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Re: Appealing for public to act as snow warriors

Somerset County Council should be applauded for championing some common sense this winter.

It is important for residents to understand they would have to be negligent to be liable if someone is injured on a path or driveway they have cleared of snow or ice. For example, melting snow with water which is then going to freeze and create a dangerous sheet of ice would be negligent, as well as foolish. Some salt or sand and a shovel will do the job safely.

The priority should be to make our communities safer, not to avoid litigation. It is a shame that a lack of understanding about the law could discourage people from being Good Samaritans.

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