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Town of Boxborough Announces Warming Centers and Cold Weather Safety Information

Boxborough, MA — With dangerously cold temperatures expected this weekend and a winter storm forecast for Sunday into Monday, the Town of Boxborough is sharing warming center information and reminding residents to take precautions to stay safe.

Warming Centers

- **Boxborough Library**

The Boxborough Library will serve as a warming center on **Saturday from 10:00 AM to 3:00 PM**. Residents may warm up and charge personal devices. The warming center will be staffed by members of the Boxborough Emergency Reserve Corps (BERC).

- **Boxboro Regency**

The Boxboro Regency will be available **from now through Monday** as an additional location for residents to warm up and charge devices. Regency staff are coordinating directly with public safety to help ensure residents who arrive have a safe, warm place to return afterward.

Residents who may be vulnerable to cold exposure or who are concerned about someone else's safety are encouraged to seek assistance.

Cold and Winter Storm Safety Tips

Residents are urged to take the following steps during extreme cold and snow:

- Limit time outdoors and dress in warm layers, including hats and gloves.
- Check on elderly neighbors, individuals living alone, and those with limited mobility.
- Bring pets indoors and ensure animals have adequate shelter from the cold.
- Use space heaters safely—keep them at least three feet from anything combustible and never leave them unattended.
- Never use ovens, grills, or generators indoors for heat.
- Make sure furnace, dryer, and other exterior vents are clear of snow and ice to prevent dangerous carbon monoxide buildup.
- Keep mobile devices charged and have flashlights available in case of power outages.

- Avoid unnecessary travel during snow and icy conditions, and allow extra time if driving is unavoidable.

Residents experiencing a heating emergency or unsafe living conditions should seek help immediately.

Please note that **Town Hall will be closed on Monday.**

For emergencies, dial **911**. For non-emergency assistance related to cold weather concerns, residents may contact the appropriate Town departments.

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