

December 2, 2007

To NOA Board,

I am writing this letter on behalf of fellow North Star residents and myself. Our first big storm of the season just ended and the plow is already causing issues for many of our homes that do not hire the same contractor to plow our drives as the association hires to plow the roads. We understand that plowing the roads of this subdivision is a very big job for the contractor. We are simply asking for some common courtesy from him. I know that this has been a problem in past years with no resolution, but we are asking our board to please come up with one.

Many of us are very frustrated with our driveways being blocked by a three-foot burm today and we only got one foot of snow yesterday. If we had to clear the snow that had actually fallen from the front of our driveways, it would have been one foot of fluffy snow, but that is not the case. The snow from the plowing of the roads is being left in front of our driveways. This morning myself and a neighbor worked hard on clearing our drives with snow-blowers. When the plow came around at 11am to plow the roads, it left a large burm in front of our driveways. We then were forced to get the snow blowers back out to clear the edge of our driveway once again. Also, by then the snow has been pushed around and very heavy for a snow blower or shovel to work through.

If I had both of my children and my husband wasn't home I would not have been able to leave in an emergency situation. Another neighbor down on Hamilton expressed this same concern to me. There are also neighbors who work at night and then get home and have to park on the street because they cannot enter their driveway. We don't feel that as residents of North Star, we should be put in this situation. We live far enough away from emergency facilities as it is and do not need a large snow burm keeping us blocked in our driveways.

As many of you know, Josh Hertz has been plowing for seven years. Speaking to him, he has made it clear that all the plow needs to do is angle his blade to keep this from happening to the driveways of residents in North Star.

I called Tom Marmins after speaking to four neighbors while on a walk this morning and hearing everyone's frustration. I asked Tom if the board could look at solutions to this issue. His response was, "This has been a problem in the past and there is nothing we can do about it. You know Brett as well as I do and it's not going to change." This concerned me, because I know that our dues are helping pay for the plowing of the roads, so why can't we pay him to do it the way that will make everyone happy and safe? I was told to write a letter to be addressed at the next board meeting. The following names are people whom I've spoken to that would also like the board to please come up with a solution. We would also like to be informed of when and where the meeting will be held to address this matter.

Sincerely,

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