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310 West Green Street, Ithaca
Message: **Ice Jam / Flooding Update**

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Ice Jam and Flooding Update for the City of Ithaca

As of now, efforts to clear the ice jams in Cascadilla and Fall Creek are working. City officials are cautiously optimistic but are reminding residents of low lying areas to continue to monitor changes in water levels.

DPW crews worked through the night again to clear ice from the effected areas. Melt-water is moving under the remaining ice and flowing toward the lake; however, new ice jams could occur as the water flows through the narrow creeks and low bridges.

Water has receded from the areas surrounding Cascadilla Creek and most streets are now open. Parking garages remain open for those affected through 8:00 a.m. Monday morning; however, normal parking has resumed in the Fall Creek area.

Those who already have stocked up on sand bags should keep them handy for future flooding events. Fall creek residents who still need sand bags can pick them up at one of three staging locations: Northstar Restaurant, 202 East Falls Street, Neighborhood Pride Grocery Store, 212 Hancock Street and at Hickey's Music, 104 Adams Street.

The Water Front Trail is closed from Rt. 13 near the Haunt to Stewart Park where there are deep holes and hazards covered by ice and water.

As always check Facebook and local media outlets for updates as needed.

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