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Winter weather has definitely decided to appear here early this year!! The snow and the cold have definitely caused us to switch our equipment over to snow removal / salt spreading a little earlier than we anticipated. Hopefully we will still get some good weather to allow us to finish up the leaf pickup for the season and complete one more brush pickup in early December. At this point I do not want to give a final leaf pickup date as we will see how we do over the next week or two with the weather and the ability to clean up what is out there.

As mentioned above, snow removal activities have begun and a couple notes to help assist village employees in their efforts to provide safe roadways over this coming winter:

- Please be sure to recognize and provide ample room for the trucks as they plow snow, especially when working in the intersections. Leave plenty of room behind them as they do frequently back up to complete clean-up work.
- If you park on the street, please do your best to either relocate the car prior to the snow or as soon thereafter as possible so the crews can get things pushed back to allow for proper travel and parking.
- While village crews do an exceptional job getting out early and having things opened up prior to normal traffic, there are times, especially in the evenings, where we do not plow during the storm but instead wait until the snow has either tapered or quit. We try to best utilize our resources and time by doing this but it is important that traffic be aware of road conditions and take necessary precautions.
- As always, please remember to slow down during bad weather to ensure safety for everyone.

If you have any questions or concerns during the winter months about our snow removal please feel free to call me at (419)375-1056 and I will be glad to work through any problems that arise. As always your cooperation is important and appreciated.

Budgeting and planning is in the works for our 2015 projects. There are many different projects on our to-do list that we hope to fit into a completion schedule over the next 5-10 years. As mentioned last week, one such project we are currently looking at is a sanitary lagoon improvement project that may include the addition of a third sanitary lagoon along with possible improvements to our existing two lagoons. Unfortunately completing utility work is not the most noticeable or desired improvement, but safe, efficient and suitable infrastructure is the backbone to keeping a community viable and growing. Hopefully the changes made will position Fort Recovery to continue to succeed for many, many years and provide the next generation with adequate and compliant facilities to continue to grow.

Don't forget the Mayors Christmas Lighting & Decorating Contest. All village properties are eligible and will be judged the evening of Tuesday, December 23rd. Merchant gift certificates will be awarded to the top three places.

Also a quick note on a new venture here in the Fort.....fortrecoveryradio.com is on the air playing music and doing local sporting events, news updates from around the community, special programs such as a sports talk show and I am sure more is planned. Thank you to Neal Spencer for working on this and getting it off the ground as it is always great to get the word out on activities happening in our community. Visit his Facebook page at Fort Recovery Radio to get more information.