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Public comments as of October 27, 2011, 1:59 AM

All Participants



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## Introduction

Because of a wide-spread shortage of de-icing rock salt, the City has adopted measures to conserve our limited salt supplies during snow removal operations. These measures include prioritizing the arterial and larger side streets, and using plows instead of salt for the smaller snow accumulations. A reprint of our newsletter article detailing these changes is included below.

We would like to know if these changes have affected you, and if so, how?

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### All Participants who selected 'Yes'

Name not shown in Cincinnati

April 27, 2009, 6:17 PM

I say yes

I think the City did a great job with snow removal this year. Their conservation of resources, containment of cost, and execution of the plan were all excellent. Montgomery's roads were almost always passable and far superior to almost all other communities in the area (equal to Blue Ash and Indian Hill but far better than anyone else including the State and County).

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Dennis DiMasso in Cincinnati

March 20, 2009, 10:28 PM

I say yes

I thought the ability of the city to REMOVE snow this year on Montgomery road was inadequate. When the snow is more than 3 inches deep simply throwing a limited amount of salt on the road just makes the road slushy and unsafe. Montgomery Rd @ 275 was particularly bad. You've got to PUSH the snow, not drop salt on it and hope traffic does the work for you. I saw more trucks simply throwing salt than plowing snow. The city must use the late evening hours when there is limited traffic to put two plows side-by-side and going up and down Montgomery road to move as much snow as possible.

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Name not shown in Loveland

March 20, 2009, 10:19 PM

I say yes

I live in Symmes Township, not Montgomery, but I am in the Sycamore school district, and it's my impression that school was canceled on Friday, January 30, because some streets in Montgomery had not yet been cleared. Our small cul-de-sac in Symmes had been cleared very quickly after the snow so I was surprised that some friends in Montgomery did not get their streets cleared until that day. I don't know for certain that that's why school was closed for a fourth day that week, but those were the only district streets I knew of that weren't clear by then.

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### All Participants who selected 'No'

Stephen Boord in Montgomery

March 23, 2009, 12:04 PM

I say no

We all suffered through a difficult winter this year. However, living on Cooper Rd, I did not notice a discernable difference in the city's response to the snow removal. Good work on a thankless job.

Bob Saul in Montgomery

March 21, 2009, 10:41 AM

I say no

New procedure seemed to work well. Like to see cul-de-sac receive higher priority if snow reaches 3 inches or above. Modern cars cannot get through deep snow.

Gerald (Gerry) Houchell in Cincinnati

March 20, 2009, 10:06 PM

I say no

My wife and I are retired, so we are not directly affected.

Leah Levy in Cincinnati

March 20, 2009, 8:55 PM

I say no

Even though my street is not a high priority we had no problem. Important that we conserve our resources, physical and financial.

thom monahan in Montgomery

March 20, 2009, 6:01 PM

I say no

I can only say that I had no memory of incidents where snow became an issue during the heaviest periods. I have to assume if there are no horror stories in my memory bank then there was no change noticed by me. I did have to shovel my driveway apron after the trucks dumped snow on it but that is to be expected.

RICHARD HAHN in Montgomery

March 20, 2009, 5:54 PM

I say no

It was a relatively "mild" winter, as far as snowfall is concerned. In don't commute, but use the car for several trips to shopping, Dr. appointments, etc. Found no change in performance, the roads I take were always cleared by 9 AM.

Jodi Keith in Montgomery

March 20, 2009, 3:27 PM

I say no

During the winter of 08/09 our street, a yellow Priority 3 route, was promptly cleared after each

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weather event, as usual. I never encountered any problems traveling in Montgomery, although roads in some surrounding municipalities/townships weren't kept as clear. Thanks to Montgomery's Public Works employees for long hours spent in snow plows!

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Name not shown in Montgomery

March 20, 2009, 11:12 AM

I say no

The plan to conserve salt use and expense did not have any impact of my daily activities or driving.

The tie-ups on I-71 shifting traffic to Montgomery Road did create more jams, but it had nothing to do with salt.

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### All Participants who selected 'Neutral'

MM GOARD in Montgomery

March 21, 2009, 11:09 AM

I am neutral

Our streets service was unchanged this year and I noticed little change in my daily travel route. It's interesting to hear the perception from the Symmes Twp "side of the road".

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### All Participants who selected 'Maybe'

Name not shown in Cincinnati

March 20, 2009, 10:26 AM

I say maybe

We noticed no change around town, but did wonder if Tanagerhills Dr was taken off the route. Tanagerhills is partly in Symmes Twp and partly in Montgomery. The Montgomery part of the street was covered in ice and snow, the Symmes part was clean. It was a little tricky trying not to slide past our driveway.

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