

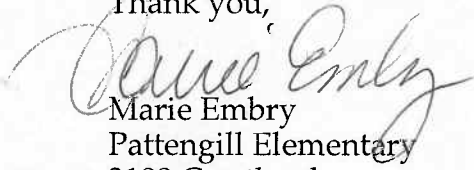
January 13, 2014

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Marie Embry and I am a teacher at Pattengill Elementary School. My students and I discussed the condition of the roads around our school. The students felt that we needed to write to someone about the conditions of the streets after a big snowfall.

I am always looking for new writing projects for my students and thought that this would allow them to write in a different genre than they had in the past. We were not sure to whom we should address the letters. We also realize that each letter may not get a response. It would be great if we could get some response to this and let the students know what the protocol is for the street plowing.

Thank you,


Marie Embry
Pattengill Elementary
2100 Crestland
Ann Arbor, Mi 48104

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CITY OF ANN ARBOR
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December 20, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am a student at Pattengill school and I am writing to you to bring to attention the road of Crestland Drive. As you may already know, the direct route to Pattengill School (Crestland Drive) is in need of plowing. I and my colleagues agree that this problem should be addressed immediately. It is a major hazard to both children walking alongside it and vehicles driving upon it.

The road is very dangerous in many ways. Children can slip and fall. Cars can get lodged in the snow. Also, busses and parents driving their kids to school could slip on the ice and sleet covering the road. I myself have been in a slipping bus on my way to school. I was hoping that we could do something about it.

You could start by plowing after a major snow storm on the first day instead of two or three days after the snow storm happens. Also you could salt it so it won't be slippery. This will insure the main route to Pattengill will be safe for cars, busses, and children. I hope this note will make an impact and thank you very much.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Luke R.", with a horizontal line underneath it.

Luke R.

Mrs. Embry's class

Pattengill Elem.

December 18, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing this letter to you because I personally have experienced dangerous things on the unplowed and unsalted Crestland Drive.

Crestland Drive connects to Pattengill Elementary. Every weekday the kids are walking, driving, or either bussing to this school. The fact that Crestland Drive is not plowed and salted is very dangerous to these kids. A child may be walking to school when a car that could not stop completely at the "STOP" sign, could come by and get them injured or even killed. The buses could slip on the unsalted roads and put the kids riding them in danger. Many dangerous things could happen on these roads near the school.

I have heard that the streets were plowed on Wednesday (Dec. 18) even though it snowed on Sunday (Dec. 15). It is good that it was plowed by Wednesday but it would have been much safer for the kids and the buses if it were plowed on that day or on Monday morning. I understand that the major roads are important, but I would be more than delighted to see the roads that connect to the Ann Arbor Schools plowed and salted.

Thank You For Your Time,

Rina I.



Mrs. Embry's Class

Pattengill Elementary

December 20,2013

Dear City Clerk,

My name Shahed. The school I go to is Pattengill Elementry. Guys, you need to fix the road. The reasons you should is because cars are rolling around like a donut and that is dangerous because kids, adults, and old people can get hurt. Also the people that drive cars are are going backwards on hills and that is bad really bad. Also some cars are slipping and moving around like a fishtail.

I think the first street that should be plowed and salted is Crestland Dr. This street should be plowed and salted first because it is a lot dangerous for kids, adults, and old people. They can slip right away and get hurt or break one of their body parts.

Sincerely,
Shahed

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Shahed', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Mrs.Embrys class
Pattengill Elementry

December,18,2013

Dear City Clerk,

Im writing to you because Crestland should be plowed a lot more. Its not safe at all! I speak from both personal experience and witness. Last year it was a snowy day, and no one cared to plow or salt the road, my moms car slipped while going up the hill, and we came so close to a truck I was ready to jump out the back doors! we stayed like that in the traffic jam for 5 minutes. Soon the traffic jam of 2 vehicles became a jam of 6 After another 2 minutes our car went free of the jam.

This is a very dangerous issue. It is also not only Crestland Dr but Ridge avenue. Because lots of buses pass through the road! There was lots of times when i heard that the buses slid on the ice. It could be very a disaster if a bus were to slide and hit a group of cars! It could cause the life of kids.

