

**SNOW BUSINESS**  
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Taken at Big Rapids, Michigan

After the snowfall and dig out. Not that much snow, but enough to make it exciting and beautiful for a while. Here are a bunch of photos from here.



Looking toward the back of our property. Our house is on the right... you can see a few windows. In the back middle building is our shrine room where meditation and practice is done. Next to it on the right is a stupa under a canopy. A stupa is a monument that represents the mind of the Buddha. There are eight major kinds of stupas. Ours is an "Enlightenment Stupa."



Won't be having lunch outside today.



Won't be sitting in my chair in the backyard either.



Won't be sitting here either.



A bit of our backyard. The dog yard is to the right, one of the birdfeeders is in the middle. The little green building at the back is May's little cottage which she uses when she is in town and on the left is the stupa.



Looking from the back of the property toward the Heart Center along the path around the shrine room. There is a shoveled path around the building on which we circumambulate three times after leaving the shrine room. Margaret is the chief circumambulation expert in the family and she is doing a fire puja up on a mountain in New York at our monastery and celebrating Tibetan New Year – the year of the Iron Hare. She will be circumambulating there for now.



Looking along the circumnavigation.



Looking along the circumambulation circle.





Bushes and snow.



On the Heart Center house this icicle forms every year and sometimes reaches the ground. Heavy.



Looking from our side porch toward the back of the property.



Shovel ready and waiting.