

## **Police Chief caution public about traffic issues in Holyoke**

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Holyoke Police Chief Phil Biersdorfer has a couple issues he would like the general public to be aware of concerning traffic.

The first one deals with the stop signs for north and southbound traffic at the intersection of Campbell Ave. and Emerson St. The stop signs will be removed in the very near future.

The issue was brought up at a previous city council meeting and the chief said he would take a look and see if the signs are needed any longer. They were originally placed there to help with traffic when the General Store was a grocery store, according to Biersdorfer.

He would like motorists to remember the signs won't be there any more and attention needs to be focused when approaching the intersection.

### **Issues concerning bicycles**

Biersdorfer said there have been a couple issues and complaints with children on bicycles riding into traffic around town.

In a couple different cases, children as young as 10 years have ridden their bikes into oncoming traffic while not paying attention to their surroundings.

Biersdorfer urges parents to sit down with their children and go over the dangers and rules of safe biking. He also reminds anyone riding their bikes to be cautious when merging into traffic, and at intersections and stop lights.

### **15-minute parking zones**

There are two spots directly in front of Holyoke Post Office that are designated 15-minute parking areas 24 hours a day, seven days a week. These spots are there because access to post office boxes is 24 hours a day, seven days a week as well.

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Biersdorfer said there have been cases where vehicles most likely belonging to someone attending a movie have been parked in the designated spots for long periods of time. The chief urges the public when attending a movie downtown to avoid parking in these areas as it could result in a parking ticket being written.