Some solutions are to plow the two roads a lot, or salt the roads. It would be safer for kids, parents, and Teachers. I also think that Crestland and Ridge should be considered primary roads. And I realize that the roads where there are a lot of intersections need to be plowed, but i think for the sake of the life of children Crestland and Ridge should be plowed or salted more. *Thank You!*

Sincerely, Vafa A

Mrs.Embrys class

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Vafa A', with a long horizontal stroke extending to the left.

December 8, 2013

Dear City Clerk

Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave. roads are just crazy! They are putting kids in danger. And these are school roads. 100's of people come here every day. It's causing a road hazard. Please fix this for the safety for the people of and next to Pattengill and for buses, cars, and homes next to Pattengill.

This is bad because these roads have ice and slush. This is putting lives at risk, just to get to every day school! It's incredible what these roads are turning into.

My solution is salt. You guys should put salt on these roads right after it snows. Because snow sometimes=ice. This will be good for the safety of the people.

Sincerely, Isaac A

Isaac A.

Mrs. Embrey's class Pattengill Elementary

December 18 2013


Dear City Clerk,

My name is Sophie Reznick and I go to Pattengill Elementary. The reason I am writing to you is because we need Crestland Drive to be plowed. It is a safety hazard that it doesn't get plowed.

It is incredibly dangerous for children and parents to drive or walk up that hill! I have seen many kids get hurt from slipping and they could get hit by a car!

I hope you can consider the following and keep hundreds of kids and parents safe. It would make this school a better, safer place. I know that you have a lot of "more important" streets but I hope you can plow this street first like all the other important streets.

Sincerely,

Sophie R. 
Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary

December 18, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing a letter to you because our school (Pattengill) is located on a street called Crestland Drive. It's very snowy and icy and it's just a disaster waiting to happen.

Why I am writing to you ? I am writing to you because the road that my school is located on is a very icy and extremely snowy road. It is very dangerous and cause a disaster. A possibility for an incident is a car could fishtail and hit a kid while walking across the crosswalk, or slowly coming to a rolling stop and the person might think "if I stop in my car I'll get stuck" while the kid could be thinking that the car might stop because they have the right away.

My school thinks the solution to this chaos is the road can become a main road. I think Crestland drive could be plowed and salted on daily bases in the winter. We all get that the more import roads have to be plowed but please consider plowing our school road.

Sincerely,

Nathaniel P.

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Nathaniel P." with a stylized flourish at the end.

Mrs. Embry's class

Pattengill Elementary

December 19, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am writing today to address the issue of Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave where the school buses stop. Kids like me who ride the school bus know that Ridge Ave is really slippery! Crestland Drive is a road that leads to Pattengill. A lot of parents and kids use it everyday. So when it snows it is a hazard. The slippery sidewalks and roads prove difficult to drive and walk on. What I am proposing is that Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave will be plowed and salted earlier, so the children's lives will not be at such a risk. This will help children get to school, and school is important!

Here are some reasons why Crestland Drive is dangerous. When cars go into a rolling stop they might think that the car coming from the other side will stop but they both don't! Also when a child is crossing the road he/she might think that the car shall stop but the car does not stop! Another danger Crestland Drive possess is when cars slide down a hill. That's really dangerous! What if a child and parents are in that car? They could be seriously damaged and their lives at risk. One more hazard is that cars fishtail. The child could get really bumped up and the parent would really have trouble controlling the car! Those are reasons why Crestland Drive will be dangerous if it is not plowed and salted sooner!

Now to the problems of Ridge Ave! A lot of kids take the buses every morning and afternoon. I have had personal experience! When my bus comes in it crashes about. Thankfully those are not so bad, but what if one is bad! The results would be terrible! Each time a bus comes in children's lives are in danger. So

please, please plow and salt Ridge Ave earlier!

As I have stated before my class would like you to plow and salt the roads earlier so as to eliminate the risk of getting to school. I really understand that other major roads must be plowed and salted. But to make the next generation we need safe roads. Besides school is terribly important and I would dread to miss it! I think we really need safer roads during the snowy season, and this is the way to do it.

Sincerely,

Kaitlyn F.

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Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary School

December 18, 2013

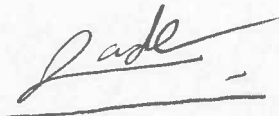
Dear City Clerk,

I am a student at Pattengill Elementary school. I have noticed that Crestland Drive has not been plowed. I know you have other roads to plow like the main roads but after the main roads can you plow ours? Lots of kids walk on that road and cars go by. Because the roads are not plowed and salted the roads can be slippery and someone that is walking could get hit. Also, buses go there and kids and parents can get really hurt.

