



Mother Nature

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Marblehead Needs To Shovel

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In Marblehead, a town where 8,144 households have at least one person under age eighteen, it is inevitable that there will be hundreds of children walking to and from school each day. In addition, the lack of school buses increase this number. Walking to school is great exercise, and often gives children a great way to socialize before and after school. However, in the winter, walking to school can switch from a leisurely stroll on the rail trail, to an incredibly dangerous environment.

When I moved to Marblehead two years ago, I was astonished that there was no rule about shoveling sidewalks. In the small city in the Berkshires where I grew up in, I would have never had to walk in the busy streets because the sidewalks were piled with snow. This was never a concern because according to the city law, all sidewalks had to be shoveled so they were completely passable, or else there would be a fine. Neighbors helped to shovel sidewalks and driveways of elderly neighbors, and on snowy days, we would often wake up to have our front walk cleared just out of the kindness of our neighbors.

All parents should be able to send their kids to school without the worry of their children not being able to get to school because of unshoveled or icy sidewalks. Next time it snows this winter, get out your shovels or your snowblower, and shovel your sidewalk and driveway. You'll be getting some exercise and making sure that everyone feels safe walking around Marblehead this winter. While you're out there, shovel a neighbor's sidewalk, too.

Quote of The Week

"Success consists of going from failure to failure without loss of enthusiasm."
- Winston Churchill

Red Gerard: Exposed

Kristy Twaalfhoven, Junior Reporter

“What the f***? Hooly sh*t!”

The profound reaction of Red Gerard on live television, upon winning gold in slope-style snowboarding on Saturday night, intrigued me to find out more about the seventeen year old. For those readers who were unaware, the 2018 Winter Olympics began this past Thursday night in Pyeongchang, South Korea. America picked up its first gold medal on Saturday night, in the men's slopestyle snowboarding. Slopestyle skiing and snowboarding is a sport wherein the athlete skis or snowboards down a steep course featuring rails, jumps, and terrain park features, winning points for amplitude, originality, and tricks. After his first two runs down the course, American Redmond Gerard was in eleventh place out of eleven; dead last. But his third and final run proved to be a gamechanger. His flawless run ended by sticking a “backside cork 1440” off of the last jump - a trick which none of the other slopestylers had shown doable that night. This risky maneuver consists of boarding backwards off of the takeoff, followed by four full rotations in the air, and three off-axis dips before (hopefully) landing. In the words of the NBC commentators, seventeen-year-old Gerard “made it look easy.” To go from last place to first is no frequent occurrence, so Gerard's explicit reaction when his score was revealed comes as no surprise. Unfortunately for Gerard, the swearing was captured on live television, and the press has not been very forgiving. Type in “Red Gerard” to Google, and you'll find article titles enhancing the reaction, such as “Swearing Olympian Wins Gold” and “Snowboarder Drops F-bomb on Live TV.” Luckily, among all of the hooah about Red's language, the sports world was impressed by his outstanding performance at such a young age and he received much praise. Not only is his casual language relatable: Red stated in an interview that he indeed wants to finish high school. Finally, when asked how he wanted to celebrate, he responded that he hoped to go out to a nice dinner with his family. So, though the skills of many Olympians make them seem inhuman, they have goals, too! And sometimes, a rather unadvanced vocabulary.

Mark Your Calendar for Marblehead's Cultural Feast

Support the Marblehead High Diversity Minority Club, Marblehead METCO, and our Community by attending the first Annual **Cultural Feast**, a celebration of all cultures that will include a potluck dinner and student performances.

The Cultural Feast will take place on **Friday, March 2nd, from 6:00-9:30 PM at Marblehead High School.**

Tickets are \$5, and all proceeds will benefit the Tyrone Bumpurs Scholarship

RSVP with Jessica Castro, METCO Director, or at the SignUp Genius link below: <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0e45adad2da3ff2-thecultural>

The Tyrone Bumpurs Scholarship is in honor of Tyrone Bumpurs, who graduated in 1989 from Marblehead High School. He played football, basketball, and ran track. Tyrone was an advocate of peace and harmony. In September of 1991, he was shot while breaking up a fight between two young men, leaving him a quadriplegic. He then travelled around the state talking about non violence until he died of a heart attack in 2002.

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