

Valet Company Cracks Down on Speeding Drivers

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In response to neighborhood concerns about speeding in the Union Park neighborhood, one valet company is cracking down on its employees with a strict new policy that includes termination and suspension.

Joe Driscoll, director of security at Ultimate Parking, said his company's valets often use Upton and Wareham Streets, and speeding is a serious matter.

"People can't fool around like that," Driscoll said.

Driscoll said Ultimate Parking will fire any driver who is issued a speeding ticket, and the driver's sector manager, who oversees several valet locations in an area, will be suspended for one week.

"We want to make sure we have a good working relationship with the neighborhoods," Driscoll said.

Union Park residents have noticed increased speeding, especially on Upton and Union Park Streets near St. John the Baptist Greek church. Union Park Neighborhood Association President Jerry Frank said it was unclear that valets are the culprit, but he had reported the concern to the D-4 police.

"What makes it important at the moment is we have 18 young kids [on Upton Street], baby carriages, cars parked on both sides. Cars just drive too fast," Frank said.

Sgt. Gino Provenzano, supervisor of the D-4 Community Service Office, said that officers have issued citations for speeding in the area.

"It's a combination of valets and regular people using cut throughs," Provenzano said.

According to the Boston Transportation Department, there are 595 reserved valet spots in five parking locations in the South End. The lots include 540 Harrison Avenue with 130 spaces, 560 Harrison Avenue with 280 spaces, Cathedral of the Holy Cross at 1400 Washington Street with 85 spaces, Cathedral High School at 74 Union Park Street with 35 spaces and 110-112 Shawmut Avenue with 65 spaces. There are no city restrictions on what roads a valet can take to park a vehicle.

Driscoll said Ultimate Parking tries to prevent problems by observing employee driving from side streets, but the company employs several hundred drivers, and many are young.

"We're doing our best to stay on top of this," Driscoll said.



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