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“Notes on Snow in Norfolk”

Remembering “Even Steven the Snow Plow” and the Snow Phone number 402-844-2299 will go a long way in readying yourself for the next snow event in Norfolk. It may also save you from paying a \$50 fine.

Wednesday’s snow was a reminder that it’s the season of possible parking bans and snow emergencies. Fortunately, this week’s snow melted quickly but with temperatures steadily heading downward, there’s a good chance there will soon be measurable snow that sticks the next time around.



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Jim Dooley, Operations Manager for the City of Norfolk, reminds residents that if a snow emergency is called, they need to park on the even side of the street and not at all along emergency routes.

“Our goal is to generally get within three blocks of all homes with the initial plowing route to allow for emergency vehicle access. Snow plows can’t do an adequate job moving the snow unless the vehicles are all on the even side of the street. You can’t park at all on the 16 miles of emergency snow routes so check our website to make sure you know where

those are at,” Dooley said. The City’s street website is www.ci.norfolk.ne.us/street

Snow plows aren’t called out to start moving snow unless at least two inches of snow or more has fallen. Snow operations start when it stops snowing and the wind dies down. Dooley said ideally, the City’s 12 snow plows will start moving snow at about 2:00 am so streets are cleared when most people head to work.

“There are ten areas of the City that are divided into up to three sections. We start moving the snow in the downtown business district and the snow plowing routes. We then rotate which section in the ten residential areas is plowed first so no one section is cleared first after every snow,” Dooley said. Those sections and rotations can be found at the City’s website.

When City officials make the decision to call a snow emergency, notification will go out to the public over the radio, TV, Twitter (@NorfolkNE), Facebook (NorfolkNE), newspaper, City e-mails and text alerts (sign up for both at ci.norfolk.ne.us).

Residents can also call the Snow Number 402-844-2299 to see if a snow emergency is in effect.

Dooley said it may be a good idea if leaving town for a couple days over the winter months to park any vehicle left behind on the even side of the street to avoid a \$50 fine and possible towing. City ordinance states that fines for parking in a restricted area during a snow emergency are \$50. State law provides for all fines that the City collects to go to the Norfolk Public School District.

Altogether the City has 144 miles of streets and 20 miles of alleys to clear. Deicing operations will be concentrated on the City’s main arterial routes. New concrete can’t be salted so the following streets will not be deiced this winter: Marconit Circle; Andrew’s Regency North; Krenzien Drive from 20th Street to past Langel Auto Sales; 34th Circle; Abbey Road; and Western Drive north of East Sycamore.