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Children Playing in Snow Banks Can be Dangerous

Following the recent accumulation of snow, the Village of New Maryland would like to advise residents to keep children away from snow banks near the streets.

"One of the greatest dangers a snowplow operator faces is children building snow forts or tunnels or playing on top of snow banks along village streets" said Councillor Scott Sparks, Vice Chair of the Transportation and Protective Services Committee. "When children are inside these tunnels or forts they may not hear the snow removal equipment coming and this could endanger their lives. Children could fall out into oncoming traffic while playing on top of the snowbanks as well. The tunnels or forts could also collapse and may suffocate the child" added Sparks.

The Village would also like to remind residents that there is no parking on village streets during the winter months. "Parking on the streets impedes snow removal operations and vehicles will be towed at the owner's risk" says Deputy Mayor Gisèle McCaie-Burke, Chair of the Transportation and Protective Services Committee.

Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee says "safety is a priority of the Village".

For more information please contact Mayor Judy Wilson-Shee at 459-3535.