

City of Mt. Healthy



News & Notes

January 2017

"A city with a historic past working toward the future"

You're Invited...

Regularly scheduled
community gatherings
(in alphabetical order):

Beautification Comm.
3rd Thursday
6:30 p.m. @ city hall

Board of Education
3rd Monday
7 p.m. @ Board of Ed

Business Association
2nd Monday
11:00 a.m. @ MHCH

Celebrate Mt. Healthy
1st Thursday (none Dec.)
9 a.m. @ city hall

City Council
1st & 3rd Tuesday
7 p.m. @ city hall

Economic Task Force
4th Monday
6:30 p.m. @ city hall

Free Community Meal
Every Tuesday
5 p.m. @ St. Paul UCC

Free Community Meal
Every Thursday
5:30 p.m. @ Trinity LC

Historical Society
1st Wednesday
7 p.m. @ 7612 Perry

Urban Tree Commission
2nd Monday 7 p.m.

Locations vary, so call
377-1976 for more details

It's that time of year!

Conditions vary (air temp, road temp, forecast, time of day storm hits, etc.) but as a general rule a Snow Emergency may be called when 4-6" inches plus is forecasted. In the past 3 years only 2 snow emergencies have been called.

Snow Plowing Policy

During regular work hours, the Public Works Department and Police Department determine when streets become unsafe and require attention. After regular work hours, the Police Department calls in snow plows when conditions become unsafe.

The city is divided into 3 sections with a snow plow in each section. Priority is given to the main streets, intersections, school zones, streets with hills and curves. The main streets are cleared first. The secondary streets and subdivisions are given equal attention after the main streets and school zones are cleared. These main streets are cleared first by using all 3 trucks in unison to clear streets quickly:

Hamilton Ave.	Clovernook Ave.	Stevens Ave.
Compton Rd.	Bernard Ave.	Forest Ave.
Adams Rd.	Kinney Ave.	Park Ave.
Harrison Ave.	Seward Ave.	Perry St.

During prolonged snowstorms, it is necessary for the snow plow operators to make repeated passes on the main streets to keep traffic flowing. This delays the plows from clearing the neighborhood streets.

Salting Policy

City crews will apply salt and/or liquid calcium chloride on the main streets, intersections, school zones, streets with hills and curves. Due to the area wide salt shortage and the resulting decrease in our salt allocation, the City of Mt. Healthy will follow this salting policy. Please slow down and drive with caution.

Parking During Snowstorms

During snow events, residents are asked to use off street parking. By parking off the streets, this will enable the city snow plow crews to clear the streets more efficiently.

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Plowing in Alleys & City Parking Lots

Alleys and city parking lots will be plowed when time permits.

Guidelines When Clearing Sidewalks and Driveways

Snow plow crews first open the center of all the secondary streets and then return to push snow to the curb. Residents are encouraged to wait until the snow crews have completed their second round before removing snow from their driveways and sidewalks next to the street. Most of our complaints are from residents who have spent a lot of time clearing their driveways only to have the snow pushed back into the driveway when the snow plow crews make their second pass.

Once the crews have cleared the street, do not push or blow the snow from your driveway into the street. Passing motorists drive over the fresh snow and pack it down. When the temperature drops, that snow forms slippery patches resulting in a driving hazard.

Snow Plow Safety on the Road

The snow plow operator's vision is often reduced by blowing snow coming off the snow blade. Do not assume the snow plow operators can see you approaching. When following a snow plow, if you cannot see the side mirrors on the snow plow, the driver cannot see you.

Remember that snow plows must maintain a certain speed for the plows to be effective. For your safety and the safety of the snow plow drivers, give them plenty of room to make wide turns, keep a safe distance behind the plows and do not pass the plows. City crews do a more effective job when residents travel only when necessary and use off street parking when available.

Safety of Children

Caution your children not to play in the snow piles or drifts near the street and to always stay clear of the snow plow.

Mailboxes

Inspect, replace and/or repair your mailbox before the snow season. The city only repairs mailboxes that are hit by the snow plow. The city does not repair mailboxes that are damaged by snow thrown from the snow plow.



Mt. Healthy Library Branch Programs:

Technology Appointments

Ongoing basic computer classes for any age

Make It, Take It Arts & Crafts

2nd Mondays (all day)

Preschool Story Time

Wed. at 10:30 a.m.

Visit the library for a complete list of local programs!



Tree Tips

Good soil is one of Mt. Healthy's assets. Tree roots need to breathe, and aerated soil has been found to be the number one factor in tree growth. Our clay soils compact easily, especially when wet. Once compacted, they stay that way permanently without further measures to aerate. Take care not to drive or park in your lawn, so as to protect the soil and ensure future success for trees planted there! Keeping the area under your tree mulched or growing a ground cover instead of lawn can help preserve the soil.