

Tinti, Elisa

From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 3:04 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea; Alderman
Subject: Fwd: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Questions for meeting tonight

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

From: samantha Redlich <samant_hared@hotmail.com>
Date: December 21, 2020 at 2:39:19 PM EST
To: "Tinti, Elisa" <emtinti@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Questions for meeting tonight

Hello,

My name is Samantha. I was given your email to send questions for tonight's meeting with the DPW. I live on West Pierpont st (from wurts st to hone st part). Its a snow emergency route and was never plowed until Saturday morning. I would like to ask the DPW why this was not done until Saturday as it is a snow emergency route and is supposed to be done "first". I called numerous times each day until it was done. Is this going to always be a problem? (And yes all of the cars were in compliance with parking on the appropriate side). It is still a mess and hard to drive down.. Also our garbage was never picked up on our road and ours is now over flowing because it wasn't picked up. Thank you for your time!

Samantha R
845-943-8895

Sent via the Samsung Galaxy S7, an AT&T 4G LTE smartphone
[Get Outlook for Android](#)

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

Tinti, Elisa

From: Tinti, Elisa
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 1:19 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea; Alderman
Subject: Fw: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Dangerous Snow Conditions Last Week

From: Anna C. Gilmore <annacgilmore94@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 12:44 PM
To: Worthington, Rita; Tinti, Elisa
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Dangerous Snow Conditions Last Week

Hello Mrs. Tinti and to the 4th Ward,

I am a resident of Kingston living on Downs Street. On Wednesday the 16th, when checking for local reports from the city on the incoming snowstorm, I saw the notice to move cars to the odd side of the street at 7 am. At 6:45 am on Thursday, I went out to go move my car to find the streets had over half a foot of snow still on the road, while everyone on the streets had around two feet on their cars. I am a new driver and this was my first winter, but it was clear there was something not right about this situation. I was still working to get my car out, with the help of some neighbors, and at 7:10 I was able to get it out of the spot it was in. I saw the ticket officers giving people tickets at 7:10.

Now, this is an issue on its own, since the wording of moving your cars to opposite sides of the street says to move at 7, not move your car before 7. This is a problem and I will get to exactly why this goes beyond the financial issues involved, but how this is a dangerous practice during emergencies like this.

After getting my car out, it was clear there was no place to re-park on the opposite side, so I went to try and get to the nearest parking lot I knew, hoping it would be a safe location to park for the time being. The snow was still coming down by a lot and I could not see out any of the windows so I rolled my window down. Once I got to the parking lot, I lost control of my car when turning and hit a snowdrift. I was ok, but I was stuck there for three hours, trying to get my car out.

While stuck in the snow, I saw multiple plows go by without plowing, cop cars drive without helping, and of course, the ticket officers. It was a mechanic who had been going through with his own private plow that helped me get out of the snowdrift.

I will be the first to admit, I was not prepared to drive in extreme conditions, but if there is one thing that I want to address is who put me in that situation? I had a choice between waiting and getting a ticket that I would not be able to afford or look for a safe place to park, which at 7 am on Thursday did not exist in the heaviest snowstorm up here in a decade.

The alternate parking law is dangerous considering the conditions of this blizzard. But not even, after four days of having to switch sides at 7 am is it any safer on Downs Street and we don't even have the worst of it. The constant disappointment every morning when I walked out to see the other side still not cleared, was enough if I had the ability to, I would move to never have another winter here.

Kingston has grown as a city, and cannot afford to allow this to happen again. The alternate parking law must be changed to single row parking during emergency weather. This is what the majority of major cities do, which is a safer option for drivers and emergency vehicles. I hope instead of pointing fingers, we move as a city to create a better plan for weather like this. I want to thank you for your time and patience, I hope to stay involved on the safety plans for Kingston.

Tinti, Elisa

From: Deborah Brown <djbrown72@hotmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:49 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Cc: Hirsch, Michele
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] mega snow storm

Hi Elisa,

I have concerns about the recent major snow storm . This storm was predicted and every major news outlet across the country was reporting of an impending high accumulation of a snow in many parts of NY.

It begs the question...why was Kingston so unprepared? We have in the past had some mega storms and it was addressed by DPW with careful planning and with cooperation with other townships. But what happened? I did not see a snowplow on the streets until it was almost time for me to go to work and Hasbrouck Ave is one of the first to be addressed with snowplowing as a designated emergency route. I also did not see the salt brine laid down on the streets as done in the past or any salt trucks spreading pellets prior to the storm. Hence we had a massive accumulation with first responders getting stuck emergent situations. the tragedy on Van Buren st as a prime example!

And then for several days after people were stranded in the home and driveways. Some had to go to work, some had Dr. appts and some had to pick up meds at a pharmacy. and the city had the audacity to ticket stranded cars as they could not even do alternate street parking!

This should not be blamed on DPW workers but rather on management and the Mayor who represents City Hall who did not seem to have a Plan B .

I am asking that as we go forward and especially in a snow or any crisis in the city , that an after action plan be done and with TRUE transparency notify the residents what went wrong and how management will remedy any other situation of this magnitude in the future.

Tax paying residents deserve to be told the truth!

Thank you for your attention.

Deb Brown

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.

Tinti, Elisa

From: Noble, Steve
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 12:53 PM
To: Shaut, Andrea
Cc: Alderman; Bryant, Kevin; Baker, Daniel
Subject: Governor's recent Executive Order and our Senior's
Attachments: EO_202.83.pdf

President Shaut,

Governor Cuomo's recent Executive order (202.83), regarding RPTL 467 (Senior) and RPLT 459-C (Disability), allows for a municipality "to adopt a resolution directing the assessor to grant exemptions pursuant to such section on the 2021 assessment roll to all property owners who received that exemption on the 2020 assessment roll, thereby dispensing with the need for renewal applications from such persons, and further dispensing with the requirement for assessors to mail renewal applications to such persons."

