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Dear Residents

RE: REMOVAL OF SNOW BY TOWN

Over the years, we receive many complaints around snow removal, especially after a heavy snowfall. We try to get snow cleared as quickly as we can. Council's policy is for us to have all the streets cleared within 3 days after the snow stops falling. If during the time we are clearing the streets, it starts snowing again, we have to return to our priority streets. We have 3 classifications when clearing streets. They are Arterial, Collector and Local Streets. The routes are as follows:

Arterial streets will include:

1. All of Main Street from Junction Hwy 3 to its terminus at the Railway Lines
2. All of 2nd Ave from western Town Limits to the eastern town limits, including Dr. Spencer Drive
3. All of 2nd Street from Junction Hwy 3 to southern Town limits

Collector Streets will include:

1. All of Service Road East and West
2. 7th Ave from Main St to E Town limit
3. 6th Ave from Main St to 1st Ave E
4. 5th Ave from 2nd St W to 1st St E
5. 4th Ave from Main St to 3rd St E
6. 3rd Ave from Main St to 2nd St W
7. 1st Ave from 1st St W to Main St
8. Railway Ave from 2nd St W to Pepper Place; Pepper Place from Railway Ave to 1st Ave E and 1st Ave E from Pepper Place to 3rd St E
9. All of Elevator Road
10. 3rd St E from Elevator Road to 4th Ave E
11. Adamson Road from 4th Ave E to 7th Ave E
12. 2nd St E from Railway Ave to 4th Ave E
13. 1st St E from 4th Ave E to 6th Ave E
14. 1st W from 1st Ave to 2nd Ave
15. 5th St E from 7th Ave to Junction Hwy 3

Local Streets will include:

1. All streets and avenues within the Town Limits of Shellbrook and not listed above.
2. All cul-de-sacs remaining.

Shellbrook...a better place to GROW!

By policy, the arterial and collector streets are to be cleared within 24 hours after the snow stops falling and the local streets are within 48 hours after the arterial and collector streets are cleared. If a new snowfall starts, we do need to keep areas such as Main Street clear, therefore we would return to our arterial streets, starting the process all over again. On weekends, we only clear streets if traffic movement is severely impaired. In the event of a major storm, efforts will be made to keep access to medical and other vital services passable.

While clearing streets, our grader does need to move at a fairly fast speed to move the snow. We do have a snow-gate, which requires emptying, however due to the proximity of some driveways to a neighboring driveway, the effectiveness of the snowgate is limited. Our Operator makes every effort not to bury your driveway access in snow, however a ridge is often left behind. If we did not have a snow-gate the ridge would be much worse. Removing this becomes the homeowner's responsibility. If we were to return and remove these ridges, the cost would be astronomical.

One way that you, the residents can assist us is to remove your vehicle from the road, during business hours, after a snowfall. This way, you don't end up buried behind a ridge of snow. We will send out messages on our phone tree, letting you know that we are clearing snow. Areas beside homes are places that we tend to dump our snow-gate. If you require this space for parking, you will have to make arrangements with someone to clear the area, just as you would with your driveway.

Snow piles are cleared as we have time. Heavy snow year's we have less hours to remove the piles as more time is spent clearing streets.

All snow that is removed from driveways is to be kept on your lot, either in your front or back yard, unless other arrangements have been made. As per our Bylaw, no person shall push, blade, shovel, blow, place or deposit snow that has accumulated on private property onto any sidewalk, street or public place. We ask that you refrain from blowing your snow onto the street after we have cleared it. We receive many complaints when this happens. If caught it is subject to a fine of a minimum of \$2,000.00.