

October 20, 2020

RE: Summit/Grand Avenue Alley Plowing Bill 2020-20 Winter

My Dear Neighbor,

What a perfect day to compose our annual Snow Plow collection letter! Fortunately Greg XXX had already agreed to plow but neither of us anticipated starting THIS early.

Last year was a better year for our alley thanks to neighbors' efforts. Thank you for remembering that our **flat** alley is still **two blocks long**. If snow is **shoveled/blown into the alley** from driveways, especially after the plow has passed, **ruts form quickly** due to **traffic**. Once the ruts freeze, they thaw slowly, especially in the east, because they are shaded by south side's elevation. Please share your ideas. A few things we know will help are:

- **Clear snow from your own garage aprons, but please, DO NOT put it into the alley.**
- **No cars extended into the alley.**
- **Keep garbage/recycling containers in our garages or in yards until Sunday night to give the plow a wider swath.**

It may feel like we pay more than some other alleys. Our wider lots and the townhouses on Grand leave us with fewer people to pay. Also, neighbors without access to the alley have always paid less. And, as human beings, we sometimes forget to pay. Your portion of the cost is **\$\$**. Please make your check payable to **Cathy**. Mail it to **20XX Summit Avenue, St. Paul, MN 55105**.

My cell phone number is: 651-XXX-XXXX and my email is [XXX](mailto:XXX) Please contact me with questions, helpful ideas or your desire to volunteer for the job.

Thank you!

Cathy