

## **Adopt-A-Hydrant**

In the event of a fire emergency during the winter, could firefighters find the hydrant near your home? The Village of Germantown Fire Department encourages residents to 'adopt a fire hydrant' near their home and keep snow shoveled away from it during the winter season.

## **Clear Snow From Hydrant**

Please make it a point to uncover your fire hydrant after every snowfall. Clear a path approximately 3 feet around the hydrant. This gives the fire department room to work with this hydrant should the need arise. Please consider helping a neighbor who is elderly or has a medical condition by shoveling out a hydrant in front of their home. This act of kindness will benefit the entire neighborhood.

## **Importance of Program**

Water is the principal agent used by the Fire Department to control and extinguish fires. Delays in locating and hooking-up to a fire hydrant can seriously hamper a fire suppression operation, raising the risk of injury and possibly resulting in additional property damage.

The Adopt-A-Hydrant program is an informal program; therefore it is not necessary to advise the fire department about which hydrants you will be keeping clear of snow. On behalf of the entire Department, thank you for keeping the Village of Germantown fire hydrants clear of snow and keeping our communities safe!

*Do not paint the hydrant or deface in any way. This program is \*only\* for helpful snow removal in your neighborhood. The Village of Germantown Water & Public Works Departments maintain all hydrants, so please contact them should a hydrant need maintenance.*