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NEWS RELEASE

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Winter Storm Update

Following last night's ice storm event, numerous trees and power lines are down across the City of Lansing. The Lansing Emergency Operations Center has been activated. **A press conference will be held today at 2pm at Lansing Fire Department Station 8, located at 815 Marshall St.** As of 11:30 a.m. the following updates are provided:

General Advisories

Travelers are advised that the major roads and state trunklines have been salted but remain slushy. Secondary roads are still ice-covered.

Numerous power lines are down across the city. If you see any, stay at least 25 feet away and contact the Board of Water and Light to report at 877-295-5001.

Power is out at some traffic lights. Be sure to treat those intersections as a four-way stop.

Pennsylvania Ave at the railroad bridge by Potter Park Zoo is flooded and is temporarily closed. Motorists are advised to avoid the area.

More isolated flooding is anticipated throughout the city. Motorists are advised to limit travel to only what is necessary and do not drive your vehicle into flooded areas.

Be aware that with expected higher winds and snow that more power lines and ice-covered tree branches could come down over the next several days. Be sure to stay away from any down line and contact BWL.

BWL Update

As of 11:30 a.m. Sunday, Dec. 22, the ice storm has resulted in approximately 25,000 outages for customers located in the Lansing Board of Water & Light service territory. At least 200 downed wires have been reported. Residents are urged to stay 25 feet away from downed wires. Crews are working around the clock to restore power. The BWL has enacted mutual aid agreements to send crews to assist BWL repair crews. There is no estimate of power restoration at this time.

Weather Forecast Update

The City is preparing for another winter storm, expected to begin today and last through Wednesday morning. The National Weather Service is predicting that rain or sleet followed by 3-6 inches of snow may fall in the Lansing area over the course of the storm. As well there is possibility of 25 MPH winds and heavy snow on trees.

According to forecasters at the National Weather Service, the storm will move in from the south on Tuesday afternoon. Snow may be mixed with sleet during the afternoon. Heavier snow will begin after 6:00 p.m. with a possible initial accumulation of 2-4 inches. The storm will begin to weaken around midday on Wednesday, with a possible accumulation of another 1-2 inches. Wednesday morning travel could be hampered.

Snow, Sidewalks and Parking

Residents and businesses are reminded that city ordinance requires sidewalks to be cleared with 24 hours of a storm event.

Residents are also reminded that **all vehicles must be removed from city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 5: a.m.** Cars that remain parked on the street overnight can interfere with plowing operations and may be towed at the owner's expense.

Residents are asked to avoid parking on city streets during and for 48 hours after the storm, to facilitate plowing operations.

Public Information

For regular updates on the City of Lansing winter maintenance activities and emergency notifications, please check the City of Lansing Fire Department Facebook page and sign up for Nixle text message and email alerts at: http://local.nixle.com/city/mi/lansing/. Updates will also be posted to the City of Lansing website at http://www.lansingmi.gov.