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Dear news professionals,

Missoula's Emergency Winter Shelter at Johnson Street and North Avenue will close for the season on April 18.

The shelter has slept up to 150 people per night since it opened Nov. 1. It aims to provide shelter during Missoula's harsh winter months; Missoula saw no cold-weather-related deaths among people living without shelter this past winter.

Shelter for people needing it continues to be a challenge in our valley. Missoula's multi-agency response provides several options for shelter and camping, but City and County leadership and staff continue to work to address the root causes of homelessness, including the need for more behavioral health and addiction treatment, and to explore options to fund solutions.

Attached to this e-mail you'll find a press release with complete information and contact information; the City's plan for approaching illegal urban camping; and our flyer that offers a quick reference for options for shelter and camping. Also see the Safe Shelter page on Engage Missoula, where the public can comment: https://www.engagemissoula.com/safe-shelter .

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