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## Merry and Bright



The Colony Christmas Days are always a very special time of the year and attracts thousands of people to Palmer. This year was not

any different. The lights brighten up the Palmer downtown giving it a cozy and nostalgic appearance. Carolers singing Christmas carols in town, Alaska Celtic Pipes & Drums sponsored by the



Friends of the Palmer Library and rocking the library with over 150 attendees, activities for kids, parade, cheer, laughter and Christmas spirit mixed in the air made Palmer that special home town where you wanted to be for Christmas.



(Article by J. Mazurkiewicz. Pic by A. Vann)



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## Always Ready for the Season

The MTA Event Center Zamboni has had a makeover. Everybody loves the Zamboni! Children are fascinated by it and it has a very interesting history. The first Zamboni was built in the 1940s by Frank Zamboni and 1949 is the official date Zamboni came to ice arenas around the world. The Zamboni is an integral part of any ice arena as it shapes the ice and we have Morgan Blakeman to care for our beloved machine. Our MTA Events Center Zamboni was built in 1999 making it 21 years old! We take great pride in our ice and are thankful for our MTA Zamboni.

## Thank you for Your Service...

On December 16<sup>th</sup>, 2019 the City of Palmer bid farewell to the Palmer Police Department Chief, Lance Ketterling. Chief Ketterling served the community for almost 23 years. He was very respected by his co-workers and the community and his hard work was



Photo & Article Courtesy of S. MacSwain



(To the left. Former Chiefs; Boatwright, Remaley. Shelton, La Croix, Ketterling, Adlesperger)

always appreciated.  
Happy retirement, Chief!  
Dwayne Shelton was promoted to the position of Chief of Police and Shayne La Croix holds the Commander position. Congratulations to both!  
(Article by J. Mazurkiewicz)



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## Coming Up...

Every Monday in Jan @ Library

\*Listening Post – 10:30am – 1pm

Every Tue in Jan @ Library

Baby Lap sit (0-2) – 10am

2-Year-Old Storytime – 11am

Every Thu in Jan @ Library

3 – 5-Year-Old Storytime – 11am

Jan, Feb & Mar @ MTA Events Center\*

Every Mon Tue, Wed, Thu and Fri

Public Skate – 12noon – 1pm

Every Mon, Tue, Wed & Thu

Stick Time – 1pm – 2pm

Jan 3 Foreign Film – 7pm @ Library

Jan 20 Friends of Library Meeting – Library  
– 5:30pm

Jan 24 Middle School Movie Night – Library  
– 6pm

Jan 31 Classic Film – Library - 6pm

\*Time may be a subject to change. Please contact MTA  
Event Center at



*Happy New Year*

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## CITY OF PALMER DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION GUIDE

The City of Palmer maintains approximately 40 miles of streets and roads throughout the City. This is a quick guide to help explain the City's snow removal program and its priorities.

If snow is forecasted, park your vehicle off the street. This will prevent it from becoming plowed in or towed away. Most of all, the snow plows will have room for curb-to-curb plowing without obstruction.

Remember, parking is not allowed at any time on city streets or rights of way between the hours of 2:00 AM - 6:00 AM from October 1 – March 31 when there is 2" or more of snowfall (Palmer Municipal Code 10.04.050). If your vehicle remains parked on the street it is subject to being towed at your expense per PMC 10.05.055.

### SNOW REMOVAL AND SANDING PRIORITIES

Snow removal and sanding are performed on city streets and roads in the following order of priority:

- Main arterial and business district streets.
- Main feeder or collector streets leading to arterial streets and highways.
- Neighborhood residential streets and subdivisions.
- All other low density streets.
- Sidewalks

**If too many obstructions are present on a street it will be skipped until safer conditions arise.**

The snow removal priority map is available for viewing on our website.

### SNOW BERMS ACROSS DRIVEWAYS

The snow equipment operator's main objective is to keep our roadways open for the safe passage of traffic. Whenever possible, operators try to minimize the size of berms across driveways through the use of snowgates. However, the City does not have the resources to completely remove snow berms. **REMOVAL OF SNOW BERMS IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE PROPERTY OWNER/RESIDENT.**

### SIDEWALK SNOW AND ICE CONTROL

As time allows, the City removes snow from sidewalks along its traveled streets. However, property owners (or occupants) and business owners (or occupants) of any premises bordered by a paved sidewalk are responsible by ordinance for removal of snow and ice from sidewalks. Please lend a hand to neighbors who cannot clear their own sidewalks and steps.

