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NEWS RELEASE

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Blizzard CleanUp Blitz Underway in Dubuque

Free Parking Offered in City Ramps

DUBUQUE, Iowa – The City of Dubuque is using all available resources in its snow removal operations today. The City's Public Works Department is borrowing equipment and staff from numerous departments to expedite the cleanup and private contractors have been hired to assist with snow removal operations.

Police Chief Mark Dalsing and Fire Chief Dan Brown have called in extra staff and are reporting the police and fire staff have been able to respond to all emergency calls. Thirty-three snow plows from four City departments are working to first clear a path on every street on insure emergency vehicle access. After all plows have made a pass on every street, street widening operations will begin on primary routes.

To expedite snow-plowing operations, residents are asked to remove their vehicles from the streets, if at all possible, until their street has been cleared. Free parking is available in all municipal parking ramps today and tonight until 7 a.m. Thursday morning. Free overnight parking (6 p.m. to 7 a.m.) is also being offered on Thursday and Friday nights.

The Dubuque Fire Department is asking residents to clear snow away from fire hydrants in their neighborhoods. Residents are also reminded it is illegal to blow, plow, or shovel snow from private property onto city streets.

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