

I am pleased to inform you that the Redford Township crews have been hard at work since 4:00 a.m. today clearing the snow. According to John Selmi, most of the East/West streets have been cleared and they anticipate clearing the North/South streets by the end of the day today. A two hour tour of the township this morning from north end to south end confirmed that we are working effectively and quickly on the residential streets.

I am equally pleased to inform you that Chief Gomulka and Chief Greenstein both confirmed that we did not experience any unusual public safety concerns related to the weather. Wayne County is responsible for the main roads and I am assured that as soon as they can clear the interstates, they will be working on our primary streets.

As you are aware a snow emergency was issued yesterday morning at approximately 10:00 a.m. To that end, we communicated with residents and businesses through all available media sources. Our communication efforts included thousands of personalized emails, broadcasts on each local television channel, messages on the government access channels, LCD messages at the public services building, public service announcements to major newspapers, and postings on the internet including the Redford Township Website, Twitter, LinkedIn and Facebook.

Our message was clear. The township had issued a Snow Emergency effective at 10:00 a.m. yesterday February 1, 2011. The Snow Emergency will remain in effect until we are able to ensure our residents, public safety and public service personnel have safe passage through our neighborhoods.

As part of the planning process, we discussed how we could safely move the snow. It was determined that parking would not be allowed on residential streets and that it would be enforced. This message is consistent with our local ordinances and consistent with our neighboring communities. The parking enforcement was and is necessary to ensure the general safety of our residents.

We did our very best to communicate the expectation that vehicles must be moved from the streets. Through our media outreach we indicated that our police department will be issuing parking violations and vehicles may even be towed. As hard as we try, we run the risk of not being able to reach everyone. In addition, as hard as we try, some people will ignore the information we provide. It is unfortunate that during this time of a Snow Emergency, many residents have received citations for failing to move their vehicles from the streets. Citations are still being issued and will continue to be issued until the snow emergency is cancelled.

I am very pleased with the collaborative efforts and workmanship of the Public Services, Fire and Police departments. We have communicated well with each other and worked collectively to ensure that our residents are safe and that they have clear passage to the main roads. This successful effort has been well orchestrated due to the careful and thoughtful planning of each department head and the cooperation of our residents.

We anticipate completing our snow removal by the end of the day today. When our Public Service Director, Mr. Selmi, notifies us that our work is completed we will lift the Snow Emergency and residents will be allowed once again to park on the streets. Until that time the parking restriction is still in place.

Thank you for all you do to make Redford Township a great place to live, work and play!

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