

City of Alexandria, Virginia

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MEMORANDUM

DATE: JANUARY 27, 2003

TO: COUNCILMAN DAVID G. SPECK

THROUGH: PHILIP SUNDERLAND, CITY MANAGER *PS*

FROM: *RW* ROSE WILLIAMS BOYD, DIRECTOR OF CITIZEN ASSISTANCE

SUBJECT: SNOW REMOVAL FROM SIDEWALKS

During the December 10, 2002, Council meeting, you asked that staff explore the feasibility of providing more snow removal assistance to those who cannot shovel their sidewalks, disseminate information on who to call to request such assistance, and publicize the information on Comcast.

In response to your request, I contacted the Alexandria Volunteer Bureau (AVB) and the Key Club at T.C. Williams High School and requested that they assist in recruiting volunteers to clear the sidewalks of persons who are senior citizens and/or have physical disabilities which would prevent them from clearing their sidewalks within 24 hours after a snowfall as the City Code requires. The Volunteer Bureau placed a notice on its website and to date one family of four has signed up to assist in this effort. The Key Club has identified eight students who are willing to help.

The list of volunteers is maintained in the Citizen Assistance Office. Staff will issue a press release announcing this service and post a copy of the release on the City's website. We will also post a notice of the service on the government bulletin board which is shown on cable Channel 70. Individuals wishing to utilize this service may call the Citizen Assistance Office which will attempt to locate a volunteer from the list of volunteers. We will continue our efforts to expand the list of volunteers.

If you have any questions, please give me a call at (703) 838-4800.

cc: The Honorable Mayor and Members of City Council
Michele Evans, Assistant City Manager