

## **News from Avon Township**

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There's an old Irish blessing that says, "May the wind be always at your back and may the sun shine warm upon your face." Though the phrase likely originates with sailors, I think it might have come from the first operator of a snow blower. It seems that whenever I use my snow blower, the wind is never at my back; the wind always blows the snow right back into my face.

It can be a challenge to clear a drive without getting a face full of snow while trying to avoid blowing any snow into the road. Blowing snow onto a Township road is illegal. It is also illegal to push snow from your property across the road. In both cases, the snow creates a slippery surface and can cause ridges that freeze and catch the plow blade. Please, for everyone's safety, do not push or blow any snow onto Township roads.

Speaking of clearing snow, please drive well back from the plow. It is very difficult for our drivers to see motorists if they follow too close behind. Factor in blowing snow and frequent stops, it makes driving right behind the plow a dangerous place to be.

We recently had a completely different, but equally dangerous, situation occur on a Township road. Someone stretched plastic wrap around two signs on opposite sides of the road forming a transparent barrier across the road. Fortunately, our Township maintenance person found and removed it before any damage was done.

We don't know who did it. The likely culprits are some kids having a good time. However, what they don't realize is that this could have resulted in an extremely serious accident, especially if an unsuspecting motorcyclist happened by at the wrong time. If you see anyone acting suspiciously around Township signs, please contact the Sheriff immediately.

Until next month, "May the wind be always at your back and may the sun shine warm upon your face."