



City of Bluff City
Mayor Percy J. Brown

Office of the Mayor

City Hall / 100 Broad Avenue
Bluff City, Ohio

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Dear Bluff City Citizens:

Fellow citizens, I must once again call upon your help. This time we need your assistance with snow plowing and ice removal. You see, it seems that we've experienced a number of failures here at Bluff City city hall with regards to purchasing supplies for our Snow Destroyer plow crews to aid them in their never-ending fight against Mother Nature and Old Man Winter!

First off, my never-efficient city manager, Stan Stanlovski, failed to reorder our city salt supply in time and with the snowy and icy weather we've been experiencing lately, we've been out of salt for three weeks now. That is why your neighborhood streets are still frozen solid. And it seems that all our neighboring cities are also critically low on salt, so there's no one to beg or borrow from! But, most of our neighbors were smart enough to reorder back in late January, so their salt should arrive within a week or two. Stan placed our order on February 29. We expect the salt to be delivered about mid-June.

It also seems that we're out of diesel fuel down at the Bluff City Maintenance Yard. My Finance Director, Amanda Horacheffer, thought she was cutting the budget for boat fuel, but mistakenly cut the budget for diesel fuel, instead. She rightly determined that we no longer need to budget for boat fuel, since we had to give up operating a Police Patrol boat after that unfortunate accident last summer involving a rookie police officer and his shotgun. We still haven't recovered our boat from the bottom of Bluff County Reservoir. We expect it will take two weeks to get a purchase order in place to buy more diesel fuel.

So here's what we're asking of you – we need everyone to chip in and help us keep the streets clear! How? Simple.

We want everyone to take responsibility for not only clearing the snow and ice from their driveways and sidewalks, but also to remove the snow and ice from the street in front of their property. If you'll shovel the snow from your residential streets, this will help the Snow Destroyers keep plowing the main roads (at least, those who still have fuel in their trucks). And if everyone will use their own table salt to melt the ice in front of their homes, we might just make it through this winter!

So pray for Spring, but keep your shovels handy!

Sincerely,
Percy J. Brown
Your Honorable Mayor