



Streets Division

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Mr. Richard Jin
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Dear Mr. Lin,

I have received a copy of your letter to Alder Skidmore dated October 16, 2008 regarding the unproportional amount of snow on your lawn that causes stress to your property.

I have had three members of my staff come out to your property and view the situation to determine if a more equitable option exists regarding the piling of the snow onto your property from the adjoining cul-de-sac. All three, in addition to myself, agree that there is no better option at this location.

Due to the general design of cul-de-sacs, we often utilize front endloaders with buckets to remove snow from these circles rather than plows that have a difficult time pushing the snow around the circle. This is done because there is generally less off road area to push the snow due to the designs. As a result, there is usually one or two properties on or near the throat of the cul-de-sac, which end up getting the majority of the snow piled on it. If you would look at S. Harwood Cir, the other properties have no areas that would be adequate for the piling of the snow. The combination of driveways, trees, vegetation, mailboxes and fire hydrants makes your location the most obvious.

I am willing to take a look at your situation during the winter months to see if removal is necessary. However, snow removal would only occur if there were a vision hazard or a safety concern.

Sincerely,

Alan C. Schumacher
Street Superintendent

cc: Ald. Paul Skidmore, District 9
Chris Kelley, Streets Operations Manager
John Marshall, Public Works General Supervisor

