

Good Evening All --

The state of New Jersey has declared a state of emergency as a result of the snow storm.

Since the last update at 2:00pm, road conditions have worsen considerably in Barnegat. Heavy snow bands coming off the ocean has caused white out conditions in Barnegat starting around 4pm. This has adversely impacted our ability to keep up with the storm. Right now, the storm is winning. At this point, we are maintaining the primary road for Public Safety purposes. Some of our plows are getting stuck in the significant snow accumulation. There are many private vehicles stuck in the snow. County roads are in terrible condition with Barnegat Boulevard North impassable at this time. Police have notified the county of our concern.

Secondary and side streets in Barnegat are snow covered and would be difficult to travel without 4 wheel drive. Public Works is coordinating with the Township's Public Safety agencies to make sure they have access to any part of the community when needed. Again snowfall totals will be 15-20 inches. Winds will gust to around 40-45mph tonight and on Monday. Our plan is to maintain primary roads overnight and start the process of digging out on Monday. We have about a foot of snow as of 7pm. Drifting snow is starting to become an issue especially in the western part of the Township.

Want to make it clear that the Township has the ability to access any part of the Township in case there is an emergency. No question some areas off of Route 72 will be a challenge, but we can fight our way to any address in the Township if necessary.

Also, the Township will be issuing Nixle statements urging residents to stay off the roads as travel and road conditions are dangerous.