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SUBJECT: City Takes Responsibility for Storm Response

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[Duluth, MN] The City of Duluth had a press conference this morning to apologize to residents for the response to the storm. Mayor Larson said earlier in a social media post, "As a City, we have let you down in our response to this storm. As Mayor, I take full responsibility."

To complete plowing across the city, City staff have asked the public for help in identifying areas that need plow attention. Residents can do this by calling 218-730-5100 and leaving a message that will then be added to a list that plow drivers will respond to. The City has added staff to triage this line. Additionally, residents can visit www.duluthmn.gov/snow and complete a form online that will populate into that database. Crews are still out this morning, and the city is dedicated to completing that as soon as possible.

As communicated earlier, youth programming is available for free today at the following locations in partnership with Duluth Parks & Recreation, Neighborhood Youth Services (NYS), and the Duluth YMCA.

- NYS will be open for youth programming and recreation from noon until 6:00 p.m. School-age children and families are welcome to attend. Lunch and dinner will be served. NYS is located at 310 North 1st Avenue West.
- The YMCA will have the following programs and locations available for families and children:
 - o Harbor Highlands, located at 28 East Village View Drive, will open at 9:00 a.m.
 - o Grant Recreation Center, located at 901 East 11th Street, will be open from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.
 - o The Downtown YMCA is located at 302 West 1st Street and will be open for families and children starting at 9:00 a.m.

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