For the health and safety of all Kingstonians, I believe it to be in the City's and property owners best interest for the City of Kingston to adopt such a resolution.

The Executive Order is attached. A link to the Executive order is also below.

<https://www.governor.ny.gov/news/no-20283-continuing-temporary-suspension-and-modification-laws-relating-disaster-emergency>

Dan Baker will work with Corporation Council to ready a resolution.

Can this late communication either be referred to the Public Safety meeting tonight or I ask that a special committee meeting get set up for Caucus in January.

Respectfully Submitted,

-Steve

Steven T. Noble
Mayor, City of Kingston
420 Broadway
Kingston, NY 12401
845-334-3902
www.kingston-ny.gov

Tinti, Elisa

From: Shaut, Andrea
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 11:05 AM
To: Alderman
Subject: FW: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Letter for distribution to Council

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Please see the below message.

Andrea

From: Sarah Wenk [mailto:smwenk2@gmail.com]
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:42 AM
To: Shaut, Andrea <ashaut@kingston-ny.gov>; Noble, Steve <SNoble@kingston-ny.gov>
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Letter for distribution to Council

Hello,

I am sending a letter I wrote today to the UCIDA and Dave Donaldson. I would appreciate your forwarding to the members of the Common Council.

Thank you,

Sarah Wenk

For distribution to all UCIDA members, please. Thanks.

Hello,

I am writing in response to Ulster County Legislator Dave Donaldson's appearance at the UCIDA meeting on December 16th. As Mr. Donaldson's constituent and a resident of Kingston, I was offended and disappointed by

Tinti, Elisa

From: Jacquelyn Rutchik <jrutchik@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:53 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa; Davis, Tony; Scott-Childress, Reynolds; Morell, Jeffrey; O'Reilly, Patrick; Hirsch, Michele; Wiltshire, MaryJo
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Questions for tonight's Public Safety Meeting

Follow Up Flag: Flag for follow up
Flag Status: Flagged

Dear Ed Norman, Ryan Coon, & Kingston Common Council,

I am emailing today in hopes that these issues will be addressed at tonight's virtual public safety meeting.

I have lived at Fairmont Estates for almost 4 years. My partner and I are both essential workers in the medical field who cannot call out from work due to weather conditions.

The snow removal response to last weeks storm was unacceptable. Every winter I have lived here the streets are poorly cleared. I used to think it must be all the fault of the folks with cars who don't listen to the snow emergency rules of parking on certain sides on certain days. While I'm sure that still played a role in this latest snow emergency, I witnessed firsthand the flaws in that system. In order for residents to successfully do their part, the city must do their part.

All day Thursday was spent moving cars off the even side of Fairmont Ave. It was a difficult task finding alternative parking for all of these cars, but it was done well before dark. A plow truck did not come to plow the even side of the street until it was already past the time on Friday when cars should have been moved back to the even side.

From the many Facebook comments on the city page, this issue was rampant. How can folks move their cars when that side has yet to be plowed? Many people say those cars were then ticketed. You'd think the person doling out tickets would exercise some critical thinking skills and see that if the other side of the street is still a snow mound, there's no way for the cars to move.

Also, without Facebook I would not have known of these parking rules. Not everyone has Facebook or can navigate the city's website to find important information. I hear some get phone calls but I do not know how to sign up for a call list. Many people express frustrations over the lack of dissemination of important information. Signs on every street with the snow emergency rules would help. More needs to be done to get the information out. Perhaps flyers mailed to every Kingston resident every Fall.

Additionally, the rules themselves are not clear. Are cars supposed to be moved by 7am or is that when cars are to start being moved?

Another thing, on Fairmont Ave & other neighborhood streets plows do not go down all the way to the road. They leave a packed layer of snow on the road that inevitably becomes a dangerous sheet of ice. This has happened every winter I've lived here. Why does this occur when the major roads get plowed down to seeing pavement?

I also want to address the rumors of DPW staff getting the "blue flu". Accusations are that the workers are not happy with management or the government and therefore called out sick as a form of unauthorized strike. What is the status of their union? Are they working under a fair and up to date contract? Are they underpaid, understaffed, overworked, or ill-equipped? What kind of strike language is in their contract? What could their management and this government be doing better for them? The public deserves transparent answers on this issue. If any of these rumors are true, that

Tinti, Elisa

From: Jordan Scruggs <jordanscruggs89@gmail.com>
Sent: Monday, December 21, 2020 10:49 AM
To: Tinti, Elisa
Subject: [EXTERNAL EMAIL] Ambulance

Dear Mrs. Tinti,

I wanted to express my concern about the ambulance that was stuck on Van Deusen Street the other night after the shooting. I live on Van Buren Street and could see the ambulance was stuck from my back bedroom window. Cars are only ever parked on the left side of that part of Van Deusen, which means that the plow (and the ambulance) should have been able to get through on the right side without trouble if the street had been cleared. It made a horrible situation even more distressing, and made the good folks in our neighborhood feel even more abandoned by our City.

Thank you for your attention to this issue and sharing this information with the appropriate parties.

Sincerely,

Jordan Scruggs
30 Van Buren Street

ATTENTION: This email came from an external source. Do not open attachments or click on links from unknown senders or unexpected emails.