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CITY OF TUMWATER SNOW/ICE UPDATE: TUESDAY, JANUARY 17, 11:00 AM

Crews on 24-Hour Shifts: City of Tumwater street crews are on 24-hour shifts. Their primary focus is on lifeline roads. Lifeline roads are the main routes that fire, police and public transit use. Public Works staff will typically run 4 plows during the day and 3 at night (leaving 1 in reserve for emergency use).

Avoid Hills: Due to heavy and wet snow, hills should be avoided if possible. Please do not drive around road closed signs.

Expect Snow Berms: Due to the amount of snow being pushed by plows, residents should expect snow berms across driveways and neighborhood streets.

Intercity Transit Information: Conditions can change quickly during winter storms and transit officials encourage riders to visit www.intercitytransit.com for service updates and snow detour information or call 360-786-1881.

MEETING / PROGRAM CANCELLATIONS

City Council: The City Council meeting scheduled for Tuesday, January 17, 2012 has been rescheduled. It will be held on Tuesday, January 24, 2012 at 6:30pm.

Old Town Center Senior/Teen Programs. Old Town Center programs follow Tumwater School District cancellations. Senior/Teen Programs are cancelled for Tuesday, January 17.

Tumwater Parks & Recreation Classes/Activities. All Tumwater Parks & Recreation classes and activities held at Tumwater School District facilities are cancelled for Tuesday, January 17. For the status of future activities this week, please refer to TSD school closures. If schools are closed, activities scheduled at TSD facilities will not be held.

What you can do to stay safe and be prepared in the snow and ice:

- As with any emergency, have on hand a minimum three-day supply of food and medication for you, your family, and any family pets.
- Check on your neighbors, especially elderly or shut-in neighbors.
- If physically possible, clean the storm drains near your home to keep the water from melting snow flowing.
- Keep a snow shovel and a container of sand in the trunk of your car and in your garage and home.
- Clear the sidewalk in front of your home or business.
- Only drive if it's essential, or take the bus if you must go somewhere.
- Do not drive around road closed signs – the road is closed for your safety.
- Expect and be prepared for power outages. Heavy snow could knock down trees and power lines.

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Radio Stations

The Olympian

Intercity Transit

Tumwater School Dist.

Melody Valiant, City Clerk

John Doan, City Administrator

John Carpenter, Fire Chief

John Stines, Police Chief

Mike Matlock, Community Devel. Director

John Darnall, Building Official

John Norman, City Engineer

Jay Eaton, Public Works Director

Steve Craig, Public Works Operations Mgr.