I also noticed that Ridge Ave. has not been plowed too and lots of buses go through there and the buses have to stop because it is so slippery and dozens of kids can get hurt.

So do you think you can plow Crestland Drive and Ridge Ave, please?

From, Jade L

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jade L" with a horizontal line underneath.

Pattengill Elementary

Mrs. Embry class

Dear City Clerk,

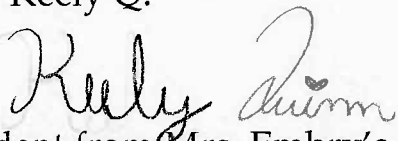
December 20 2013

I am writing to you to complain about an un-right and un-justice. We would like our roads: Crestland Dr. and Ridge Ave. to be plowed as a main class road. Many children risk their lives : On buses, on foot and driving with parents.

It is a great risk and worry throughout the holiday season. Many times my car has swerved and nearly crashed on my way to school. I have noticed it many times and it is not a pleasant experience. Kids can slip on ice because it is not salted, Parents driving can "flip over". Many tragedies as you would expect. Nothing would be worse then a child passing away before Christmas. These are the reasons roads that lead to schools are so incredibly dangerous at these cold times. Our class feels we should inform you about the great danger all those children could be in while going to school.

For our fellow students, we want these roads plowed, to prevent risking lives of innocent children. It is so understandable that you need to plow main roads first but we would like our school roads plowed and salted fairly as important roads that children travel on constantly. Please do children a favor and plow these roads for us: Ridge Ave, and Crestland Dr. Think about those children whose lives could be taken.

Keely Q.



A student from Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary school,

December 18,2013

Dear City of Ann Arbor,

You should plow and salt Crestland Road because it's a safety hazard to anyone who is driving. Just because it isn't a main road, doesn't mean you shouldn't plow it. You could get severely hurt or you could die driving. If there is a baby in a car and the car slips, the baby could die. See what could happen all because you didn't plow the road. It is also a route to and from school for a couple hundred kids! People could get hurt!

Everyone would appreciate your help if you would plow it ASAP. If you come to a complete stop, a car would get stuck and it is too icy, if kids are walking across the streets, they could get hit by a car because a car won't stop. If the car has bad tires it will be even worse! A kid can slip in the street and cars could run over him/her.

Bikes can slip in the street because it is too icy and they would be injured and have a concussion , break their neck, hurt knee or leg.

On Ridge Avenue buses keep sliding when they stop. If they keep on sliding, they could hit another car. If there are kids at the stop sign, they could get hit because the school bus will stop, but the ice will make the bus slide, and it would crash into the kids.

Sincerely,

Davieon O. Brian F.

Pattengill Elementary school

*Brian Fion
Davieon O'Ware*

December 19, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

I am a student of Pattengill. I am concerned about Crestland Dr. and Ridge Ave. because it is a safety hazard. Lives are at stake!

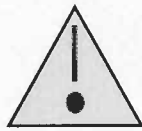
On that very slope on Crestland Dr. many children go to school. If cars stop on red lights they don't move when it's green. Cars may slip and hit pedestrians. Now about Ridge Ave. Many school buses go through it and kids may get hurt.

We will be very happy if you plow them immediately after every snow fall.

Sincerely ,

A handwritten signature in black ink, consisting of a large, stylized loop followed by a horizontal line extending to the right.

Sarthak B
Ms. Embry's class
Pattengill elementary



December 18, 2013

Dear City Clerk,

We are writing to complain about the icy road, Crestland. Kids and adults are at risk. It is a big concern to school communities because it is in front of Pattengill Elementary. Kids have to constantly walk to and from school and they are in danger.

The kids that go to Pattengill are in huge danger. They have to walk in front of cars at a stop sign where cars have to do a rolling stop. It's very dangerous because the kids think that the cars will stop but the cars can't because the roads aren't plowed so they will get stuck.

We think you should do something about it. You should start treating it like a main road. You could start by salting and plowing the icy and snowy road. This will help the school community be a lot more safe.

Sincerely,

Joshua Russell

Ethan Roster

Ethan K. and Joshua R.
Mrs. Embry's class
Pattengill Elementary