

Every winter it seems that there are questions about the clearing of roads and sidewalks. Below is information to help clarify who is responsible for what – and contact information if you have further questions.

Virginia Department of Transportation (VDOT)

VDOT is responsible for clearing Charter Oak Drive and Chesterton Street. Clearing standards are posted on the VDOT website at: <http://www.virginiadot.org/about/resources/NoVa-Snow-Brochure.pdf>

Residents who want to report a problem should call 703-383-VDOT (8368) and the customer service center will take of their complaint. Sometimes due to high volume of calls they may get a recording but all calls will be attended to. Residents can also go to the website www.511virginia.org to look up traffic conditions or get traffic information. If you feel you're not getting adequate response from VDOT customer service, you may also call Supervisor Waters' office (the Broad Run representative) or Chairman York (the county's at-large representative) at 703-777-0204.

Belmont Greene HOA

The HOA provides clearing of the private streets and sidewalks in the common areas. Our contract with RHC calls for a minimum snowfall clearing of 2 inches. Particularly with larger snowfalls, RHC might wait for a larger accumulation before they start plowing. Also, the initial clearing is going to focus on making streets passable to ensure emergency vehicle access. They will not necessarily clear curb-to-curb, nor to bare pavement. These are similar standards to VDOT.

While safety is the highest concern, the snow clearing contract reflects a balance between expectations and cost. The board welcomes all feed back so that they know they are generally reflecting the wishes of the rest of the residents. Be sure to contact the board at bgboard@comcast.net or greenehouse@comcast.net or call the Greenehouse at 703-724-1583 to express your opinions.

Portsmouth Boulevard is still under the control of the developer, which is responsible for clearing that road, and Belmont Greene management is in contact with them to remind them of their responsibility. If you see it is not being cleared, you can also contact Waterford Development directly at Waterford Development: Rick Stark, Vice President Land Development, 703-674-1699 or rstark@waterforddevelopment.com, and/or contact Supervisor Waters' office to call the developer as well.

Clearing of sidewalks

Community members are responsible for clearing the sidewalks in front of their homes (and to the side if on a corner lot). This is in compliance with county and state ordinances. If you have a neighbor that might need help with clearing, please consider doing them a favor. On the Belmont Greene website, there is also a list of kids in the neighborhood offering their services for all types of jobs, from babysitting to yard work.