



# WINTER POLICIES CLARIFIED FOR THE TOWN OF NEWSTEAD

As we deal with winter weather conditions, I would like to clarify the following Highway Department policies:

- MAILBOX REPLACEMENT
- PLOWING ONTO HIGHWAYS
- PARKING LAW
- FIRE HYDRANTS
- HIGHWAY QUESTIONS

## MAILBOX REPLACEMENT:

When a mailbox or mailbox post is actually hit by a Town Highway plow, we will replace the mailbox with a standard mailbox and a standard post when necessary.

We are not obligated to replace custom-built, ornamental or plastic mailboxes.

No mailbox post shall be set inside concrete, brick or other stationary fixture.

When the **weight of the snow** damages your mailbox or post, it is the responsibility of the property owner to replace his/her mailbox and/or post.

Please call the highway garage at (716) 542-5412 if you feel a town plow has damaged your mailbox. With the understanding, ROAD SAFETY is our first priority and then the replacement of mailboxes and/or post at our convenience.

## PLOWING ONTO THE HIGHWAY:

Under Section 1219 Subdivision A of the NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law: "No person shall throw or deposit upon any highway **ANY SNOW** or substance likely to injure any person, animal, or vehicle upon such highway." It is an extremely dangerous practice and we will prosecute violators. When plowing out your driveway, always think of the hazard you could create for drivers, use common sense when clearing.

There should be **NO obstruction(s)** such as: Rocks, Stakes, Posts, etc. placed on shoulder of road. If so, the **Town of Newstead** will not be responsible for any damages.

## PARKING LAW:

Our local parking law prohibits parking on any Town or County Road from **November 1<sup>st</sup> through April 30<sup>th</sup> during the hours from 1 am to 7 am.** Violators are subject to parking fines. Repeat violations will result in vehicle being towed at the owner's expense.

If an emergency exists and your vehicle cannot be removed from the street call (716) 542-5412 or (716) 542-4573 for further information.

The Town is not responsible for damage caused by Town Equipment to any vehicles parked within the road right of way. This includes all driveways and parking areas.

## QUESTIONS:

If you have any questions or concerns pertaining to the above issues or laws, or any comments that are highway related, please call (716) 542-5412

## FIRE HYDRANTS:

**PLEASE HELP KEEP FIRE HYDRANTS CLEAR!** The **Town of Newstead** reminds residents that it is important to keep fire hydrants clear of snow and debris in the winter months.

Although it is not required by law, we ask the residents with a fire hydrant on their property or near their property to voluntarily keep them accessible for the fire department in the event of a fire. We and the fire department appreciate your help!

**THANK YOU,**

**HIGHWAY SUPERINTENDENT  
TOWN OF NEWSTEAD**

NOTE: If you are a resident outside of the **Town of Newstead**, please refer to the winter policies within your own Town or Village. Thank you!

