



**ONE ROAD.
ONE FOCUS.**

With the advent of warm weather and the proliferation of electronic bikes and scooters more and more kids are riding around and might not be aware of good safety protocols. The Village appeals to the parents of these children to sit down and explain to them good safety protocol, for example: helmets, obeying rules of the road, proper speeds, etc.

Most Germantown Hills streets require shared use with cars, bikes and pedestrians so the Village would remind everyone to be alert, follow safety practices, and obey the rules and laws of the road.

The following is a state publication which provides safe practices for sharing the road. You will find information separately, specifically to address electric bikes and scooters.

The Village of Germantown Hills

Tips for Safely Sharing the Road

Whether driving, bicycling, or walking, we are all responsible for sharing the road safely with other vehicles and users. The following laws and safety tips will help drivers, bicyclists, and pedestrians share the road and reach their destination safely.

Bicyclists and Micromobility Users

- Obey the same traffic laws, signs, and signals that apply to motorists.
- Be visible. Use a front light and a rear reflector when riding at night.
- Ride as close to the right edge of the road as is safe.
- Communicate using hand signals.
- Avoid the “door zone” of people exiting parked cars.
- Ride in the same direction as other traffic, not against traffic.

Pedestrians

- Always stop before leaving a driveway or sidewalk.
- Before crossing, stop at the curb, edge of the road, or corner before proceeding.
- Look left, look right and look left again before crossing.
- Continue to check for traffic while crossing.
- If there is a pedestrian signal, only cross when allowed.

Motorists

- **Allow space for passing cyclists and micromobility users:** You are required by law to allow at least 3 feet of space between your vehicle and the bicyclist. More space is better, especially when driving at higher speeds.
- **Prevent “Dooring”:** When exiting a vehicle, look out for any passing cyclists or micromobility users. Use the “Dutch Reach” method – reach across with the hand farthest from the vehicle door when preparing to exit.
- **Respect the bike lane:** Even if bicyclists are not present, do not drive, park or stand in the bike lane. Wait for bicyclists to pass before entering the lane to park.
- **Check for cyclists before turning:** Yield to cyclists and do not underestimate their speed. Watch for oncoming bicycle traffic when turning left. Do not pass and then cut in front of a cyclist when turning right.
- **Respect bicyclists:** Cyclists may need to ride outside a bike lane, and motorists should be prepared to move safely around them. The cyclist must be aware of the direction a vehicle is traveling when properly completing a left or right turn.



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