

## Roxanne Maher

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**From:** Fred Allyn, III  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 28, 2026 8:46 AM  
**To:** Noelle Sostre; Roxanne Maher  
**Subject:** Re: Signs at LMS sledding hill

Good morning Noelle,

Very sorry to hear of your accident. The hill at LMS is a great place to sled and we don't want to lose that opportunity for residents. There are inherent risks associated with sledding, skiing and perhaps most outdoor activities, but I understand and sympathize with you as this happened to me (albeit I experienced no fractures, but was laid up for a week) back in the late 1980's.

I will share your email up to the Ledyard Board of Education as school properties are under their administrative control.

Get well!

Best,

Fred

**Fred B. Allyn III**  
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**NOTE: Town Hall is open Monday-Thursday 7:30-4:45,  
CLOSED FRIDAY.**

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**From:** Noelle Sostre <noellesostre@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 27, 2026 11:37 PM  
**To:** Fred Allyn, III <mayor@ledyardct.org>; Roxanne Maher <council@ledyardct.org>  
**Subject:** Signs at LMS sledding hill

To whom it may concern,

I am writing to petition for the installation of a sign at the Ledyard Middle School hill stating that no ramps should be built or installed during snow storms, or at any time of year.

On Monday, January 19th, while sledding with my daughter, I unintentionally sled off a snow ramp built by other sledders. I landed on my back and suffered a severe spinal fracture. This injury required me to spend the past week in the hospital for surgery and treatment of subsequent complications.

As a result of my injury, I will be in recovery for at least three months. I am currently unable to perform

daily activities independently, nor can I care for my 12-year-old, 10-year-old, or my 14-month-old child, who is still very dependant on me.

Luckily, my daughter did not suffer any major injuries.

I am requesting this signage to prevent similar accidents and ensure the safety of the residents and visitors who use the hill for sledding. In past years, there were ramps that I have seen others get hurt on, but that I was able to avoid. I attempted to avoid this year's snow ramp at all costs as well, but unfortunately did not. I enjoy sledding on this hill with my children and fellow residents. I feel some signage could prevent others from creating these dangerous ramps and help supervising parents enforce safe guidelines.

Could you please let me know if this is something that could be accomplished and how to go about it?

Sincerely,

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