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Dear West Windsor Residents,

I have received many complaints from residents about the condition of the streets in their neighborhood. In response to these complaints, our Public Works (DPW) crew is addressing these concerns diligently, visiting these specific streets and addressing the conditions the best they can.

The below-freezing temperatures over many days have posed special challenges in snow and ice removal.

To plow the snow needs to have enough depth to be effective. Although many streets are snow-covered, the depth is not enough to plow.

The snow and ice is stuck to the ground, and adding more salt provides little benefit. In extremely cold conditions, salt may not work effectively, leading to dangerous road conditions. Using too much salt can lead to the refreezing of the snow and ice. The salt is not environmentally friendly, and we use it judiciously.

Most of the main roads are plowed by our DPW staff, while many secondary roads and developments are handled by our contractor. County roads are maintained by the county staff.

Although a particular street may be missed due to oversight, we treat each street equally. If a street is missed due to oversight, we will certainly get it done.

We are expecting another snowstorm this weekend. We kindly ask for your cooperation with the following guidelines during winter weather:

Parking Restrictions: Please refrain from parking your vehicles on the street during snowstorms. Doing so hampers snowplowing efforts and can lead to snow accumulating around vehicles, which hardens into ice and becomes difficult to remove.

Driveway Snow Disposal: Many homeowners hire contractors for snow removal from their driveways. Unfortunately, some of these contractors simply relocate the snow back onto the road after it has been cleared by our Department of Public Works (DPW). We encourage homeowners to instruct their contractors to place the snow on their lawns instead. Throwing snow back on the street is not friendly to the environment or your neighbors. When several homeowners place snow on the road, it can create the illusion that the road has not been plowed.

Cul-de-sac Conditions: In cul-de-sac areas like mine, there is a higher likelihood of ice formation due to minimal traffic. Additionally, snow blown onto these roads tends to freeze, leading to icy conditions. While I personally navigate my cul-de-sac carefully without slipping, please remain vigilant on these streets. I observed several

developments in town today, many of which were snow-covered with parked cars, yet I was able to drive through safely.

Please be patient as our DPW crews work tirelessly, often with limited breaks. They coordinate closely with our Emergency Management staff to assess conditions and determine the optimal times to salt and plow.

If you have concerns, please report them on our website to appropriate department, https://www.westwindsortwp.gov/citizen_request_center/index.php . Although you may not get an individual response, we do look at all streets that are reported to have a problem.

Thanks for your patience and understanding and thank you to our DPW staff.

Sincerely,

Hemant Marathe

Mayor