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Jersey City OEM is Asking Motorists to Not Park on Emergency Routes During Expected Snow Storm

Keeping Main Roads Clear of Vehicles Makes Clean-up Easier & Less Costly

JERSEY CITY – **Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy** and the **Jersey City Office of Emergency Management** are asking motorists not park on city emergency routes in light of the forecasted snow storm beginning tonight into Wednesday.

The **National Weather Service** has issued a **Winter Storm Watch** from Tuesday evening through Wednesday night for the Jersey City metropolitan area. Snow is expected to begin today, **Tuesday, January 11**, mainly **after 8pm**, and could be heavy at times with expected snowfalls to be between 12 and 20 inches. Meteorologists are also predicting strong winds that coupled with the snowfall are expected to result in near zero visibility for motorists.

"We are urging residents to eliminate all non-essential driving and to avoid parking on emergency routes if possible," said **Mayor Healy**. "This will greatly assist us in the clean-up of this storm if we receive the amount of snow currently forecasted."

Because of near zero visibility caused at times by strong winds and drifting snow, motorists are also urged to limit all non-essential driving and to utilize public transportation. **Free parking** will also be available from Tuesday through Wednesday night in two municipal metered lots: **Central Avenue and Griffith Street** (behind Burger King) and in the **Montgomery Street and Jordan Avenue.** All cars must be in a metered spot.

Additionally, **should Jersey City Public Schools be closed on Wednesday, January 12, 2011**, residents will be able to parking in the following school lots by mid-morning:

- Lincoln High School – 60 Crescent Avenue
- Ferris High School – 35 Colgate Street (lot underneath NJ Turnpike)
- P.S. 6 – 100 St. Paul's Avenue
- P.S. 9 – Off Columbus Drive by Brunswick Street
- P.S. 11 – 886 Bergen Avenue
- P.S. 28 – 167 Hancock Avenue
- P.S. 40 – 88 Gates Avenue
- P.S. 41 – 59 Wilkinson Avenue

Later in the day, residents will be able to park in the following lot:

- Dickinson High School – 2 Palisade Avenue

Due to hazardous conditions and to not impede with snow plowing, all residents are being asked to refrain from double parking, parking close to corners, and from shoveling snow from sidewalks into the streets.

"The city snow team, which is comprised of representatives from the Mayor's Office, the Jersey City Incinerator Authority, the Department of Public Works, the Office of Emergency Management, and the Parking Authority, have been in constant communication this week in preparation for this storm, and all of the necessary measures have been taken," added **Mayor Healy**.

Additionally, residents are required to shovel snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding their property within eight (8) hours of snowfall or by sunrise, whichever comes first. Business owners are required to remove snow and ice from the sidewalks surrounding their property within four (4) hours of snowfall or by sunrise, whichever comes first.

It is also a violation of city ordinance to deposit snow into the street after it has been plowed, and residents are required to pile all shoveled snow against the curb line. **When removing snow around your parked vehicle or home, do not throw it into the street. Inspectors will be issuing warnings and summonses to individuals who violate this ordinance**.

"We are asking that residents abide by the city ordinances so that we are able to clear the streets in a timely fashion during a snow storm," said **Mayor Healy**. "It is a service to the city and to your neighbors and will help us get the job done the first time."

Snow Emergency Routes:

- Journal Square: JFK Blvd./Bergen Ave. South to Montgomery Street
- Sip Avenue: JFK Blvd./Sip Ave. to Summit Ave.
- Communipaw Ave.: Rte. 440 to Bergen Ave.
- Newark Ave.: Rte. 1/9 to Marin Boulevard
- Montgomery St.: West Side Avenue to the Hudson River
- Manhattan Ave.: Rte. 1/8 to Central Avenue
- MLK Drive: Communipaw Ave. to McAdoo Ave.
- Broadway: Tonnele Ave. to Rte. 440
- Danforth Ave.: Princeton Ave. to West Side Ave.
- Bergen Ave.: Academy St. to Communipaw Ave.
- Palisade Ave.: State Highway (139) to City Line
- West Side Ave.: Broadway to Danforth Ave.
- Christopher Columbus Drive: Center Street to the Hudson River
- Ocean Ave.: Bramhall Ave. to Merritt St.
- Grove St.: Newark Ave. to Grand St.
- Central Ave.: State Highway (139) to City Line
- Summit Ave.: Manhattan Ave. North to Secaucus Road
- Baldwin Ave.: Montgomery St. to Beacon Ave.
- Jersey Ave.: Grand St. to 8th Street

The Jersey City Incinerator Authority will be plowing 230 miles of roadway and will use 67 pieces of equipment, 2600 tons of salt which will be stored at three salt storage sites: Grand and Pacific Avenues; Route 440; and Carteret and Halladay Street.

Stand-alone senior congregant food sites will be closed tomorrow, **Wednesday, January 12, 2011**, due to the winter storm. The locations are as follows:

- Paterson Street Senior Center, 28 Paterson Street
- The Maureen Collier Center, 335 Bergen Avenue
- Gace Church Van Vorst, 39 Erie Street
- The Olga Rodriguez Congregant Site, 463 Montgomery Street

Any senior citizen who needs further assistance or information, can contact Senior Affairs after 10:30 a.m. at 201-547-4361 or the Department of Health and Human Services at 201-547-6800.

All media inquiries should be directed to Jennifer Morrill, Press Secretary to Mayor Jerramiah T. Healy at 201-547-4836 or 201-369-0699.///