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P R E S S R E L E A S E

Preparations Continue for Major Winter Storm

City Announces Closures of New Bedford Public Schools, City Offices, Senior Centers, Libraries & Zoo

New Bedford, Massachusetts-- The National Weather Service has issued a Winter Storm Warning for Southeastern Massachusetts including Bristol County and New Bedford effective 6AM Thursday morning until midnight. According to the National Weather Service, snow is expected to begin early on Thursday morning, falling at as much as 2-3 inches per hour and will continue into the evening. Blowing snow could produce visibility of a quarter mile or less at times. The most recent forecast now calls for 12-18 inches of snow for the New Bedford area.

New Bedford Public Schools-Closed Tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, 2017

All New Bedford Public Schools and administrative offices will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, 2017. Please monitor local media and the New Bedford Public Schools website www.newbedfordschools.org for updates.

New Bedford City Offices-Closed Tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, 2017

City offices will be closed tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, 2017 including City Hall, the public libraries, senior centers and the Buttonwood Park Zoo. New Bedford Regional Airport will remain in operation for as long as it remains safe. Passengers should contact their air carriers directly to confirm their flight status because widespread cancellations are expected. Only City employees designated as essential should report to work.

One-Day Delay of Residential Trash Collection

There will be no residential trash collection on Thursday, February 9, 2017 and ABC Disposal will be operating on a one-day delay schedule for the remainder of this week. Residents whose normal collection day is Thursday will put their trash curbside on Friday. Residents whose

normal collection day is Friday will put their trash curbside on Saturday. The normal collection schedule will resume on Monday, February 13, 2017.

Citywide Snow Emergency Parking Ban Effective 6AM Thursday, February 9, 2017

In preparation for the approaching snowstorm, the City of New Bedford has announced a citywide snow emergency parking ban to take effect at **6AM tomorrow, Thursday, February 9, 2017**. The parking ban will be strictly enforced and will remain in effect for 48-hours thereafter, unless lifted or further extended by City officials. The parking ban is designed to allow City workers to efficiently remove snow from New Bedford roadways to permit public safety vehicles and residents to travel safely.

While the snow emergency parking ban is in effect, parking is **permitted on the north side** of all streets going east and west, and is **permitted on the east side** of all streets going north and south. The permitted side of the street is typically the side opposite of the fire hydrants.

Please note that on streets which are normally posted for parking on one side of the street only, residents are to obey the signs as usual.

Vehicles should never be parked within ten (10) feet of a fire hydrant or twenty (20) feet from a corner as required by law, regardless of whether a snow ban is in effect, or not.

Double-sided Parking Ban Areas

To increase public safety during storm events, areas designated for a double-sided parking ban have been expanded to now include sections of five new streets (listed below), in addition to the Downtown and Acushnet Avenue Business Districts where a double-sided ban had been in place in years past. These changes began last winter.

The new street sections were selected because they are major routes for ambulances, school buses, and SRTA buses, and have a history of large vehicles being unable to successfully navigate due to the narrowness of the street.

During a snow emergency parking ban, no parking is therefore permitted on either side of the street in the following areas:

- Downtown Business District: Downtown New Bedford between Walnut Street northerly to the Octopus and County Street easterly to JFK Boulevard
- Acushnet Avenue Business District: Acushnet Avenue, Coggeshall Street to Tarkiln Hill Road
- Ashley Boulevard (from Nash Road to Coggeshall Street)
- County Street (from Union Street to Sawyer Street)
- Kempton Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Mill Street (from Rockdale Avenue to Pleasant Street)
- Cottage Street (Union Street to Durfee Street)

[Map of Double-Sided Parking Ban Streets](#)

Violations of the snow emergency parking ban will be subject to ticketing at \$50 per ticket and towing at full cost to the owner of the vehicle towed. The vehicle owner is also responsible for the full cost of storage for any towed vehicle.

The City of New Bedford has designated the following areas as preferred parking areas for those residents in need of off-street parking while the emergency snow parking ban is in effect:

- Victory Park – Brock Avenue
- Hazelwood Park – Brock Avenue
- Cove Street Parking Lot – Cove Street and Morton Court
- Orchard Street at Camara Soccer Field
- Buttonwood Park Parking Area – Hawthorn Street Side and Lake Street Side
- Former St. Mary’s Home – Entrance on Mill Street
- Coggeshall Street Parking Lot – Coggeshall Street and Acushnet Avenue
- Sawyer Street Parking Lot – Between Sawyer Street and Beetle Street
- Brooklawn Park Parking Area – Brooklawn Street (South Side)
- Riverside Park Lot – Coffin Avenue
- Coffin Avenue Lot- Across from Taber Mills Apartments
- Former AVX site on Belleville Avenue at Hadley Street
- Former Philips Avenue School – 249 Phillips Avenue
- Elm Street Garage
- Zeiterion Garage – 688 Purchase Street
- New Bedford High School – 230 Hathaway Boulevard
- Keith Middle School – 225 Hathaway Boulevard
- Normandin Middle School – 81 Felton Street
- Roosevelt Middle School – 119 Frederick Street
- Charles S Ashley Elementary School – 122 Rochambeau Street
- Elizabeth Carter Brooks Elementary School – 212 Nemasket Street
- Elwyn G Campbell Elementary School – 145 Essex Street
- Sgt. Wm. H. Carney Academy Elementary School – 247 Elm Street
- Lot at intersection of Elm and Cottage (Southeast Corner)
- James B Congdon Elementary School – 50 Hemlock Street
- John B DeValles Elementary School – 120 Katherine Street
- Alfred J. Gomes Elementary School – 286 South Second Street
- Ellen R. Hathaway Elementary School – 256 Court Street
- Hayden/McFadden Elementary School – 361 Cedar Grove Street
- Horatio A. Kempton Elementary School – 135 Shawmut Avenue
- Abraham Lincoln Elementary School – 445 Ashley Boulevard
- Carlos Pacheco Elementary School – 261 Mt. Pleasant Street
- John Avery Parker Elementary School – 705 County Street
- Casmir Pulaski Elementary School – 1097 Braley Road
- Thomas R Rodman Elementary School – 497 Mill Street
- William H Taylor Elementary School – 620 Brock Avenue
- SEA LAB/John Hannigan Elementary School – 91 Portland Street
- Jireh Swift Elementary School – 2203 Acushnet Avenue
- Betsey B. Winslow Elementary School – 561 Allen Street

