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SNOW, SNOW, AND MORE SNOW ...

This has been the worst winter in Southern Maryland in decades. We have had more snow fall in the last few weeks than we've had in the past several years combined – and we're all getting just a little tired of it. Unfortunately, there is nothing we can do to stop it, and according to the weather reports more is coming. Below we've enclosed some information on how to help us all get through this weather the best we can while still being respectful of others.

Plowing:

The majority of the roads in our community have been turned over to the county for maintenance which includes snow removal. They are doing the best they can but are not truly equipped for the amount of snow we have been receiving. They have asked for patience in getting to many of the roads, especially the side streets. Their policy is to plow the main roads – those serving more than 150 homes, such as White Sands Drive, Skyview Drive, Pine Blvd, and Planters Wharf Road within 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. The secondary roads will then be started after the main roads have been cleared. If you have a question as to when your road might be plowed, you can reach the road maintenance department at the county at 410-535-0905.

Some roads remain in the White Sands inventory and we are responsible for the plowing and maintenance of those roads. These include Stable Lane Extended, Leslie Court, Kirby Court and Pine Square. Our policy is to salt these roads prior to any storm development and to plow anything over 2 inches immediately following any storm. If you live on one of these roads and feel your street has not been plowed in a timely manner, please contact the office so that we can address the situation immediately.

Parking:

The plows are unable to access roads if there are vehicles parked in the street. Though we understand many have steep driveways which make access during snow difficult, it is important to remember that the plows need to be able to maneuver the streets in order to give everyone access to and from their property. Please refrain from parking your vehicles in the road prior to or during snow storms. The plow drivers have instructions to have any vehicle blocking the path of their plow towed at the owner's expense and without notice.

Shoveling:

It is just as important to shovel your walkways and driveway as it is for the snow to be removed from the streets. Not only is this important for you to have access to and from your property, but keeping the end of your driveways clear of snow greatly helps the plows when clearing the roads to reduce the amount of snow drifts caused by the plowing. Please do your part and shovel your driveways as soon as possible after the storm has passed.

General Safety:

Keeping snow from your roofs and gutters is also important when we have as much snow as we've had recently in order to reduce the possibility of roof collapses and leaks. Please remember that it can be dangerous to remove snow from these areas however and should be completed by a licensed contractor with the necessary safety protection.

Keeping walkways and paths from your vehicles to your homes clear can help reduce the number of slips and falls on the ice and snow. Again, please remember that shoveling is a labor intensive job and should only be done in a slow, safe manner. You can get some great safety tips on shoveling at

http://www.associatedcontent.com/article/1112432/13_simple_snow_shoveling_safety_tips.html?cat=5

Good Luck and Stay Dry!

UPCOMING MEETINGS/EVENTS!

Open Board Meeting – 7:00 PM at Admin Offices:

Thursdays: February 18, 2010 (rescheduled from 2/11/10 due to weather) and March 11, 2010

ACC/CRRC Meetings – 6:00 PM at Admin Offices:

Wednesdays: February 17, 2010; March 3, 2010; and March 17, 2010

And Remember – Annual Meeting is just around the corner!

There is one position on the Board of Directors up for election this year. If you are interested in becoming a board member, please submit your bio to the office no later than March 5, 2010.