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It does not seem possible that 51 days have passed since the storm began. Every day has just appeared to run together and here we are at the cusp of winter. I do hope that everyone notices that progress is being made, although slow. The cooperation between all the agencies we have to deal with on a daily basis seems to get somewhat better with each passing day. The debris pickup process is moving along at a better pace, and hopefully we can have the bigger part of it picked up before the Christmas holiday stretch. I would like to remind everyone to pass the word, if any debris is placed in the right-of-way for pickup, it must be placed in separate piles. Vegetative debris, construction and man-made debris and appliances all must be placed in separate piles. The company that is doing the pickup on the mountain will not pick up debris piles that have mixed items. We continue each day to move trees and brush to areas that will assist in the quicker removal of all the debris. I cannot begin to describe the effort and hard work of our crew through this process. They have worked relentlessly in their efforts to return the Village to the appearance we like to present to the visiting public. Our engineer along with the consultants from Insight are still working the plans to get the landslide debris cleaned up, along with the permanent repairs of those areas.

We were able to remove 90% of the downed trees on the golf course and get them hauled to an area that could be hauled out. It took 122 truckloads to remove these trees to the right of way to be hauled away. As far as the remainder of the damage to the golf course, we are working closely to get the bids out for the repair of the bunkers and the stream bank and culvert replacements. I am as impatient as anyone and wish that this work could be performed in a quicker manner, but I also realize that we must play the game that is before us to be out of pocket financially as little as possible. I only have the best interests of the Village in my sights and have no doubt that we will come out on the other side of this in better shape than we were before. I appreciate the opportunity to be involved in this process, and have our sights set on a better Sugar Mountain in the spring and summer. I would also like to wish each of you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving and that it is cherished time spent with your friends and family.

Respectfully submitted,

Bill Daniels