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## City prepares for snow and ice

**Tuesday, Jan. 21, 2014** – Public Works crews have been put on 12-hour shifts and trucks have been prepped for the winter weather expected to hit the area this afternoon. There are also plan to pretreat local road and bridges with a liquid anti-icing agent before the snow falls.

H.E.L.P., the nonprofit organization that helps the homeless and those in crisis, will start pickups for A Night's Welcome, the overnight shelter program, at 4 p.m. today. Also, the H.E.L.P. Day Center will be open all day Wednesday. For more information about H.E.L.P., or Hampton Roads Ecumenical Lodgings and Provisions Inc., call 757-727-2577.

Hampton City Schools have canceled all after-school and evening activities, including the PLC, GED and adult education sessions at the Campus at Lee this afternoon and evening. In addition, the IB Choice Middle School Open House scheduled for today has been rescheduled for Monday, Feb. 3, at 6 p.m. at Lindsay Middle School.

The National Weather Service in Wakefield has issued a winter storm warning from 1 p.m.-midnight today. A storm warning is issued when a dangerous combination of heavy snow, with sleet or freezing rain will occur or has a high probability of occurring within the next 12 hours.

Hampton can expect to start seeing rain and snow from 3-6 p.m. today, with snow starting to accumulate about 4 p.m. Dry snow and high winds, with gusts of 35-40 mph, are expected until noon Wednesday, according to the city's Office of Emergency Management.

The Office of Emergency Management will continue to provide updates as warranted.

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