A Sidewalk Snow Removal Program for the Elmwood Village

MY IDEA FOR CHANGE

The Sidewalk Snow Removal Program will be done in collaboration with the Elmwood Village Association (EVA) and will enlist volunteers from the EVA, surrounding neighborhoods, block clubs, and other stakeholder groups in the Elmwood Village. The first year will focus on the commercial strip running through Elmwood Village (which is the section of Elmwood Avenue that runs from Allen Street to W. Delavan Avenue). Eventually the project will expand to incorporate other residential sidewalks and walkways in the Elmwood Village. Possible implementation methods include the distribution of information (paper and electronic) to residents and merchants, media outreach, meetings with inspectors from the City of Buffalo, and the promotion of reporting tools (e.g., 311 at City Hall). The ultimate goal is to have safe sidewalks throughout the Elmwood Village. Possible future components would extend the project to other neighborhoods in Buffalo and eventually the entire City of Buffalo.

WHERE THE CHANGE WILL HAPPEN

Every winter, a substantial number of pedestrians (especially the disabled, transit riders, seniors, and young adults) in the Elmwood Village face injury by falls and/or by automobile accidents when walking on the Village roadways due to snow and ice buildup. An initiative is needed to remove these hazards, in order to increase pedestrian safety, encourage walking rather than driving as the predominant mode of transportation, lower greenhouse gas emissions, improve the environment and increase the quality of life in the Elmwood Village.

The program will generate, promote, and execute activities in Elmwood Village that improve the snow and ice removal activities on the sidewalks of Elmwood Avenue from Allen Street to W. Delavan Avenue.

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I want the sidewalks in my neighborhood to be safe and clear of snow in the winter, for the enjoyment of all residents and visitors.