

Saturday, January 08, 2011 – 6:00 PM

Good Evening All --

Snow ended in Barnegat during the late afternoon. There is still a chance of snow flurries or snow showers into this evening with little additional accumulation expected. Most of Barnegat received a solid 4 inches of snow with the western part of the Township receiving a good 5.5 inches. According to Public Works, it was noticeably heavier snow accumulation out west. The "sweet spot" of the storm was central Atlantic County which received 6-8 inches of snow.

Township crews made good progress today. As of 6pm, all paved roads in Barnegat were plow. In addition, the crews worked diligently in widening the roads for safety purposes. In many cases, the Township was successful in using this "curb to curb" approach. Focus is now shifting to more of a salting operation. With temperatures going down into the upper teens tonight, the Township will be salting roads aggressively to avoid icy streets tonight. Also, with sunny skies on Sunday, the salt should prove to be very helpful in burning off any snow or ice on the roads. We anticipate working to about midnight, then allow crews to go home to get a well deserved rest.

On Sunday, we will bring back a limited work force to perform the following work:

- 1. To assist school snow crews with salting and pushing snow in order to prepare for school on Monday.**
- 2. To work in certain neighborhoods, particularly in Settlers, in moving some of the larger piles of snow for safety purposes and in anticipation of a significant snow event on Tuesday. This would also include clearing certain bus stops, again mainly in the Settlers section of the community.**
- 3. To clear Township and major sidewalks/paths that are used by students walking to school.**
- 4. Continue with needed salting and plowing of Township roads and facilities.**

By Monday, our existing inventory of salt will be close to being exhausted. However, we do expect a salt delivery on Monday which should help replenish our salt stock.

Regarding Tuesday ... As the National Weather Service says "No weather model at this point is forecasting a miss. Its now more a matter of a question of how much and what type of a hit." The potential for a significant winter weather event on Tuesday/Wednesday seems to be increasing. The weather pattern appears to be favorable for a major coastal storm. With cold air firmly in place, the Township will remain in snow mode and use Monday as a day of recovery and preparation

for the upcoming snow event on Tuesday. We should have a good idea of what to expect by Sunday evening and we will plan accordingly based on that information. Regardless of what comes our way, the Township will be ready.