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Snow Removal Notice 2023-2024

To All Gilchrist Homeowners:

All property owners are required to make sure their tenants or property managers are aware of this notice.

The GOA Board of Directors is again implementing our plan to solve the problem of owners and/or renters parking their vehicles on the roadways during the snowy months. The unpaved strip on the edge of the paved streets is common land and was designed for snow storage. When you park and leave vehicles there you interfere with snow removal. Our plan is in its third year, with success last year. The roads become narrow and dangerous, and the snowplow operators have difficulty moving and piling the snow off the roadways when people refuse to move their vehicles. The narrowing roadways are dangerous due to this restricted access, especially access by emergency vehicles.

The Board has installed no parking signs which limits streetside parking from **Nov 1st to April 15th**. You are responsible to follow this restriction. There are significant unpaved areas off the edge of the pavement on each side of our streets which is common ground and designed for snow storage. A violator is any owner or renter that leaves their vehicle on the roadway or immediately adjacent to the roadway (within 15 feet of pavement) that impedes the removal of the snow and causes an obstruction. Violator vehicles will be notified by a bright warning sign. **Those who refuse to remove their vehicles will be towed and impounded at the owner's expense.**

Park in your driveway. It's very important that vehicles are not parked on the streets (on common ground). The Board would like to thank those owners and renters who follow these guidelines. Having plowed streets makes safe passage for us all. Snow plowing isn't requested until snow depth is 6-inches. There are snowplow board liaisons who initiate the snow plowing. Snowplows operate two at a time, one for streets and one for berm removal. There could be a gap between both so have patience for them to finish the job. If it's snowing hard and/or continuously, the plows might not operate until the snow stops as a cost savings to the GOA. Continuous plowing isn't effective until the snow stops or slows down significantly. **You live in snow country so prepare your vehicle to travel on icy snow-covered streets and driveways.**

If you, the owner, hire someone to remove snow from your driveway, that person needs to understand that all damages or injuries caused by his/her removal efforts is theirs and the property owner's responsibility.

Snow that is plowed from your property (either by yourself or by someone other than the town removal crew) **is NOT to be** placed, pushed, dumped, or otherwise left where it could impact common ground roadways or other private property. **Keep your snow on your property.**

The snow crew is not responsible for damages done to vehicles parked on the road. If buildings, landscaping, or vehicles receive damage by the snow removal crew while on common lands, it will be your (owner's) responsibility to repair. The homeowner will be responsible for any damage to equipment, resources or injuries incurred because of obstacles buried in the snow that are in the way.

Snow stakes must be placed on your property prior to snow fall to warn snowplows of any obstacles in your yard. Snow Stakes should be 6 foot, brightly colored, and reflective. Putting a flag or ribbon on the top is advisable.

Alleys and driveways are private property and as such will not be plowed by the snow removal crew.

Respectfully,

Gilchrist Owners Association
Board of Directors