

Thursday, January 6, 2011, 9:00 PM

Good Evening All --

A Winter Weather Advisory has been posted for a large part of New Jersey, including Ocean County. Snow is anticipated to start during the pre dawn hours in Barnegat and continue for most of the day. Accumulation of 1-3 inches are expected from this storm. Temperature during the day should be above freezing, which should help limit accumulation, especially on the roadways.

The Township sees this as mainly a salting operation with hopefully very little plowing. Township road crews are prepared and ready to maintain roads during this snow event. Currently, the Township has approximately 75 tons of road salt on hand with another 75 tons being delivered on Friday. Additional salt will have to be ordered after this event in order to be ready for next week.

Since this winter event will not be sufficient to close schools, attention will be given to all schools, especially around times of arrival and dismissal, to make sure schools are properly treated with salt. As usual, Township crews will coordinate with school staff to make sure needed work is accomplished.

Snow should stop during the early evening hours. There is a chance of snow flurries and/or snow showers Friday night and Saturday with little or no additional accumulation. Temperatures Friday night will be well below freezing so icy road conditions will be an issue.

After this winter weather event on Friday, all attention will turn towards Tuesday/Wednesday where there is a chance of a significant coastal storm that could bring severe winter weather to the eastern coast. Will keep all posted on Friday's event along with the potential coastal storm next week.