Media Advisory

Richard C. Rossi • City Manager



City of Cambridge

Lisa C. Peterson • Deputy City Manager

City Hall • 795 Massachusetts Avenue • Cambridge • Massachusetts • 02139 617.349.4300 • Fax: 617.349.4307 • TTY: 617.349.4242 • www.cambridgema.gov

For Immediate Release

Contact: Lee Gianetti, Director of Communications 617.349.3317 · lgianetti@cambridgema.gov

City of Cambridge Schools, Offices Remain Closed

Parking Ban to Remain in Effect; Snow Operations Continue

Cambridge, MA—Feb. 09, 2015 — The Cambridge Snow Emergency Parking Ban will continue until further notice. City officials will reevaluate the continued need for the parking ban on Tuesday.

Due to the MBTA service shutdown and the continuing snow operations, all City offices and programs, as well as the Cambridge Public Schools, will be closed on Tuesday, February 10. All public meetings have been cancelled for Tuesday. Information on rescheduled meetings will posted to the City's website <u>www.cambridgema.gov</u>.

Department of Public Works (DPW) crews will continue plowing operations overnight on Monday to open streets. Snow operations will continue to prioritize immediate public safety needs, with a focus on maintaining streets so that they are accessible to emergency services, oil deliveries, and buses. On Tuesday, snow operations will shift to removing large piles of snows at priority corners, crosswalks and bus stops. Drivers, pedestrians and cyclists are urged to use caution when entering intersections, as visibility may be limited. Please be sure that children do not play on or around large snow piles along busy streets, given poor visibility and slippery surfaces.

Nighttime snow removal operations will continue for the remainder of the week. DPW is asking for residents to be patient with the nighttime operations as snow removal machinery will cause increased street noise during evening and early morning hours.

Today's additional snow fall, which adds to the already historic levels, means that parking in the City and the region will remain a challenge. Residents are encouraged to seek out alternatives to on-street parking, when available. Regardless of whether a street has a parking restriction in place, any vehicle parked so far from the curb as to obstruct the safe flow of traffic is subject to ticketing and towing. Drivers should use their best judgment when considering whether to park in areas where large snow piles are still alongside the curb, to ensure they do not block the flow of traffic. Cambridge residents with a current Resident Parking Permit issued by the Department of Traffic, Parking and Transportation can take advantage of the City's free off street parking program during the declared snow emergency parking ban. Information on the program is available on the City's website.

Curbside trash and recycling collection will occur on Tuesday as scheduled. Residents whose Monday curbside collection was missed should leave their trash/recycling out on the curb for pick up on Tuesday. For the remainder of the week, residents are asked to keep barrels out one additional day if their regular curbside pick-up does not occur. If trash or recycling barrels are not emptied on the second day, residents should remove all trash and recycling from the curb and place their contents curbside the following week on their regularly scheduled day. The Department of Public Works asks for your patience and cooperation as the region deals with service impacts caused by the historic snow levels.

City of Cambridge Media Alert Page 2 of 2

Updated information will be available at <u>www.cambridgema.gov</u> throughout the storm. In addition, the public is encouraged to follow updates on <u>Twitter at @CambMA</u> and on <u>Facebook at CambridgeMA.Gov</u>. The City will be utilizing the hash tag #CambMASnow on Twitter to help the public follow the conversation. Members of the public can also call 617-349-4800 or 617-349-4700 for information. Members of the public are encouraged to sign-up to receive notification of snow emergency parking bans at <u>http://www.cambridgema.gov/AlertNetwork</u>.

- ### -