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A Communication of the Mt. Gretna Campmeeting

As winter descends on Campmeeting, we want to assure you that MGCA Superintendent Nate Godfrey and his dedicated team are actively working to respond to winter weather events. Winter weather brings challenges as every storm is different. We want to inform you about some of the measures in place to maintain safe conditions within Campmeeting:

- Street Cleaning
 - MGCA Superintendent and his team clear some Campmeeting streets and walkways using plows and/or snow blowers to ensure accessibility for all residents. Please note that other streets within Campmeeting are cleared by the Mt. Gretna Borough.
- Salt Treatment
 - When the temperature is 25 degrees or higher, streets and walkways are treated with salt to prevent the formation of slippery ice patches. This proactive approach is aimed at creating safer pathways for everyone. Temperatures lower than 25 degrees prevent salt from being effective.
- Parking Lot Maintenance
 - o The Carter and Kauffman parking lots, vital areas for our community, are plowed by the Mt. Gretna Borough. This ensures that residents have access to parking spaces even during snowy conditions.
 - Snow plowing gravel lots presents unique challenges due to the nature of gravel surfaces. Unlike paved lots, gravel lots have uneven surfaces with loose materials that can be displaced by plowing equipment. This displacement often leads to the unintentional removal of gravel along with snow, resulting in potential damage to the lot's surface. Additionally, gravel lots are prone to forming uneven snowbanks and drifts, making it

challenging to achieve consistent and thorough snow removal. The loose nature of gravel can also hinder the traction of snow plows, impacting their effectiveness. Balancing the need to clear snow for safety with the preservation of the gravel surface requires a delicate approach to avoid unnecessary wear and tear. Overall, snow plowing gravel lots demands specialized techniques and careful consideration to maintain both safety and the integrity of the lot, but ultimately, it's impossible to clear a gravel lot as well as a paved lot and your understanding of this fact is appreciated.

While these measures are in place, we would like to remind you and your guests to exercise extreme caution, especially when ice is present. By being mindful of our surroundings, we can collectively contribute to preventing injuries.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding. We are always looking for volunteers to assist the "snow-clearing team" and put their shovels to use. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the MGCA Office. Let's work together to make this winter season safe and enjoyable for all.

Stay warm and stay safe.

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