



CITY OF PALMER PRESS RELEASE

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Water Main Break off Fireweed Lane

On Thursday, March 3, 2011, at approximately 11:30 am, the City of Palmer Department of Public Works was notified by a citizen of a water leak off Fireweed Lane. The Department responded to the location and found a large water leak located in the gravel service road immediately to the west of the Veterans and Pioneers Home in Palmer.

Utility locates were immediately called in. Currently, the Public Works staff is digging into the frozen soil to uncover a valve on either side of the leak.

It is believed the leak can be stopped by shutting valves on each side of the leak. A contractor has been called and is en route to the location to begin the repairs.

It appears this leak has not caused any loss of service to any area business or homes.

The water main on S. Chugach Street supplies the Veterans and Pioneers Home. This water main is intact and is fully functional.

Initial assessment indicates that the only loss of water supply service is to two fire hydrants in the immediate vicinity of the leak. The Palmer Fire & Rescue Chief has been notified of the diminished hydrant capacity in this area.

Updated Information:

The City of Palmer Public Works Department isolated the water main leak, successfully shutting off the water flow at 1:45 pm on Thursday, March 3. Emergency locates were completed as of 2 pm.

A private contractor is currently on scene with equipment to begin excavation work to repair the water main despite the heavy frost they are encountering.

The City of Palmer will update the public as more information becomes available.

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