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County road update

Sunshine has helped the Greene County Highway Department make progress on clearing roads in the unincorporated portions of the county today.

Greene County Highway Department Administrator Dan Smith says most of the major routes are now passable, although many are still covered with a layer of snow.

“The sun being out today has really helped us, and we’ve made a lot of progress,” said Smith, who added that low temperatures tonight may cause road surfaces to refreeze. “So be very careful in the morning on your way to work, and watch out for slick spots and snow drifts.”

Highway crews continue working round-the-clock, with 32 plow trucks running by day, 20 overnight. Night crews remain on major routes, while day crews include residential streets.

Now that the major routes are improving, road crews have begun plowing snow in Greene County subdivisions and dead-end streets, a process that will continue during daylight hours tomorrow. Residents are reminded not to park on the street until after streets have been cleared, as it is difficult to plow around parked vehicles.

Smith acknowledged that snow plowed from county roads would obstruct some driveways.

“As we plow, inevitably, we’ll block driveways and mailboxes,” Smith said. “And we’re sorry, but there’s nothing we can do about that. With 1,250 miles of roadway to plow, it’s just not feasible to clear driveways as well.”

Smith said by Thursday afternoon, every county-maintained roadway should have been plowed at least once. The Highway Department hopes to complete plowing snow by Friday.

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