

Friday, January 7, 2011 – 3:00 PM

Good Afternoon All --

The snow event today was relatively minor and caused little problem. In anticipation of the snow, Public Works crews reported to work 5am Friday morning and salted major and primary roads along with the schools and Township facilities. With temperatures around 20 degrees tonight, the Township also salted secondary roads along with heavy salt on major and primary roads in hopes of reducing the incidents of black ice tonight.

The Township used approximately 125 tons of salt on Friday covering the community. It appears that the town is using about 125 tons of salt per Township wide application. An additional 130 tons of salt has been order by the Township for this weekend.

Current weather forecast have been changed to now include a moderate snow event on Saturday. The Ocean County area is now forecasted to receive around 3-5 inches of snow on Saturday, with a possibility of upwards of 8 inches depending on storm track and intensity. Snow will start in Barnegat around 8-9am Saturday morning and last for about 12 hours.

The Township is prepared and ready for this event. Repairs to the fleet have been substantially completed and staff has been advised of the winter weather event on Saturday. While snow accumulation will be much less than recent storms, a snowfall of a half of foot needs to be properly handled and managed. Again the Township is ready.

After the snow event on Saturday, much colder and windy weather will move in on Sunday. There is still the potential of a significant coastal storm impacting Barnegat next Tuesday. Weather models are starting to agree that some snow will fall in Barnegat on Tuesday, however, the amount of snow is still in question. Will keep all posted.