number of dead tree swinging limbs. Last year several limbs and one whole tree fell on my property and my call asking the City to remove them went unheeded. My "elves" came to mow and got rid of the ones on the lawn. The ones leaning on the fence are still there. There is a tree with dead limbs now hanging over my fence which will no doubt land on my back yard this winter. Since the city owns this land, shouldn't it be responsible for its care?

Second, I would like to know what the zoning for this immediate area allows. The man who lives across from me, Mr. Fridman, a good neighbor personally, has a limo/van/taxi business with approximately six vehicles coming and going. Seven times this summer [since the middle of June] a car alarm has gone off on one of the vehicles in the middle of the night, the early hours of morning, and occasionally in the daytime. Sometimes he resets it and it goes off again within ten minutes. I don't think this is an appropriate business for this primarily residential area, but if it is multiply zoned and he is legal, what can we do about the disturbance of the car alarms? With so many cars on the property it seems inevitable it will continue to happen.

And third, I received the enclosed in the mail last week and the label looks remarkably like the City of Portland tax roll label. Is the city selling the mailing addresses to private enterprise, and if so, is there any way we can request a "do not sell" as some mail order houses make available? I have my share of junk mail coming in without adding to it. It seems we just get rid of one nuisance when another crops up.

I apologize for what may seem like a lot of "gripes". I thought it better to write them all at once rather than one by one. I know you are always busy and will not expect miracles. Well, maybe just a few!

As always, appreciative of your dedication to Portland,

*Janie Martin*

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