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We managed to somehow avoid the huge snow storm as predicted this past weekend and are grateful for that. We realize that we will have to deal with more snow storms but are always happy to have some of them skip by our area. Also it is great to see the power the sun already has in the afternoon which helps us believe that we are getting closer to spring! Everyone's cooperation during the snow events is appreciated by getting vehicles off the street when possible, taking additional precaution around the snow plows as they do their work, and by slowing down and taking extra time when roads are icy or snow covered.

Speaking of spring, a final reminder that pool and park applications are due this week for anyone interested in a position with the village for the summer. Applications are available at the village hall or high school office and can be returned to either location.

I met with ODOT officials to continue our discussion and planning to alleviate some of the truck route issues that we have here in Fort Recovery. We are moving forward with some various activities and planning to make improvements to the intersection at the flashing light to alleviate long waits for the many trucks that travel this route daily. We are also looking at more long term solutions to help with the large amount of truck traffic that we experience daily.

It has been brought to the village's attention that there are a number of homes in our community that do not have house numbers displayed that are visible to emergency personnel from the street. This can be critical in getting timely response when needed so we are asking everyone to take a look at their home to be sure that the house numbers are displayed in such a way that they are visible from the street. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

In my series of acknowledging our various boards and committees, this week I want to recognize our Design Review Board. This board consists of five members made up of one council representative and four at large members as appointed by the mayor who meet as necessary. The duties of the Design Review Board is to "advise upon changes to structures and objects within the Village of Fort Recovery in order to encourage changes that are compatible with the architectural integrity of the various period structures within it, and to prevent intrusions and alterations within this Village that would be incompatible with this established character". They deal with structures that are over fifty years old and that have historical significant features that have not been previously altered and provide advice upon proper architectural methods to maintain this historical appropriateness. The current members are Councilman Cliff Wendel and at large appointed members Ken Romer, Paul McDaniel, Tom Kaup and Tina Bechtol. As with many of our board, these at large members have all served for many years and have provided a unique service to our community in our efforts to maintain our historical structures while still allowing growth to our community. I commend each of them for their commitment and contribution to our community and thank each of the Design Review Board members for their service.