

The City of Spokane

# Weekly News Update for Nov. 29

Stay up-to-date on City of Spokane and employee news with our weekly Employee Update.

## Several inches of snow in the forecast

Some employees have asked if the City anticipates any facility closures tomorrow if the storm brings the forecasted amounts of snow. The City's Emergency Management Team members are in close contact with the National Weather Service and receiving regular briefings. Forecasts have varied slightly over the past 24 hours, but the expectation is that Spokane could receive snowfall of several inches beginning most significantly in the overnight hours and into the evening on Wednesday.

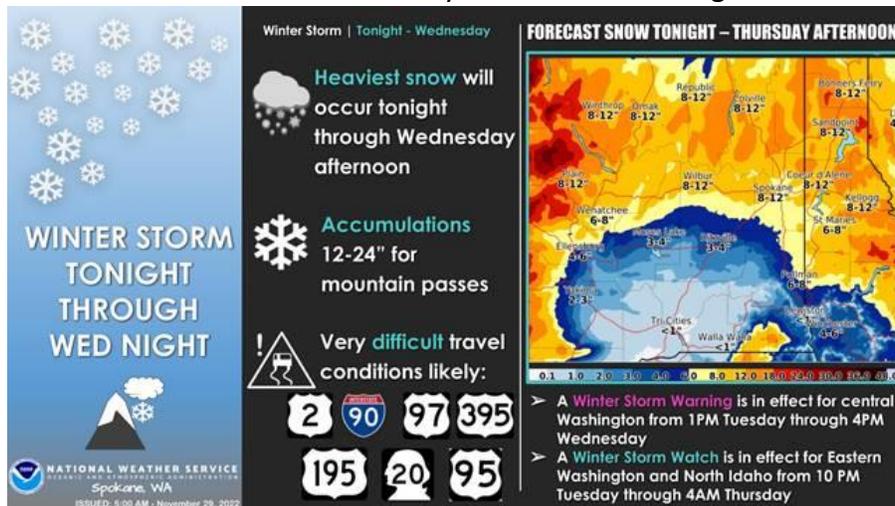
## **City facilities open tomorrow**

City facilities will be open and operating. Many employees are part of the City's snow response and are first responders to community needs. Employees with concerns about their commute tomorrow should discuss potential options with their department heads. Individual employee leave banks can also be accessed with supervisor approval.

## **Public snow response plan**

Streets has increased its overnight plowing and deicer crews tonight in anticipation of the expected storm. The focus will be on maintaining arterials, hill routes, and areas around hospitals and schools. How the storm develops and the accumulations of snow it brings will dictate when crews will be able to move into other areas.

The City's full [snow response plan](#) and additional information about the [public response plan](#) is available on the website. Make sure to leave early and watch following distances tomorrow!



## **Coat and Beanie Season Is Here!**

Tomorrow, Nov. 30 is the last day to order from the City's [online employee store](#). Check out the online store for items you would like to purchase and have the City's logo embroidered on the item. If you would like to try on items for sizing visit City Hall – 2nd Floor – enter on the west door (by the soda machine) and first cubicle area on the right. They will be here through Wednesday, Nov. 30, the ordering deadline.



Completed orders will be distributed from City Hall and other City facilities as needed around Dec. 20. If you have questions please contact our coordinator Lori Humphrey at [lulupromotion@aol.com](mailto:lulupromotion@aol.com) or (509) 534-7477.

## **2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest Food Drive**

Hunger and food shortage is one of the great challenges affecting our community. The City of Spokane is hosting a food drive for 2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest. Collection boxes are located near the elevators on each floor of City Hall and at the City's satellite facilities.

2<sup>nd</sup> Harvest is looking for the following items:

- Canned fish and lean meats
- Healthy soups and stews
- Dry or canned beans
- Whole grain pasta, rice and cereal
- Canned fruits and vegetables
- Peanut butter and other nut butters



Bring your food donated items anytime between now and **Friday, Dec. 30**, to help support and sustain the members of our community experiencing hunger and food uncertainty. To learn about where your donations end up, visit the 2nd Harvest [website](#).

## **More Information to Assist You**

*Here are some more resources from our Employee Assistance Program:*

[Make the Holidays Your Own](#)

If you don't belong in a traditional holiday portrait, you can still make the holidays your own by creating your traditions.

### [Suicide and Suicidal Thoughts](#)

Suicide, taking your own life, is a tragic reaction to stressful life situations — and all the more tragic because suicide can be prevented. Whether you're considering suicide or know someone who feels suicidal, learn suicide warning signs and how to reach out for immediate help and professional treatment. You may save a life — your own or someone else's.

It may seem like there's no way to solve your problems and that suicide is the only way to end the pain. But you can take steps to stay safe — and start enjoying your life again.

### **Employee Information Portal** ([covid19.spokanecity.org/](https://covid19.spokanecity.org/))

Remember, this Employee Information Portal is a great resource for employees to stay current on what's happening with the COVID-19 response. The [Employee Information Portal](#) can be accessed from work or home, using a computer or mobile device. All of the emailed information we have sent to employees is archived here.