

Friday, January 7, 2011 – 9:00 PM

Good Evening --

A Winter Storm Watch has been issued for southern and central New Jersey, including the Barnegat area. Most likely that watch will be changed to a Winter Storm Warning later tonight.

Forecast are calling for snowfall accumulation in the 4-6 inch range for Saturday. Snow should commence between 8am and 10am Saturday morning and continue into Saturday night. Temperatures will be cold enough to support snow during the day and will be well below freezing at night.

The Township is prepared for this surprise snow storm. Most repairs to the fleet have been completed and it is ready to respond to this moderate snow event. Staff has been advised of the weather and is ready to report to work Saturday morning. Salt inventory is sufficient for this event but additional salt has been ordered to replenish what is consumed over the weekend. The Township will have a staff member handle phone calls on Saturday so the operational manager (Roger Budd) can be on the street evaluating performance.

The public has been advised of the pending snow by the Nixle system. A Nixle message was also sent regarding removing parked cars from the street. Additional Nixle messages will be sent on Saturday based on weather and road conditions.

The potential for a significant winter storm on Tuesday appears to be increasing. If that is the case, that will require a quick storm recovery on Monday so that the Township is prepared for a major winter event on Tuesday. We are still a few days out so much can change. Will continue to monitor and update.

That is all for this evening ... Good Night.