EXCITING UPDATES FOR THE **Timnath Police Department**

The Timnath Police Department celebrated its 10-year anniversary in November. This milestone provided the opportunity to celebrate the department’s achievements and look ahead at how best to equip the department with the tools needed to continue to be successful into the future.

Here are some of the important changes residents can expect to see in 2019:

**POLICE SERVICES BUILDING**
In 2019, the Timnath Police Department will expand in its current location to accommodate the need for increased space and more equipment as a result of the additional service the Department will be providing.

**BODY CAMERAS**
Starting in 2019, every police officer will be equipped with body cameras, which will become part of the standard operating procedures. This change is in recognition of the value cameras bring to protecting both our citizens and the officers.

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ABOUT THE **2019 TOWN BUDGET**

Every year, the Town of Timnath brings its budget before the elected officials and the community for decision. Municipal budgets must be balanced—meaning that Town expenses must not exceed revenue—and there must be a minimum held in reserves. The 2019 budget is currently set at $38.3 million.

Town services and capital projects are paid taxes, intergovernmental revenues and fees related to development. Three percent of taxable retail transactions stay in Town to support important services like road maintenance, parks maintenance and public safety.

The Town budget is one of the most important policy decisions made by the Timnath Council. During the process, the Town allocates funds for the next year to ensure that it can support the services and capital projects to make Timnath one of the best places to live.

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CONTRIBUTE TO THE **COMPREHENSIVE MASTER PLAN UPDATE**

Every five years, the Town updates its comprehensive master plan, a document that helps provide a 10-20 year outlook on the different aspects of the community, including the future economy of Timnath, transportation through town, the kind of community the Town wants to foster and the overall feeling of Timnath.

“Community input is an important part of the planning process.”

Through surveys and in-person events, we’ve heard that residents love the small-town feel, overall quality of life and family-friendly living Timnath offers. However, the comprehensive plan will further guide the Old Town area, pedestrian and bicycle connections and preserve the sense of character and open space. We are nearing the end of the current phase of the comprehensive plan.

Visit the website to learn more about the upcoming engagement opportunities: www.Timnath.org/CompPlan

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The Power of Community!
FACTS ABOUT
SNOW REMOVAL IN TIMNATH

When snow starts falling, one of the first concerns of many residents is how to safely navigate the Town's streets. Winter weather can certainly make driving more difficult, but the Timnath plow team is hard at work making sure you can safely navigate the roads.

PLOWING PRIORITY
The Town has a plowing priority when snow starts falling. Streets are plowed in this order:
1. Major streets and routes that are used by emergency vehicles
2. Streets that connect many of the neighborhoods within town
3. Neighborhood streets

PLOW TRUCKS ARE EMERGENCY VEHICLES
Remember that plows are emergency vehicles, so always treat them as such. Be sure to yield to oncoming snow plows and stay back at least 75 feet from the rear of a plow. NEVER pass a snow plow that is in operation.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL
Residents and business owners are responsible for shoveling snow off of their sidewalks after any snowstorm. Snow must be removed within 24 hours after it stops falling, and should not be shoveled against fire hydrants, traffic signals or into streets—this becomes a safety hazard to the plow drivers working to clear the roads.

Here are some important snow removal considerations to keep in mind after a large storm:

1. Accelerate and decelerate slowly to avoid skidding.
2. Use slow and steady acceleration to help climb hills. If you use too much power, you could spin out, while too little power could get you stuck.
3. Don’t tailgate in the snow. Give yourself twice the distance to come to a complete stop in snowy or slick conditions.
4. Be extra careful around school zones and in areas with pedestrians.

Learn more about Timnath’s snow removal policy at:
www.timnath.org/plow-policy

WINTER WEATHER
Driving Tips

It’s important to remember that as the weather gets colder, you should modify your driving to match the conditions. Here are a few winter-weather driving tips you can use to help safely navigate snowy or icy roads:

- Accelerate and decelerate slowly to avoid skidding.
- Use slow and steady acceleration to help climb hills. If you use too much power, you could spin out, while too little power could get you stuck.
- Don’t tailgate in the snow. Give yourself twice the distance to come to a complete stop in snowy or slick conditions.
- Be extra careful around school zones and in areas with pedestrians.

COLD WEATHER
Home Care

When temperatures dip, plan accordingly to avoid costly damage to your pipes. Prepare your home to keep the cold out and heat in with insulation, caulking and weather stripping.

- Open cabinet doors to allow the warm air to circulate near your pipes.
- When the weather is very cold, let water drip from each faucet that is served by exposed pipes. Running water, even at a trickle, can help prevent your pipes from freezing.
- Keep your thermostat the same temperature during the day and at night.
- If you are traveling away from home, set your thermostat no lower than 55 degrees.
- If you have water supplied to your garage, be sure to keep the garage door closed.