

## WEEKEND WEATHER EVENT

*Most of us are concerned about the amount of snow a weather event will produce. As a Road District, we have to focus on the duration of an event.*

This weekend's forecast calls for several inches of snow over a 44-hour period starting early this evening (Friday) with steadily falling temperatures (from 30 to 12) throughout the entire event. The bulk of the snow should fall in the overnight hours of Friday-Saturday. Light snow will fall on and off throughout the day Saturday. Lake Effect snow should begin Saturday afternoon and continuing on into midmorning Sunday. Adding to the snow is the wind forecast. Winds gusting to 25 MPH will begin early Saturday morning (around 2:00AM) and continue on until late Saturday evening. These winds will produce blowing and drifting that can rapidly deteriorate driving conditions even on a sunny day especially in open areas (151<sup>st</sup>, 163rd, 167<sup>th</sup>, 175<sup>th</sup>, Parker and Cedar).

We are all aware that the forecast can change in an instant but as a Road District, we must plan for the weather as forecasted. We are a single-crew staff and cannot plow continuously for 44 hours and will have to pull the crew in for periods of rest. With all of that to consider, here is our plan to address this event as of right now (Friday morning):

We will call the crews out mid evening to plow and salt to improve driving conditions for the evening traffic. This first layer of salt is meant to discourage the bonding of snow to the road. We want to eliminate ending up with a *hard-packed snow-covered* road system at the end of all this but with 44 hours of snow and falling temperatures, this may not be as effective as we would like.

The crew will return early Saturday morning to plow and salt. We will shut down for rest some time Saturday afternoon and then return Saturday evening as the weather dictates. We may have to cycle in a few 2-man patrol crews to monitor the open areas for blowing and drifting.

We will return early Sunday morning to clean up and salt down the entire road system.

This of course, is all predicated on today's forecast. Staff will meet throughout the event and amend our strategy as the weather event evolves. Residents should be aware that driving conditions will be hazardous this weekend. We're asking everyone to drive with caution. It should also be noted that Parking Restrictions will be in force through the weekend.

As always, you can call our office with any questions you may have regarding this matter.

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