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To: Jeremiah Novak
Subject: RE: Indian Bluffs starting another winter without snow plowing

From: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>
Date: November 12, 2019 at 5:00:40 PM CST
To: Jeremiah Novak <jnovak@manitowoc.org>
Cc: Joan Graff <graff_joan@yahoo.com>
Subject: Fwd: Indian Bluffs starting another winter without snow plowing

Greeting Alderperson Novak,

Below you will see an email detailing a concern with snow removal on Indian Bluff Drive and Seneca Lane from Joan Graff. I am requesting that this item be placed as an agenda item for committee consideration at your next regularly scheduled meeting on 12/4/19 at 5:30pm.

Thank you for your attention to this matter,

Eric J. Sitkiewitz

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Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Joan Graff <graff_joan@yahoo.com>
Date: November 7, 2019 at 10:02:38 PM CST
To: Eric Sitkiewitz - D6 <esitkiewitz@manitowoc.org>
Subject: Indian Bluffs starting another winter without snow plowing

Dear Eric,

I live in your aldermanic district on the corner of Indian Bluff Drive and Seneca Lane. I am writing to ask your help in fixing a recurring problem in our subdivision: absent or very delayed snow plowing. This has been an irritant in the past. Now, with the recent snow and bitterly cold weather I see we may be embarking once again on perhaps six months of icy ruts in our neighborhood because our street wasn't plowed.

As you know, once ice freezes on the street it can remain there until the spring thaw. The ruts are tough on vehicles and on people such as ourselves who like to walk for exercise. Icy streets make for crunchy, noisy traffic all night long and are daily reminders that our city thinks we are second class citizens.

In addition to the persistent ice that comes from skipped plowing, on days of heavy snow the rest of the city seems to get moving fairly quickly while we may not get plowed out until 5 p.m. What kind of plowing schedule allows parts of the city to be left out of the loop? We pay taxes like everyone else. We are expected to shovel our sidewalks and comply with expectations for maintaining our property while the city seems to consider its services to us as optional.

We run an online business from home and often get truck deliveries even during snow. Last year a UPS truck was stuck on our unplowed street for hours and had to get towed out. During yesterday's snow a different trucker said he had to make a detour on our slippery neighborhood streets to make his delivery to us.

Perhaps you are unaware that Indian Bluffs has been left out of the plowing schedule. Now that you know, I hope you can intervene before we need to circulate a neighborhood petition. My husband says my email to you won't do any good. I hope that is not the case.

Sincerely,
Joan Graff
3703 Seneca Lane