**Testimony of Margaret Davenport Noyes Craig**
November 4, 2003

My name is Derry Noyes Craig and I live with my husband and five children at 3155 Highland Place. Our house is on the same side of the street as NCRC and we are one house down from NCRC. We have lived in this house for 13 years.

I just have two simple points to make:

I know how congested the traffic is on Highland Place and Newark Street because I have to get out in it every day. We have kids in school all over the District of Columbia, which means that I spend most of every afternoon picking up and dropping off all over the city – at soccer games, piano practice, after-school events, play dates and so forth. So I am leaving my house and returning to my house every afternoon as I pick up and deliver my children. NCRC's pick up times in the afternoon overlap with the times that I have to leave my house to pick up my kids. It is frequently the case – like almost daily -- that I am caught in the traffic jam that is inevitably there in the afternoons on Highland Place and in the long line that forms thereafter on Newark Street at the corner of 34th Street. I know how crowded it gets, because I am in it every day.

My second point has to do with traffic as well, and I have taken a number of photographs that I will submit to you in this testimony to make my point. This, too, is a simple point. Given the objective conditions of Highland Place – it is very narrow, it is not a through street, it has that blind curve in it – there is only so much that NCRC can do. Two examples:

First, no matter how hard it might try, NCRC cannot control the weather. When the weather is bad, the traffic on the street is worse. No one parks and walks any more. Everyone lines up in the drop-off and pick-up line. The street is overwhelmed.

Second, no matter how much NCRC might try to control the conduct of those parents and caregivers who pick up and drop off children at the school, NCRC cannot control the conduct of vendors and workmen and commercial delivery trucks that need to come onto Highland Place to do their work. The residents on the street require the presence of these individuals, but because the street is so narrow and because there is rarely any available parking, the tradesmen pay no attention to the rules and park where they have to to do their jobs. This goes for vendors that service NCRC as well. They all contribute to the mess, and there is absolutely nothing that NCRC can do about it except maybe to call the police to come patrol Highland Place.

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**Photo #1: January 2003: 3:30 p.m.**

This is a typical view of the scene during afternoon pick-up.

**Photo Set #2: February 14, 2002**

There are four photographs in this set, two taken at 1:16 p.m. one taken at 3:06 p.m. and a fourth taken at 3:33 p.m. These photographs show a workman who has parked his truck illegally on the sidewalk (blocking the sidewalk). The fourth photograph in this set shows a woman walking her stroller on Highland Place towards the school.

**Photo Set #3: February 24, 2003**

There are two photographs in this set, one taken at 12:52 p.m. during pick up, the second taken at 3:07 p.m. during pick up. These two photographs show the impact of snowfall on the traffic on Highland Place. The first photograph shows one of the residents on the street in the white Toyota trapped in the drop-off line. ~~The second photographs neighbors, Susie Taylor, stuck in the line~~.

**Photo Set #4: June 18, 2003**

The first photograph, taken at 8:22 a.m. shows a large white van parked on the left side of the street at the blind curve right across from NCRC. This happens all the time. The person in the orange vest is Susan Piggott. The second photograph was taken at 10:46 a.m. and shows another vendor – not the same as the large white van who was there at 8:22 a.m. -- -- parked illegally on Highland Place.

**Photo Set #5: September 16, 2003**

This set of three pictures shows the impact of construction truck that came to fix the broken sewage pipe that had flooded Hillary and Elizabeth's basement. The truck had to be there, but it made the street dangerous. There are two pictures of that truck, but there is a third picture -- looking the other way – of the UPS truck parked illegally as it makes a delivery. As I say, this happens all the time.

**Photo #6: September 17, 2003**

This photograph shows the same events that are captured in the previous photographs – the repair truck that came to help fix the broken sewer.

**Photo Set #7: Last Week of October 2003**

This is a set of four photographs that show traffic on Highland Place during the last week of October. Let me just call your attention to two things: First, the John Shorb landscaping truck on the left in the first photograph parked illegally on the left, thereby, with the pick-up line, totally blocking off Highland Place. That photograph was taken at Noon pick-up. And second, the last photograph in this set shows the garbage truck doing its pick ups on Wednesday, October 29, at the morning delivery time. These two events happen all the time every week. Various landscapers come to work on property all the time every week. And the garbage truck picks up the garbage in the morning at pick-up time ~~two times~~ once a week.

**Photo #8: Tuesday, October 28, 2003: 3:41 p.m.**

A truck parked illegally across from NCRC's pick up and drop off location. It happens all the time.

