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Snow emergency declared in Borough of Middletown

Middletown Mayor James H. Curry III has declared a snow emergency in the Borough, effective at 8 p.m., (Wednesday, February 12, 2014).

"Given the forecast for heavy snow beginning overnight, we are asking residents to remove their vehicles from all snow emergency routes to allow crews to effectively manage the storm," said Mayor Curry, in declaring the emergency.

All cars must be moved by 8 p.m. Vehicles still in the snow emergency routes after that time will be automatically ticketed. More than 80 tickets were issued during last week's snow and ice storm.

"I trust that number will be significantly less for this storm, as residents have realized the seriousness in ensuring clear pathways for first responders," Mayor Curry said. "While the Borough Code allows for immediate towing of illegally parked vehicles, I am hopeful such an approach will not be required."

Residents needing an off street place to park can use the lot behind Borough Hall.

Off street parking is also available in the school district lot near Fink Elementary and War Memorial Stadium and in the back half of the lot behind Main Street Gym. The Main Street Gym parking area will be available after 8 p.m. this evening. Vehicles parked in school district lots must be in legal spaces and must be moved by 6 a.m. Friday or they will be towed at the owner's expense.

During a declared snow emergency, parking restrictions go into effect to facilitate the removal of snow from Borough streets. During such an emergency, it is unlawful to park on the north side of designated east-west streets or on the east side of designated north-south streets, unless otherwise indicated.

Once the snow stops and it has been removed from those parking areas, parking there becomes permissible as long there is no interference with the Borough snow removal crews and no interference with traffic during the remainder of the emergency.

A complete list of designated snow emergency route streets and parking restrictions is available on the Borough's Web site at <http://www.middletownborough.com/snowemergency.php>.