Message from the Mayor: Blizzard updates

Fellow Residents;

The storm wanes, plenty has fallen, and we're all, I think, a little surprised at the amount. So there you go. They weren't kidding about the blizzard part.

Everybody has apparently respected the storm and there have been almost no accidents or emergency calls – it was a quiet day. There have been no power outages. The DPW is out working a long shift – all equipment is in order, but it is still coming down fast and it continues to be a challenge. The storm will pass toward midnight, and we should have a chance to clean some of it up then.

Groups of Fire Department volunteers are sequestered at all the firehouses until tomorrow morning, so that the village is covered. We're blessed for that dedication and owe them a debt of gratitude. Do them and all of us a favor by digging out any hydrants on your property. It's important.

If you can pull your car off the street once the storm subsides, it will allow the DPW crews to plow to the curb. It makes a difference. Finally, we are going to be moving garbage collection from Monday to Tuesday because our crews will instead be digging out the commuter lots and other village areas Sunday night and Monday morning, snow removal will be a serious undertaking.

Submitting to a storm like this basically involves hunkering down and sitting still. That's not the worst way to spend a Saturday, cozy at home. Careful with the shoveling – you don't want to strain yourself beyond reason. And please remember ibuprofen afterwards - this is a heavy lift.

Enjoy the snow and keep safe.

Sincerely,

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