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Dear Editor,

As much as I hate splitting the blanket with my neighbors I have to disagree with them on the development of the Ridgeline Golf and Country Club. As much as it is a shame to see the property developed for housing it is important to

remember that this is private property and its use should be the privilege of the owner. Having said that our concern should be how the property is developed and how will the traffic accompanying it be controlled. These are the questions to which we should be seeking answers. Hopefully the city planners will do a better job than some cities in the past. It's a crime when they allow a 100 unit apartment complex to be built and only mandate 125 parking spaces.

If the property is developed as mini estates and priced accordingly we shouldn't have to worry about some young stud racing through the neighborhood on his rice rocket at 160 miles an hour. Personally my rice rocket will do 160, but at 70 years of age I only get it up to 60 when that's the posted speed limit.

I'm sure if you brought an Indian back from a hundred years ago he would tell you we have disparaged his land. Unfortunately that's called progress and that's what we're faced with here.

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