



From the Office of the Mayor *Jerry N. Hruby*

Today at 1:00 pm Safety-Service Officials of the City, including the Mayor and Safety Director, watched a virtual briefing by the National Weather Service regarding the weather front that is predicted to move into our area and is categorized as a winter storm. A “Winter Storm Warning” is in effect for Northeast Ohio beginning Wednesday, February 2. In the early evening hours of Wednesday, this front will begin with rain. The amount of rainfall decreased in this recent briefing, lessening the concern for flooding. They are currently predicting .5” to 1” inch of rain fall in our area. Overnight Wednesday, into Thursday, that rain will change to a mix of rain and snow, then become snowfall. Around 7:00 pm on Wednesday is the time they predict this storm front to reach our area. The snow fall predictions, in inches, has been somewhat decreased to approximately 2-3” Wednesday night and 9” on Thursday during the day. In other words, our area is predicted to have anywhere from 9-11” of snow. Winds are anticipated to be between 30-35 mph. There will be another e-mail coming your way tomorrow, updating this information. Currently, the National Weather Service describes the storm cycle as rain and wind, then wet snow and wind, followed by heavy snowfall and wind, Wednesday night through Thursday. They are predicting the front will have passed our area by Friday morning.

We have made the following decisions in an effort to concentrate on our snow removal program keeping our streets as safe as possible

- We are cautioning our residents to drive only when absolutely necessary during the winter storm Wednesday night through Thursday.
- Curbside Recycling has been canceled for Thursday, February 3. Your recycling will be picked up on the next regularly scheduled recycling date of February 17th, or our Recycling Center will be open for drop off on Saturday February 5th from 9:00 am to 12 noon. **We will pick up rubbish curbside** on Thursday, but again recycling has been canceled.
- If this storm develops as predicted we will close the Community Center, and regular activities at the Human Services Center. Our Human Services Department is ready to aid any of you who need shelter due to power outages.
- Please pay attention to the Brecksville – Broadview Heights City School District and their announcement as to whether or not they too will close.
- The Planning Commission Meeting scheduled for Thursday, February 3, has been rescheduled to next Thursday, February 10th.

If this storm develops as predicted there will be other closings, and we refer you to the internet and local news channels. This snow is predicted to be a heavy snow and, therefore, we caution you in shoveling due to the significant weight of the snow.

During the storm, we will have three Ambulances staffed and a full complement of Police Officers on duty. All Service trucks are prepared and we have full salt bins. As with any storm these predictions may change, but our planning is based upon the current predictions, and again your safety is our utmost concern. Our administrative staff are briefed and prepared to execute our emergency plan for such a winter storm event.

If there is a power outage at your home, please call the Illuminating Company at 1-888-544-4877. They need to hear from you that your power is out.




There will be, as I stated previously, another email tomorrow afternoon with any additions or revisions in the forecast.

Stay safe and stay warm.



Winter Preparedness Checklist

 Home Winter Preparedness Checklist 		
<input type="checkbox"/>  Select Foods See Additional Checklist	<input type="checkbox"/>  Warm Clothing Hats, Mittens, Parkas, Boots	<input type="checkbox"/>  Flashlights & Extra Batteries
<input type="checkbox"/>  Disposable Dishware Plates, Bowls, Utensils	<input type="checkbox"/>  Extra Blankets	<input type="checkbox"/>  First Aid Kit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Specialty Items Meds, Infant Formula, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Matches For Candles & Gas Fireplaces	<input type="checkbox"/>  Cell Phone Fully Charged
<input type="checkbox"/>  Portable Radio AM/FM/Wx Radio & Batteries	<input type="checkbox"/>  Shovel/Snow Blower Check condition & maintain	<input type="checkbox"/>  Firewood For Wood Fireplaces

 Car Winterization Checklist 	
<input type="checkbox"/>  Check Engine Fluid Levels Oil, Coolant, Washer Fluid, etc.	<input type="checkbox"/>  Inspect Tire Tread Replace if Near Wear Limit
<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Battery Replace if Necessary	<input type="checkbox"/>  Install Snow Tires if You Own a Set
<input type="checkbox"/>  Use Deicing Washer Fluid Clean Windshield at Low Temps	<input type="checkbox"/>  Test Headlights & Taillights
<input type="checkbox"/>  Switch to Synthetic Oil Handles the Cold Better	<input type="checkbox"/>  Add & Inspect Winter Survival Kit

God Bless,
Jerry N. Hruby
Mayor



