

## **Snow Status Removal Status and Preparing for the Next Storm**

With the record snow fall and with more snow planned for this week we as a community have to remember that basic needs have to be addressed first.

The priority of the snow removal company first and foremost is to create a single path track to allow passage of vehicles in and out of the cluster. In these extreme conditions decisions have to be made in creating this single path track that may block some vehicles. The most effective method for the snow plow to operate is to push the snow in a straight path which usually results in vehicles parked in corner parking slots to be blocked. If you do not want your vehicle blocked by a mound of snow please do not park in the corner slots. By not parking on the corner slot allows the snow plows to move more snow out of the road ways in a timely manner.

We would all like the snow plow to remove the snow inches away from the bumpers of our vehicles however this is not particle and would greatly increase the probably of damage to your property. Please help your neighbor dig out what the snow plow is unable to remove.

The moisture level of the snow and the volume of the snow have created a lot of strain on the snow removal equipment causing much of the equipment to be damaged. To reduce the damage of the equipment please refrain from dumping the snow in the middle of road as this causes more strain on overused equipment. Damaging the equipment hurts as all as it slows down the response time of the snow removal company.

**For your own safety and the efficiently of the snow plow drives DO NOT STOP the drives to make special requests. The drivers have strict orders from their company and they will only respond to their supervisors. If you have a special request please contact a board member and they will put the request in queue with the snow removal company management. The management has instructed their drivers to leave any community in which home owners are harassing them and that community will be moved to the bottom of the priority list. In the best interest of the community please refrain from talking to the snow plow drivers.**

### **Note from Snow Removal Company on upcoming storm and plans for snow removal. Status Date February 8<sup>th</sup> 2010 8:30 PM.**

I am sure you have all heard the news about the new system headed our way. It is hard to imagine that we could see another 10-20" of snow in our area. In a ten day span we could see over 60" of snow.

My guess is that our response time will be reduced from the last storm. Our fleet remains depleted, there are limited places to put snow, and plowing over rough surfaces will create additional problems.

Many of you have asked to have loader service to your property. I have decided to suspend all loader service until we have plowed people out from this new system. At this point we need to rest our people and prepare for what is in front of us.

I would like to thank everyone for their patience and help. In many cases residents have pulled together and dug out snow in the community. I recognize this snow is miserable for you, and it also is for us. If we band together and work as a team it will be much easier.

With out a doubt the number one thing is:

**PLEASE PLEASE PLEASE encourage the residents not to throw snow from their cars into the street.**

Adding snow on top of accumulations makes an environment that we cannot plow.

The extra weight breaks our trucks and creates further delays.

If we are able to plow, it places the snow right back onto the cars but this time with a heavy, slushy vengeance.

Placing the snow in the street after plowing creates frozen areas, ice patches after melting, and slows the process of getting to pavement.

Without fail, the properties that did not do this were done more timely and got to pavement faster than those that did not.