I live within walking distance of the Maryland Supermarket.

I've not shopped there in over 10 years largely due to the lack of near fresh items for sale. Meaning the last time I was there the gallon of milk I got was near its expiration date as well as the box of cereal. I thought it odd then how they're selling old cereal. I do know the ownership has changed hands but I'd rather go to Roseville Har Mar Cub instead of being burned another time.

The restaurant next door I've not been in since the previous diner there I had a so-so experience.

I am not against anyone making money but the kind of clientele that loiters there and around my apartment complex I am against. A number of my neighbors like the store but like me they dislike the people hanging around.

In April of 2019 I noticed next to the bus stop the base of the sign broken. I made a note to my Councilwoman Brendmoen my concern kids in the neighborhood might use the bricks to cause trouble or break windows. It took nearly a month for the owner to fix it. In that time period a man was murdered on the property (while I was at work at the VA-Mpls).

Last year in one week's time I called 911 for 2 separate car accidents days apart. I notice a lot of cars there without adequate parking will park on the side streets or on the side of my Apartment Complex. There's a lot of speeding there and a lot of high end cars which seems out of place for the neighborhood.

The last note I will say is I do not have a car and I travel by bus. I like to return to that corner especially after going to the grocery store so I can eliminate the walk from the 65 Bus stop on Maryland & Dale. In that walk back there will be some of the clientele not from the neighborhood hanging out around some of the walkways that I travel back to my building on Arundel. I've had comments from some of them that I ignored and didn't make eye contact. Getting off the bus at Arundel & Maryland helps to bypass the creepy element that hangs around there.

My apartment manager doesn't like the element that hangs out either. I've heard her complain about them.

The recent instance of a man shooting an entire magazine at someone is inexcusable, especially since cops patrol the area. I noted this to Councilwoman Brendmoen.

I don't know what the plans are for the corner but if it eliminates the creeps there it would be a good thing.

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