CITY OF FAIRBANKS



DEPT OF PUBLIC WORKS

Memorandum

TO: Mayor Matherly and City Council Members

FROM: Jeff Jacobson, Public Works Director

SUBJECT: Snow Plowing/ Removal Update

DATE: December 10, 2018

We are making progress to be in every neighborhood before the end of 2018. Initially, our permanent crew of operators have only been plowing and berming in neighborhoods with the exception of the downtown core area that was plowed and berms were removed by a 4-day night shift in late November.

With the hiring of 10 temp operators this week, we will address snow plowing and removal in the following congested neighborhoods:

Snow removal plan for next week, 12/10 thru 12/13:

- Mon 12/10, Walden Estates
- Tues 12/11, Slater Subdivision, Minnie street area
- Wed 12/12, Arctic Park Subdivision
- Thur 12/13, Island Homes Subdivision

On Sunday December 9th, two message boards and sixteen posting sign have been put out for Walden Estates for Monday, 12/10 @ 7am snow removal. The other neighborhoods will be posted the day before snow removal.

There are two operators plowing sidewalks using the articulated sidewalk tractors this week. This is the tentative schedule and as we know things are always subject to change. We will be posting these areas.

Next week crews will begin removing snow berms in all the other neighborhoods with periodic updates.

We have been able to stay within available funding to do snow operations in November and December using permanent operators initially and delaying the hiring of temp operators. Public reaction has been mixed. Some residents expect snow berms to be removed immediately after plowing which is expensive. It is a balancing act to satisfy the wants and needs with the practical and affordable.