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City Continues Making Progress after Winter Storm

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg continues to make progress in removing snow from the winter storm that blanketed much of the area with a combination of snow and ice.

The Public Works Department started its snow and ice operations around 3:30 a.m. on Monday, March 3. Since this storm started with rain, the pre-treatment mixture was not applied to the streets. The pre-treatment application works best during dry conditions.

Crews, who worked 12-hour rotating shifts, plowed snow from the streets along with using some salt to help with the snow-removal process.

Due to a limited region-wide supply of salt, efforts were made to use this material conservatively in the event another storm hits Harrisonburg. Grit has also been applied to the roadways, which is commonly used when temperatures get below 20 degrees. Grit is a mixture of salt and gravel and by supplementing with this combination; the city is able to extend the life of the salt material that is currently in stock.

At this point, all primary roads are in minor to moderate condition with residential streets being in moderate to severe condition. Overnight, all residential streets were plowed and crews will continue to work on improving the condition of the streets along with clearing sidewalks and public parking lots.

“It sometimes takes the ‘perfect storm’ for snow to quickly melt or get packed down in the roadway and stay around for too long,” said Tom Hartman, Assistant Director of Public Works.

With temperatures warming over the next few days, this should help a great deal with the snow-removal process.

Staff members, assigned to the snow and ice removal, will continue working through tonight to monitor road conditions and any slick spots that develop with the low nighttime temperatures.

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Other Reminders

City residents and businesses are reminded to remove snow from sidewalks in front of homes and businesses. Harrisonburg is a pedestrian and bicycle-friendly community and it is important to have safe routes for alternate modes of transportation. A full copy of this ordinance (Section 6-1-15) is available by visiting, www.municode.com/Library/VA/Harrisonburg.

Trash will be collected today; however, recycling for today's route will be collected on Tuesday, March 11. Some trash trucks and personnel are reassigned to snow and ice removal when a significant storm hits.

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