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I am a homeowner in St Paul. I was assessed for not plowing my sidewalk. I was assessed not because I did not plow it, during my hearing, I was told that it was because I did not do it well enough. That is rich, coming from a city that has routinely failed to maintain their streets. On the day they sent equipment to clear my sidewalk, which had been previously cleared, the road in front of my home had 3-4 inches of hard, frozen ice that the city never even attempted to clear. My child, & other children have fallen while attempting to use public roads to catch the bus to school. The City has never been fined for the damage incurred by their failures. So while charging me \$400 to clear my sidewalk with heavy equipment, they left the road to my home uncleared. Things are so bad that residents are banding together to force changes to maintenance of the roads during winter, & st paul lost it's garbage removal company due to unpassable streets. Holding me, a Black, female, home owner, to a higher standard than it holds itself, is unfair, and an example of the ways in which the city still preys on low-income residents. In the same fashion that they pushed out Black residents in Rondo, levying this unjust fee on me will start my family down a path of displacement, & potentially homelessness. Please vacate this fee on my property. I have attached photos of the streets in st paul during the same time period, to illustrate the unjustness of fining me for doing a better job than they have maintaining their own roads, as legally obligated to.

WEATHER

Petition calls for changes to St. Paul snow removal

Kathy Czech started a petition to change the city's snow plow policy after issues in her Highland Park neighborhood.



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Cathedral Hill, Feb 15th

