

Wednesday, January 26, 2011 - 7:00 PM

Good Evening --

The Township was successful today in clearing most roads and streets of the snow/ice slush accumulation. In addition, Township crews salted hilly areas in Settlers, Timbers, and the Rose Hill section of the community in anticipation of freezing conditions this evening. Workers were able to go home at 4:30pm in order to get some rest prior to the snow event tonight.

The transition to snow is moving quickly west to east. As of 7:00pm, it is snowing heavy in sections of Delaware and southeastern Pennsylvania. Expect a change over to snow in the Barnegat/Ocean area around 9-11pm. Snow will be very heavy during the overnight hours with snowfall rate of 3 inches per hour at times. Still anticipate between 6-10 inches of snow overnight with the higher amounts in the western part of the Township. There is a possibility that the Township can experience near white out conditions overnight in some of the heavier bands of snow. Winds will be picking up and gust will occasionally exceed 40mph. This will cause some blowing and drifting problems, again especially in the western part of the Township. Snow should stop around 3-5am Thursday morning.

The Thursday morning commute will be hazardous. Township crews will focus on the major and primary roads overnight but it will be a struggle to get them all ready by sunrise. The Township will coordinate the plowing effort with the Board of Education and furnish needed resources to get schools ready, if needed.

This storm has not behaved well and has been very difficult to forecast. Almost anything is possible, but when you wake up in the morning, it will be white outside. There is now a possibility of snow on both Friday and Saturday. More on that later. This will be my last update this evening as I will have an very early start in the morning.

Good night -- Dave