**Photo Set #9: November 3, 2003: 3:26 p.m.**

This is a set of four photographs that demonstrate the traffic conditions on Monday, November 3, 2003, yesterday. As you can see, the Postal Service Truck is parked at the blind curve, and with the pick-up line on the right, poses a real hazard to through traffic. All four photographs show the impact of that Postal Service Truck as it moves down the street making routine daily deliveries of mail to the neighbors. If the mail gets delivered on Highland Place at a pick-up or drop-off time, the street is completely blocked off.

Photo #1



January 2003 3:30 PM Facing West

One day
Feb 14 1:16 — 3:33

Photo Set #2

note:
3:06 Line up of 4 cars
3:33 woman + child walking in street

Facing West



2003
Friday February 14 1:16 PM



Friday February 14 2003 1:16 PM



Friday February 14 2003 3:06 PM



Friday, February 14 2003 3:33 PM

Photo Set #5

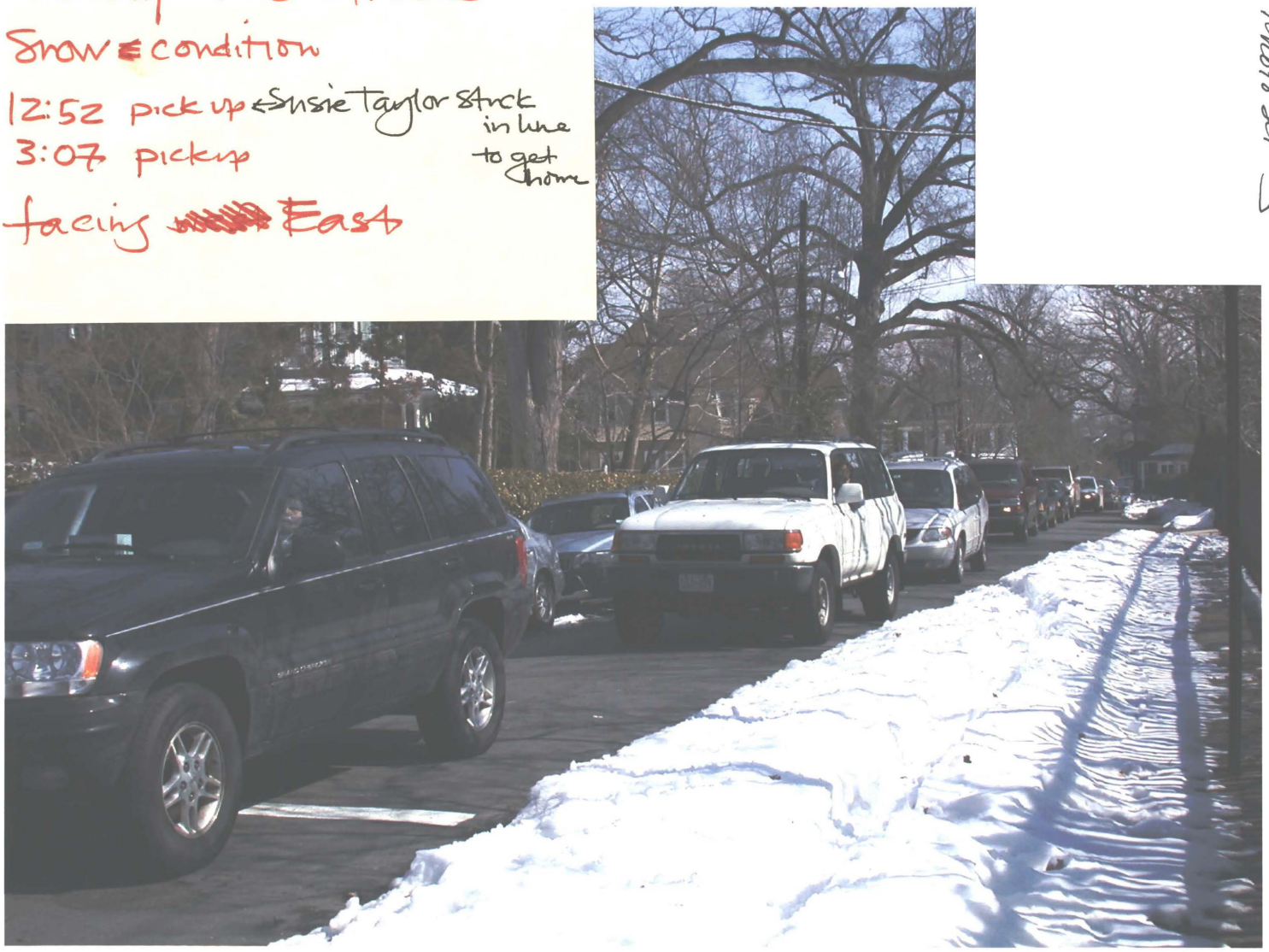
One day Feb 24. 2003

Snow ≤ condition

12:52 pick up ← Susie Taylor stuck in line to get home

3:07 pickup

facing ~~West~~ East

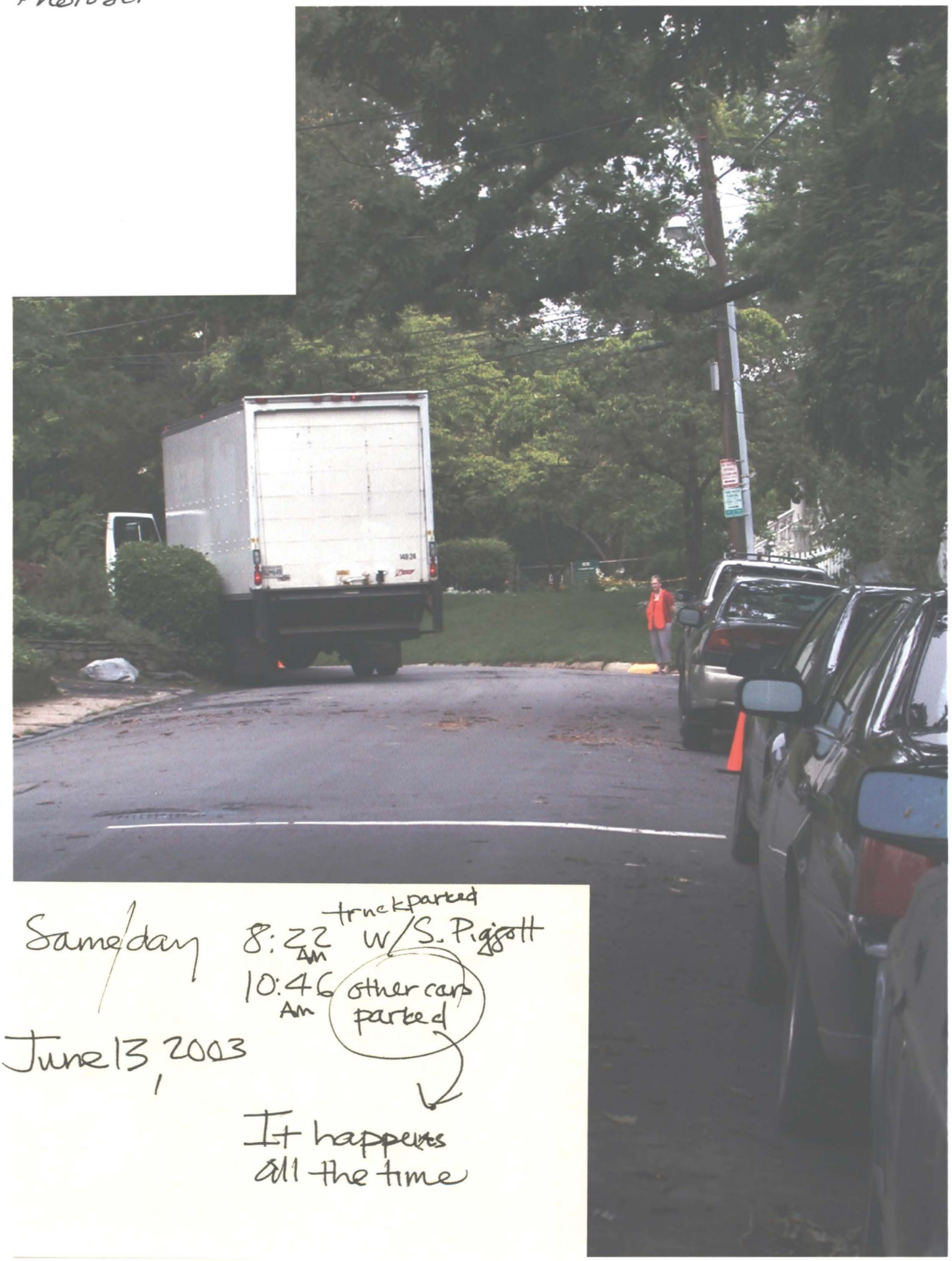


Monday February 24. 2003 12:52 PM facing East




Monday February 24, 2003 3:07 PM facing East

Photo Set #4



Same day 8:22 AM truck parked w/S. Piggott
10:46 AM other cars parked

June 13, 2003

It happens all the time

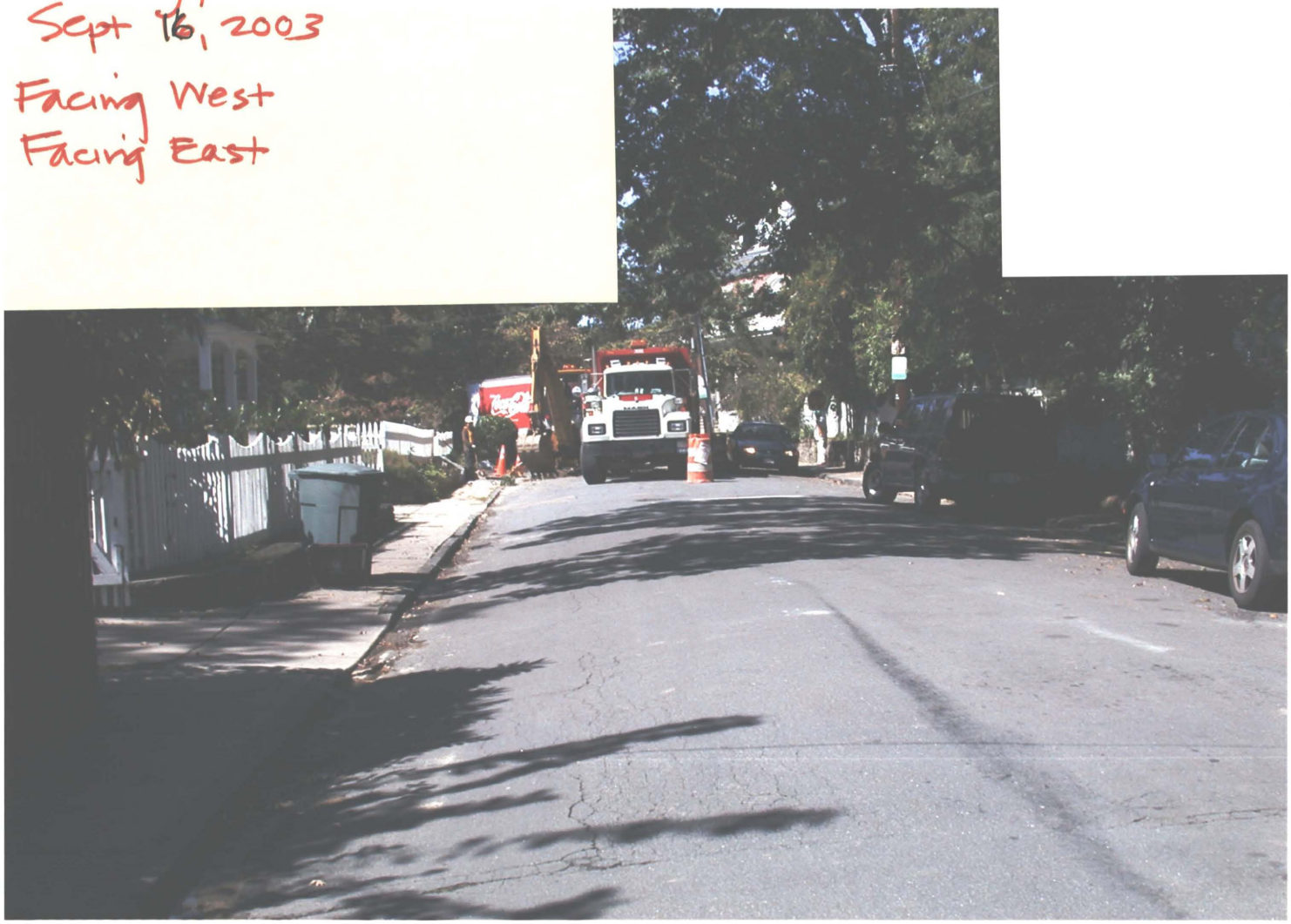
Friday, June 13 2003 8:22AM Facing west Susan Piggott in orange



Friday, June 13, 2003 10:46 AM Facing West

Photo set #5

One day, One time 12:01+ 12:02
Sept 16, 2003
Facing West
Facing East



Tuesday September 16, 2003 12:01 pm facing West




Tuesday September 16, 2003 12:02 PM facing West



Tuesday September 16, 2003 12:02 PM facing East

Photo #6




Wednesday Sept. 17 2003 11:50 AM Facing West

Photo #7



Last week of October 2003

John Shorb Landscaping truck on left (for Kampelman's) regular lawn service (weekly)

pickup 11:45-12:00



~~[illegible]~~ Last week ©October 2003 midday just after pick up




Taken in the last week of October 2003 [redacted] midday pick up time w/ Susan Piggott

