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WINTRY WEATHER UPDATE

WAKE FOREST, NC – December 16, 2010 – Following a return of winter precipitation to our area, Wake Forest road crews are out this morning targeting the town's main roads, bridges, hills, and historically icy spots with sand and salt. There have been three storm-related traffic accidents reported thus far in Wake Forest.

Road crews concentrate on thoroughfares, primary roads in subdivisions, followed by thru-streets in subdivisions and then cul-de-sacs. The Town does not clear private parking lots, including those in apartment complexes or at businesses.

On Wednesday, Town crews applied brine throughout the community. Wake Forest has 28 tons of sand/salt mix supply available, if needed, along with an additional 175 tons of pure salt. Also, the Town has six plows available to clear Wake Forest's 56 miles of roads.

Trash Collection

- Solid waste and recycling are not being collected today. Crews will resume collections tomorrow beginning with Thursday's route. Friday's route will be picked up Saturday. For more information, call (919) 435-9570.

Openings and Closings

- Town Hall is open on a regular schedule: 8 am - 5 pm.
- Flaherty Park Community Center is closed and all Parks and Recreation Department classes scheduled for today and tonight have been cancelled. All basketball practices have also been cancelled. For updates about parks, recreation, and cultural program cancellations, call the Weather Line at (919) 435-9569.
- Wake Forest bus service, including the Wake Forest-Raleigh Express and the Wake Forest Loop, is running according to its normal schedule.

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Citizens are also reminded of the following tips during inclement weather:

- Do not park on streets so that plows and other Town equipment can service the area.
- Do not attempt to deal with downed limbs or trees on streets or sidewalks as they may be tangled in live power lines. Instead, call the Public Works Department at (919) 435-9570. After 4 p.m., call (919) 554-6724.
- Do not call 911 unless there is an immediate threat to life, health, or property. All non-emergency snow calls should be placed to (919) 554-6150; customer service representatives will be staffing the phones during regular business hours, 8 a.m. - 5 p.m.
- Be neighborly. Check on neighbors to make sure that everyone is OK.
- Stay indoors during severe winter weather. If you do decide to venture out - whether walking or driving - let folks know when and where you are going so they can contact emergency officials should you fail to reach your destination. Take a cell phone just in case.

Complete wintry weather information is available on the Town's website at www.wakeforestnc.gov/winterweather.aspx. For more information, call Town Hall at (919) 435-9400.

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