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Dear Councilor Sauter:

Subject: Pothole repairs

There are roughly 33,000 traffic accidents each year and one-third of them are caused by poor road conditions. Road conditions such as potholes are a potential danger for the over 300 million people that travel on the roads every day in this country. These dents in the pavement have made an negative impact on driving in most U.S places, including Farmville Virginia.

As a concerned citizen of our small Farmville community, I have noticed the aftermath of the huge potholes that litter the street I live on. Not only have I witnessed near accidents on multiple occasions, but my roommate now has a flat tire because of them. The road I live on, West Third Street, is very popular for travel not only with Farmville locals but Longwood students as well. With Lancer Park, Buffalo housing, and Longwood Landings all in close proximity of the road, it is extremely worrisome for traveling students. It is not only dangerous in a car, but I cannot imagine how frightening it must be to those who ride their bike from their apartment complex to class each day. Because I have seen the damage that these potholes have created first-hand, I am asking you to repair them as soon as possible.

Out of all daily driven roads in the United States, only 31 percent of them are considered to be in "good condition". That leaves 69 percent of roads with all sorts of possible blemishes and potential dangers. As resources that are used so often, roads are not something that can be avoided if in bad condition. There is a never-ending list of life-threatening possibilities when it comes to pothole-stricken roadways.

This request comes with a heavy heart for those that have been injured in result of the potholes on West Third. Not only will filling them create a safer environment, but it will also ensure that worry is lost. The traveling Longwood students will no longer have to swerve out of the way to avoid hitting one and possibly causing an accident. Farmville locals will not be taking their cars into the repair shop from pothole damage any longer. Residents of this wonderful town can rest easy knowing that their commute is no longer riddled with likely dangers.

I am aware that funding for this project is going to be hefty and hard to come by, but I urge you to think of the Farmville citizens when making your decision. Not only will you be potentially saving lives, but reducing the worry of most Farmville community members. West Third Street is a road that is heavily driven, so this request represents the concern for many people. I can assure you that my roommate will be eternally grateful to know that getting a flat tire on our road is a thing of the past. As college students with no adult help, it is intimidating to handle big issues, like car trouble, on our own. Anything that aids in taking that anxiety away from us is extremely appreciated and relieving.

I hope that the entire council of Farmville can come together and make the wise decision to fix this issue. I am looking forward to the city council meeting on March 16 where hopefully this issue will be discussed and dealt with properly. Each day there is danger looming on West Third; it is up to the high powers of Farmville to make sure that we as citizens are safe in our own community.

On behalf of all Farmville citizens, we appreciate your help and support with this issue.

Yours sincerely,

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(Source used: <https://www.pothole.info/the-facts/>)