

Blizzard 2010, Part Two

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Part Two of the epic snowfall turned out not to be as bad as we had anticipated. Snow came down hard and fast with gusting winds, but it was not as wet as it had been Friday evening or as predicted by weather services. THAT was the lucky thing. At our corner we had no more trees fall onto roads or yards. With increasing amounts of ice in the gutters, some twisted and bent, not at our house yet, but there's still a lot of snow and ice on the roof and in the gutters. Best news was that we lost no power, that I know of, in our area. Another piece of good news is that Baltimore City sent a plow down the street by 10 a.m. on Thursday morning. Roland Park Roads and Maintenance had plows in Hollywood and Long Lanes both Tuesday night and Thursday mid-day. Getting in and out of our street was easy by early afternoon on Thursday. Spared is how we feel here. When it comes to snow removal, a lot is expected of government, community, commercial and educational institutions, even during epic storms. Pre-storm media hype seems to fuel a sense of urgency and expectation. Somehow, so does the memory of pictures of the aftermath of Hurricane Katrina or the earthquake in Haiti. The memory of a deadly fire during the first snow storm of 2007 is always in the minds of Ridgewood Road residents. Governor O'Malley's "Enough already!" remarks Wednesday night, urging Marylanders to be patient, brought perspective and quieted quick criticism. So did the organized, efficient removal of snow on Thursday by the city, by Roland Park Roads and Maintenance, and by neighborhood businesses, residents and schools.

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