29th, 30th, or 31st

UPS truck + landscaping truck on left



Taken last week of October 2003 AM delivery time

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Garbage day
Wed, Oct. 29

Photo # 8

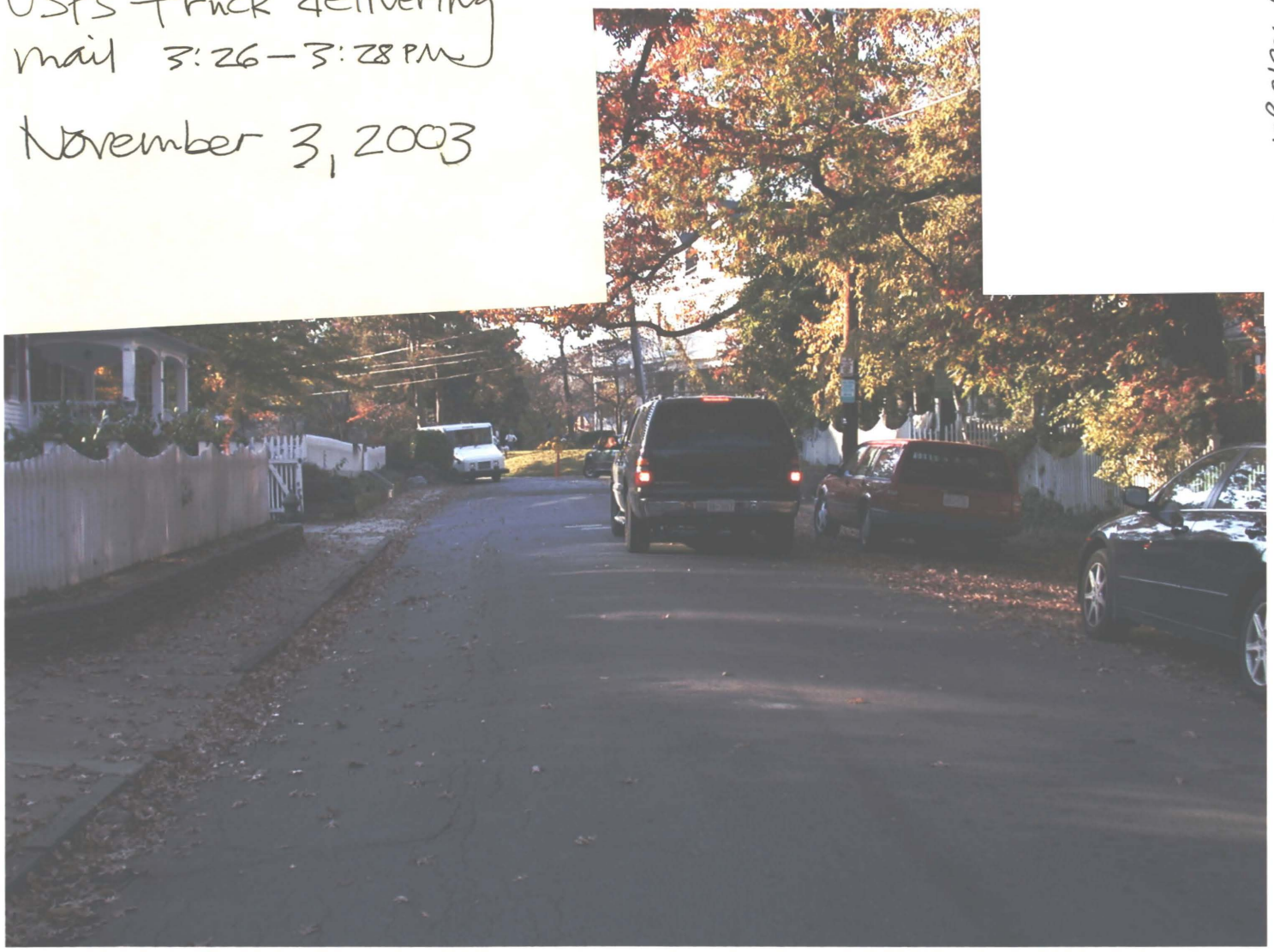



Tuesday, Oct 28, 2003 3:41 PM Facing West

USPS truck delivering mail 3:26–3:28 PM

November 3, 2003

Photo Set #9



Facing West

November 3, 2003 3:26 PM USPS Truck parked to deliver mail (before blind corner)



Facing West

Nov 3, 2003 3:26 PM 27 USPS Truck parked to deliver mail (beyond ~~after~~ blind corner)



Facing West

November 3, 2003 3:28 PM USPS Truck parked to deliver mail (beyond blind corner)



November 3, 2003 3:28 PM Postal Service truck on left