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Subject: Interlaken Snow Removal and the 10-Year Storm

Hi All-

It goes without saying that the recent heavy snowfall has posed a challenge and a strain on the town's ability to clear our roads. First of all, I want to thank SuperDave and Brother B who have put in a ridiculous number of consecutive days and hours performing the monumental feat of keeping our roads clear. They've also gone way beyond that task, removing snow from trees and clearing fallen trees from the roadway. Please give them your full cooperation as they try to keep up with their task. This is a good time to remind folks what the town's and SuperDave's priorities are for clearing the roads.

Dave is under contract with the town from November through March to remove snow from the town's roads. This is his number one priority and is mandated by the town through his contract. If he is able, he will turn to his secondary task of clearing driveways for those who have contracted with him and Brother B. Dave knows the town quite well and approaches that task with a priority in mind – focusing on occupied homes or those who are vulnerable as a safety concern. If the roads aren't clear, no one gets out, and no emergency vehicles can get in. You may be stuck or stranded, but remember if Dave or Brother B. help you, it is out of the kindness of their hearts, and probably means less sleep for them that night. Please be kind and thoughtful and remember that Dave and Brother B. are doing this job for the town and focusing on the safety for all of us.

The entire Wasatch Back region is struggling with snow right now, and no one could completely prepare for the amount of snow we've gotten in a short time, and the heavy water content, which makes removal even more challenging. A special thanks go to Interlaken residents, like Allen Fuchs and others who have pitched in a variety of ways, helping neighbors remove snow, clearing trees along Interlaken, and just checking on their neighbors who are stranded. For those new to town, this year is a remarkable change from the past 10 years.

Here's some things to keep in mind during heavy snowfall and big winter storms:

- **Plan ahead.** If you have to be at the airport at 8am and snow is in the forecast, consider heading down to SLC the night before and hoteling it. Don't expect a miracle to happen in the morning - prepare for the worst.
- **Don't park on the streets or shoulders.** This is very important. If the shoulder areas are not free of vehicles, Dave can't plow. That spot you've been using all summer on the sly off the pavement – that may well be the space Dave needs to dump snow. The town's parking policy is clear – no parking on the road or shoulder areas from November 1st through April 30th, or you can be towed and fined. We hate to do it - don't be the one that we have to tow and hold up the entire snow removal operation because you left your car stranded. If your car is stuck – get it out of the roadway as soon as possible. If you have visitors, have them park down at Valais park and shuttle them back and forth. If you're not sure if you can get out of your driveway, don't try! Come up with a plan B.
- **Get snow tires!** – nuff said. Don't drive if you don't have the right vehicle with the right tires.
- **Gas meters and outdoor hose bibs.** That grey boxy meter with pipes running into your house is your gas meter. Make sure it is clear of snow. It may be inoperable if buried. Make sure all your outdoor hose bibs are insulated.
- **Fire Hydrants** – SuperDave usually does a good job of clearing snow away from our fire hydrants. If you have a fire hydrant nearby, you can help by clearing snow around it.
- **Be prepared for a power outage.** They are more common with heavy storms like this one. Stock up on food and supplies and know who to contact in case of an emergency.
- **Check on your neighbors.** If you have friends or neighbors who are vulnerable or stranded, don't be shy about checking in on them. Leave it to them to not pick up the phone or answer the door if you reach out.

Remember, in case of an emergency, **911** will connect you with Wasatch County Sheriff's office. If you have questions or concerns, please reach out to me via phone or email and I will help in any way I can. Visit our website for more information about services in the area: <https://www.town-of-interlaken.com/>

Thanks for your patience and support,
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