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SUBJECT: Duluth Storm Response: Parks and Debris Clean Up Update July 29

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Duluth Storm Response: Parks and Debris Clean Up Update

[Duluth, MN] - The City of Duluth is providing updated information on the July 21 storm response efforts.

Curbside Pick Up (week of August 1):

The City of Duluth crews will be out conducting curbside pickup next week focusing on the Woodland, Morley Heights, and Hunters Park neighborhoods. City and contracted crews have made significant progress but is aware that more areas need attention. The City's goal is to get to all neighborhoods impacted by the storm. The City understands the importance of this work to reduce potential health or fire hazards and wants to be good stewards of our neighborhoods.

Starting the week of August 1, the City will be relying strictly on City staff for debris pick up over the next two weeks. Residents will notice fewer crews as some staff return to finish outstanding street and utility projects. The City is conducting an open bid process for a new tree service provider to assist with debris clean up. This process could take at least two weeks. Residents have been extremely patient and the City requests continued cooperation as we work through logistics.

As a reminder, the City will not pick up yard waste, household items, garbage, or construction materials.

Drop Off Site:

The drop off site located on Rice Lake Road in Duluth (across from the Boulder Ridge Apartments - location noted with a white board) will continue to operate for residential use. The City requests the public not pick up wood debris from the drop off area for 1) safety reasons, 2) the City needs to track this debris, and 3) any ash trees mixed into the debris should not be moved to other parts of the city in order to prevent any potential spread of EAB. Park Point is currently under a state quarantine. Please do not drop off garbage, household items or yard waste. For yard waste, please check out drop off sites provided by www.wlssd.com

Hartley Park and Lester Trails:

- Hartley Park remains closed to the general public through next week. The City does not have a timeline for debris clean up in the park at this time. Trails inside the park are still closed.
- Most Lester Park multi-use trails are open. The ski trails are closed.
- Check local conditions and look for signage.
- For safety reasons, please do not venture onto closed trails.

Any property owners needing assistance with debris clean up due physical or monetary barriers can call the Head of the Lakes United Way 2-1-1 or dial 1-800-543-7709.

As always, details and updates are available on the City's storm webpage, www.duluthmn.gov/2016-summer-storm and also on the "City of Duluth, MN" Facebook page.

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