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## Guardian Angels would help Nyack

Having read John Whitley's letter Wednesday, "Nyack doesn't need The Guardian Angels," I want to take this opportunity to support their presence.

As a resident of Rockland County for more than 60 years and a frequent visitor to Nyack, I believe that sometimes a little "street sweeping" is necessary. My son and I were riding down Depew Avenue mid-day on a recent Saturday. On the block with the Head Start programs there were many young men blocking the street, socializing with a person in a vehicle who chose to stop in the driving lane. The driver did not pull over to the side, and the young men were not moving away either. My son and I were left with the choice of making an issue with them or patiently and eventually carefully maneuvering around them. We chose the latter.

As a retired dean at Spring Valley High School, I will tell you that "sweeping" of the streets by Guardian Angels, and sweeping of the halls of the high school occasionally, are necessary and good teaching tools for social responsibility. I applaud the Guardian Angels in their endeavors.

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