### FOR MORE INFORMATION

If you would like more information please call the City's Public Works Department at 745-3400, for after hours emergencies, call the Palmer Police Department at 745-4811.

**The Public Works hotline 761-1358 contains snow removal information and is updated daily**

You may read the Palmer Municipal Code at the Palmer Public Library, City Clerk's office or on the website: [www.cityofpalmer.org](http://www.cityofpalmer.org). Thank you for your patience, understanding, and cooperation.

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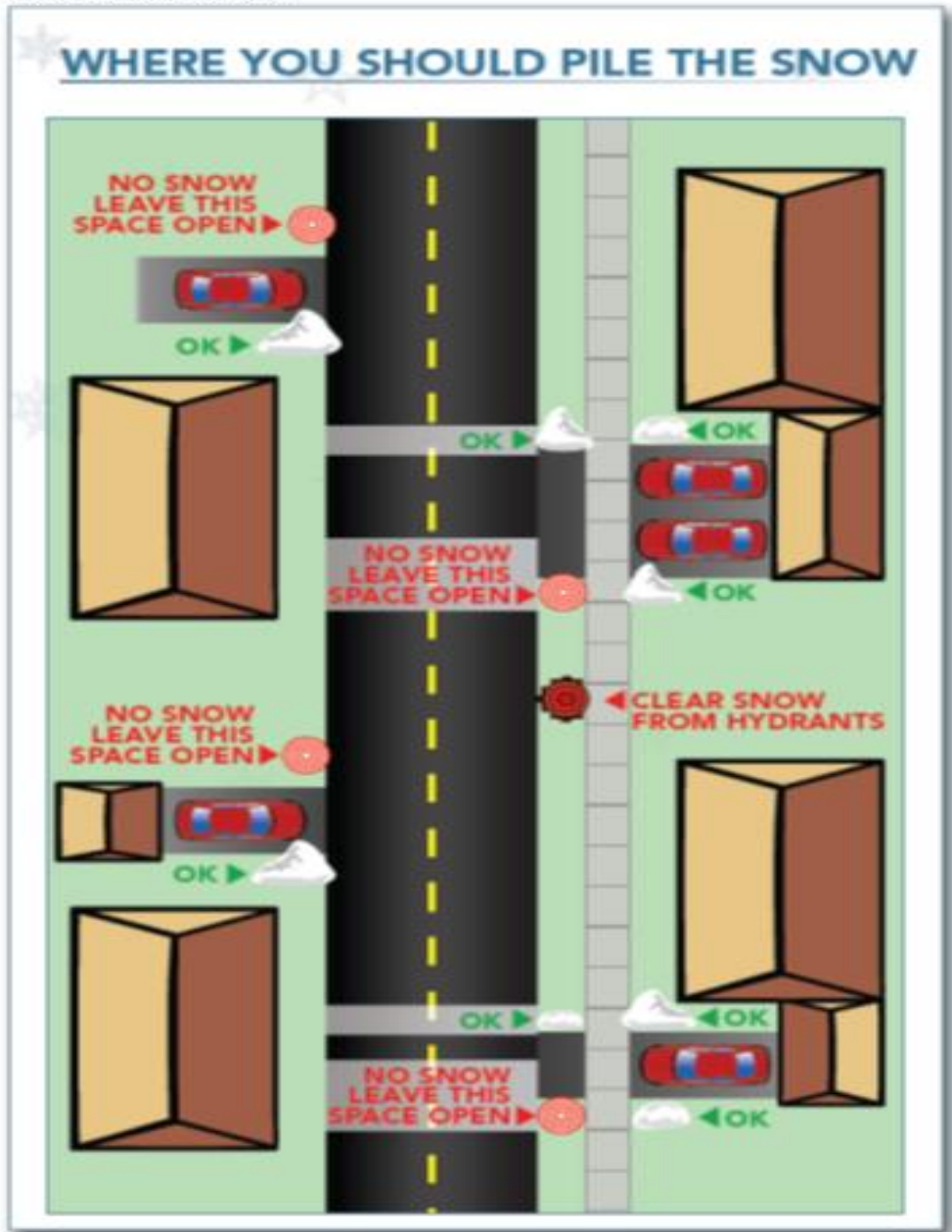


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Residents/occupants and business owners/occupants that remove snow from their driveways or sidewalks are reminded that PMC ordinance prohibits placing, leaving, or depositing snow on any public street, sidewalk, avenue, or alley in the City from private property to public property. This prohibition also applies to a street or sidewalk that has recently been cleaned.



Questions? Call Public Works at 745-3400 or email [avann@palmerak.org](mailto:avann@palmerak.org)

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