

Thursday, January 20, 2011 - 5:00 AM

A Winter Weather Advisory has been posted for Barnegat for a fast moving winter storm system that will bring snow to the Barnegat region Thursday night into Friday morning. Total snow accumulation from this storm should be in the range of 3-5 inches, down slightly from yesterday.

Snow should start around midnight tonight and end by noon on Friday. Temperatures will be cold enough to support snow so there should be no precipitation mixing issue. The period of heaviest snow will be between the hours of 4am and 8am so the morning rush on Friday could be challenging. Also, winds will increase on Friday with gust approaching 30mph. Finally, it will be extremely cold over the weekend with daytime highs in the mid 20's and nighttime lows in the low teens. There will be very little melting occurring over the weekend.

The Township is ready and prepared for this event. The fleet is operational and staff has been made aware of the pending storm. Salt inventory is adequate for this storm. This event will be manageable and the Township does not anticipate any issues with this storm. Like stated previously, the Friday morning commute will be messy but the Township will work aggressively to make sure major and primary roads in the Township are plowed and treated with salt prior to the morning rush. Also, attention will be given to the schools.

Another larger storm system is forecasted to impact Barnegat Monday night into Wednesday of next week. Many questions regarding storm track and intensity, but the potential for another winter weather event exist. Will keep all posted.

Dave