

## Thomas Harrigan

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**From:** Village President Neil Palmer  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 3:15 PM  
**To:** Thomas Harrigan  
**Subject:** FW: ....Elm Grove Building Project

Tom,  
Please post

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**From:** wisconsinjn@aim.com <wisconsinjn@aim.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, February 16, 2017 2:31 PM  
**To:** Village President Neil Palmer; Village Trustee Patty Kujawa; Village Trustee George Haas; Village Trustee John Domaszek; Village Trustee Patrick Kressin; Village Trustee Thomas Michalski; katy.e.cornell@gmail.com; David De Angelis  
**Subject:** ....Elm Grove Building Project

Good afternoon -

I wanted to email my input on the potential project for the Village of Elm Grove.

I realize that I am not a "resident" of Elm Grove, but I am a business owner for over six years and pay taxes to the Village.

I hear from customers every week about the Village. As customers come in and ask "what else is there to see in Elm Grove for shopping"?.....I'm hard pressed to point out a lot. Yes, I do point out the businesses across the street and to the East.....but as far as calling Elm Grove an "walking/shopping area".....we are not.

Customers come in looking and hoping that Elm Grove is going to be like Cedarburg where one can walk from one end of the downtown to the other and enjoy a "day".....again....that's not Elm Grove.

Residents come in to the bakery and "complain" that there are not more restaurants to visit in Elm Grove. I explain.....businesses need traffic to survive.....

While I do come at the proposed building project w/ an admitted bias.....I would love more traffic.....I do see that residents are afraid of more traffic.....afraid of "renters" and what that could do to there property values, etc..... I explain to them....."people smarter than me will be handling the traffic flow....and that not everyone living in the apartments will be getting up and leaving their homes at 7:30 a.m. and creating this incredible traffic snafu..."

I also explain that this is not going to be "Section 8" housing and that these will be "higher end" apartments. As far as property values.....well, I'm no realtor, but I would think more exposure to Elm Grove w/ a high end renter would allow them to see what a great place Elm Grove is to live and could add more desire to live/purchase long term. ***It would also provide housing opportunities for elderly residents to stay in Elm Grove who may not wish to stay in and maintain their larger home.***

I think it could/would be a big "miss" if this project does not go through. What would one want to look at when then they go to work.....semis driving through Elm Grove.....or a beautiful complex that would allow Elm Grove the opportunity to move forward.

Just my thoughts.....thanks for your time and your service to the community.

Jon Cerny  
Great Harvest Bread, Elm Grove