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WEATHER UPDATE IN BRANSON

Branson City Hall to close at 2 p.m. today

Due to the winter weather conditions, Branson City Hall will be closing at 2 p.m. today to allow employees to arrive home well before darkness settles in.

All roads in Branson remain mostly snow covered.

Snow plows will continue traveling the main streets until all those streets are cleared of snow. Crews are working 12 hour shifts and will plow day and night until roads are cleared. No rock or salt is being applied to the roads now because these materials will be covered with snow and become ineffective. Once the snow stops and streets are cleared of snow, salt and gravel will be applied.

The city's snow removal policy is and will continue to be clearing the main roads first and then expanding into neighborhoods.

U.S. 65, Business 65, Highway 248, Highway 76 and Highway 165 are state roads, and MoDOT's responsibility for clearing.

No power outages to report in the city of Branson.

The police department has reported an increase in minor traffic accidents -- slide offs and fender benders as more motorists take to the roads throughout the day. If involved in a minor accident with no injuries, exchange information and come to the police department at a later time. If people need to get out, police ask that you give yourself plenty of time, drive slowly and cautiously.

The Branson Salvation Army has set up a warming shelter at the Branson United Methodist Church on Highway 76, and it will remain open throughout this weather event.