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Mayor

- The forecast is shaping up to be as bad or worse than the blizzard of 2013.
- Please stay off the roads until they have been cleared. Driving in blizzard conditions is dangerous and substantially slows post-storm cleanup.
- I declared a state of emergency as of 10:00 this morning. Doing so enables us to respond to changing circumstances and enables the city to seek reimbursement from the federal government for storm-related operations.
- We have declared a parking ban. We are suspending parking enforcement and residents may park in any city lots for free. Cars in violation of the parking ban will be towed to make way for plow trucks.
- We are opening Middletown's emergency operations center at 6:00 p.m. I will be at the facility and it will also be fully-staffed by representatives from public works, CL&P, water, the Middletown, South, and Westfield fire departments, the Middletown Police Department, Emergency Management, Hunter's Ambulance, the Health Department, and Middletown Public Schools. This facility will be open 24/7 until further notice.
- We are in constant communication with CL&P and will make a decision about a possible shelter opening only after the conclusion of the storm and depending on the incidence of power outages.
- We have re-filled salt and sand stores and are at 100% capacity.
- Since the 2013 blizzard we purchased an additional \$45,000 industrial snow blower that attaches to three of the several front-end loaders we have available.
- In addition, we have 32 large, multi-ton plows in the Department of Public Works, an additional 6 in the Water Department, up to a dozen contractors available with heavy equipment, and several smaller plow trucks.
- As appropriate, I'll be updating you directly through our reverse call system, social media, and the news media.
- We are responsible for clearing more than 200 miles of roads; for a sense of perspective, that's slightly shorter than if we stretched our plowing routes into one straight line between Middletown, Connecticut and Middletown, Delaware.
- As such, please expect a multi-day cleanup. It is unlikely that all roads will be cleared in the immediate aftermath of the storm. I will keep you up-to-date with information about our progress.
- Again, I'd like to wish each of you and your families the very best.