Sand Available to City Residents at Various Locations

The Department of Public Infrastructure has made sand available to city residents at many locations throughout the city. Residents are advised to bring their own small container to collect the sand at any of the following locations:

- Norfolk St & Acushnet Ave
- Tobey St & Acushnet Ave
- Manila St & Acushnet Ave
- Fire Station #5 –Acushnet Ave
- Phillips Rd & Pine Hill Dr
- Welby Rd, North Side, Between Two Buildings
- Essex St & Phillips Rd (Campbell School)
- Saint Theresa’s Church – Acushnet Ave
- Balls Corner, Mill Rd & Belleville Ave
- Saint Mary’s School/Church –Illinois St
- Tarkiln Hill Rd & Acushnet Ave
- Police Station #3 - Ashley Blvd
- Wilks Library –Acushnet Ave & Princeton St
- Ashley Blvd & Princeton St
- Belleville Rd & Hope St
- Mount Pleasant St & Nash Rd (on Nash Road Side)
- Fire Station #8 –Davis St & Acushnet Ave
- Deane St & Ashley Blvd
- Bullard St & Acushnet Ave
- Shawmut Ave & Hathaway Rd
- Acushnet Ave & Sawyer St
- Sawyer St & Mount Pleasant St
- Beetle St & North Front St
- Beetle St & N. Front St
- Coggeshall St & Ashley Blvd
- Coggeshall St & Purchase St
- 10 Kilburn St
- Purchase St & Logan St
- Rockdale Ave & Granite Ave
- Linden St & County St, South Side of Linden St
- Fire Station #7 –Durfee St & Cottage St
- Durfee St & Shawmut Ave
- Rockdale Ave & Durfee St
- Purchase St & Wamsutta Ave
- Sacred Heart Nursing Home, Studley St & Summer St, On West Side
- Merrimac St & County St
- 1554 Purchase St, Fire Repair

- Pleasant St & Pope St
- Parker St & County St, East Side of County St
- Parker St & Rockdale Ave
- Pleasant St & Pearl St
- Purchase St & Campbell St
- Cottage St & Campbell St
- Sycamore St & State St
- County St & Sycamore St
- 1204 Pleasant St, Rear Lot of Fire Prevention
- Maxfield St & Pleasant St
- E.M.S. Chancery St, Inside Parking Area
- Summer St & Hillman St
- Ash St & Hillman St
- Fire Station #2 –Pleasant St
- County St & North St
- H.D.C. Pope’s Island Marina
- Third District Court, North Side of Kempton St
- Liberty St & Kempton St
- Pleasant St & Middle St
- South Sixth St & Middle St
- County St & Middle St
- Elm St Garage
- Buttonwood Library
- Pier 3 –Visitors Center
- South Water St & Hamilton St
- William St & Acushnet Ave
- City Hall, Pleasant St Side
- Centre St & Front St
- Market St & Sixth St
- Second St & Union St
- Union St & Acushnet Ave
- Purchase St & Union St
- Eighth St and Union St
- County St & Union St
- N.W.C. Spring St & Pleasant St
- Zeiterion Garage, Acushnet Ave Entrance
- School St & Purchase St
- School St & Sixth St
- School St & County St
- Walnut St & Acushnet Ave
- Maple St & Atlantic St, on Maple St

- Maple St & Reed St
- Madison St & County St
- Bedford St & Sixth St, Fire Museum
- Page St & Bedford St
- Wing St & Acushnet Ave
- Wing St & County St
- Fair St & County St
- Fire Station #6, Purchase St
- Thompson St & Crapo St
- County St & Rivet St
- Bonney St & Rivet St
- Bolton St & Rivet St
- Delano St & South First St
- Jouvette St & Bonney St
- 190 Cove St
- Howland Green Library Parking Lot
- Rockdale Ave & Dartmouth St
- Fire Station #11, Brock Ave & Mott St
- Willard St & West Rodney French Blvd
- Clegg Field, Brock Ave
- Brock Ave & Portland St
- Wastewater Treatment Plant
- South Rodney French Blvd, Cable Access Building

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