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City Prepares for Snow

Harrisonburg, VA – The City of Harrisonburg has already taken precautions and is planning ahead for the upcoming snow. The National Weather Service has issued a winter storm warning for the Harrisonburg/Rockingham area for tomorrow.

Rain is expected to precede the snowfall early Wednesday morning, so anti-icing treatments would not be effective. City crews and contractors will be on standby to plow and treat roadways, beginning with primary routes. To see a complete list of the plow routes, visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/snow-plow.

With snow expected to begin in the early Wednesday morning hours, it is important for the community to monitor the conditions and plan their morning commutes accordingly.

“We encourage the community to plan ahead and be prepared now before the snow actually arrives in our area,” said Anne Lewis, Assistant City Manager. “We are asking drivers to be patient and maintain extra following distance as there will be additional travelers on the road due to the Thanksgiving holiday.”

“Hopefully, the unseasonably warm temperatures earlier in the week coupled with rain preceding the snow will assist in keeping accumulations on the roads to a minimum,” added Deputy Fire Chief Ian Bennett.

In order for the snow removal equipment to operate most effectively, residents are asked to utilize off-street parking if it is available and avoid driving if possible. Citizens should also shovel snow to the right side of their driveways (looking toward the street) so that snow plows will not push already-shoveled snow back into your driveway.

Additional weather-related information and notices will be posted at www.HarrisonburgVA.gov and on the city’s social media sites.

For a complete list of winter weather safety tips, please visit www.HarrisonburgVA.gov/winter-safety.

This also serves as a reminder for those who work or live in the City of Harrisonburg and Rockingham County to sign up for the Harrisonburg-Rockingham Emergency Alert System by visiting www.HREmergencyAlert.com. Citizens may sign up for this free service to receive alerts about an emergency-related event or life-threatening weather event.

