

Storm

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MacLeod said on Sunday morning at 8:30 a.m. the city started to bring in personnel to evaluate the amount of snowfall and mobilize equipment.

“From Sunday to Monday we had 17 employees operating various pieces of equipment for snow removal. We

put down about 65 tons of salt over a 2.5 to 3 day process, including today,” MacLeod said on Wednesday.

At least 16 pieces of equipment including pick-up trucks with plows, back hoes and various other pieces of equipment were put into service due to the storm. As far as preparing for the storm response, MacLeod said the

hope is that storms never reach the level of what is being called the Holiday Storm. But as the storm and the holiday weekend approached, he discussed readiness with Joe Piccard, assistant Public Works supervisor.

“City offices were closed Friday, but I talked to Joe Piccard late in the day

Thursday to ensure all vehicles were on line, gassed up and loaded, and we waited to see if (the storm) developed,” MacLeod said.

Asked if the city budgeted funds in the 2010 budget for such a response considering the storms in late January and early February, MacLeod said it is hard to calculate.

“It’s hard to estimate if

we’re going to get one snow-storm or five snowstorms, but we try to gauge for a certain amount of manpower and overtime costs,” MacLeod said. “It would have been nice if the snow didn’t come at all, but it did. We are in a position to manage financing.”

MacLeod said, like in other parts of the county, heavy winds and drifting snow was

a problem in certain places in Cape May. He said Lafayette Street was difficult to maintain because winds kept drifting snow onto the roadway.

However, combating the effects of this storm was not as bad as previous storms.

“There was no need for a shelter, and that’s a good thing,” he said.

Fee

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water-based activity in a place like Cape May is important considering its location and tourism.

“A fee would only make participation go down,” he said. “Anything that keeps fishing as an affordable activity is a good thing.”

He would like to see the registration at least start on a free basis, getting the public used to it. Weber said he had trouble believing that the money made through the registration fee would actually be used for what it is intend-

ed for in this economy. He said he was leery the funding going back into the fishing community because the government would find some other use for it. He agrees with Van Drew’s bill to have free registration at a state level because if the government starts to charge for registration, the state will lose visitors and residents have come to the Jersey Shore and fished for free in the past.

“I like the proposal to keep a competitive advantage over other places,” he said.

Weber said the registration should be used for science-

based procedures like it was intended, and not for creating revenue. According to Weber, the new registration is all about improving fishery statistics and replacing the former Monitoring, Evaluation and Response Feedback (MERF) system, which was a random dialing survey that the National Academy of Science proved to be fatally flawed.

He said with the registration system, the state and federal government get a better estimate of how many people are fishing and how much fish they are catching. Weber

said the charter boats and party boats will be exempted from the registration system because they already keep that data and are counted differently than other recreational trips.

“They are recorded through census and not sampled,” he said. “They already count the fish caught and the people that come aboard.”

South Jersey Marina Charter Boat Coordinator Charlie Langan said that since the boat captain would already have a license, none of the fisherman aboard would need one.

“Exemption for the charter boats is a good thing,” he said.

Langan said that casual fishermen who do not go that often or out-of-state fishermen who are not familiar with New Jersey laws will either neglect to register or not realize they have to.

Weber agreed and said that a fee would increase the probability of non-compliance.

In my personal opinion there shouldn’t be a fee to register,” Langan said, “but \$15 should not stand between someone and an activity they

enjoy doing,” he said.

Langan said those who don’t have a license will simply go on charter or party boats, which could potentially help the business but he would still rather see free registration at the state level.

Weber said that he believes this is the federal government pushing for states to create their own registration system.

“The registration staying at the federal level is not long-term and viable,” he said. “It will end up here at the state level no matter what.”

Demo

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his final meeting as a Lower Township Councilman, asked Widjeskog how much of the budget was left. Widjeskog said it is around \$700,000.

“That amount of money should be more than adequate,” Widjeskog said.

According to Pettigrew, the only building that will remain standing is a maintenance building used for storing lawn tools and machinery. An alarm system has already been installed in the building in case of theft or vandalism.

She also said a portion of

the trails on the property will be removed if it fits in the budget. Most of these paths are interior trails that haven’t been maintained or lead to dead ends. Widjeskog said that by the time the trails are removed, there will still be around five miles of trails on the property. According to Widjeskog, the northern most trail that runs parallel to the residential area will be moved inward to create a buffer.

Downed trees and branches laying on the east side trail will also be cleaned up as part of the restoration. The trails

remaining on the west side of the property and the trail surrounding the lake are paved and handicapped accessible. Widjeskog said an observation deck will be built at the entrance of the creek area which will also be handicapped accessible.

He said the tennis courts and most of the parking lots will be torn up with the exception of the Shawmont and banquet hall lots. The lots and the tennis court will be replaced with vegetation such as wildflowers, trees and grassland. Pettigrew said multiple trees have already

been planted by the restoration crew, which came from the state forest nursery.

Pettigrew said the wildflower meadows will also be beneficial to the ecosystem at the Cox Hall Creek WMA. Field preparation for the grasslands is also in the restoration plans. She said additional grass needs to be planted, especially where buildings and lots will be torn up. The NJDEP website says that by the time restoration is complete, there will be 140 acres of forests, 15 acres of wetlands, 22 acres of grasslands, 14 acres of meadow, 6

acres of scrub-shrub habitat and 5 vernal pools in the WMA.

“Much of the plant life is regenerating very nicely on its own,” she said.

According to Widjeskog the lake on the property will be stocked with trout in the spring, which will provide even more recreational activity at the WMA aside from bird watching and hiking.

He said there would be no permanent personnel on the property such as park rangers patrolling the property at night for vandals or troublemakers because it wasn’t

in the budget. However, he did say with the alarm system on the maintenance building and the other buildings torn down, there was a decreased chance of the kind of mischievous activity that took place when the Ponderlodge property was abandoned. He said no one would be allowed in the park between the hours of 9 p.m. and 5 a.m. unless they had a legitimate reason.

Pettigrew and Widjeskog said the DEP is strongly encouraging community involvement in the restoration process and it would be greatly appreciated.

Trees

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2011, and can be picked up at the two drop off locations, the Burleigh transfer station or

the landfill in Woodbine. Crumbock said providing the mulch free to residents keeps the trees out of the landfill and is a way the MUA can

give back to the community. She said the mulch is organic matter that helps give back to plants and trees, holding valuable moisture and providing warmth for living

plants and trees.

Crumbock said the MUA has other recycling programs that provide products used in the community.

“During the year we do root mulch, branches...but our biggest mulch program is wood pallets. We get hundreds of tons of pallets a month,” she said.

Crumbock said the MUA has a machine to extract the nails from the pallets, between 200 and 400 tons of them each month, which are mainly made from untreated wood. Crumbock said the MUA takes the pallets or other untreated wood and grinds it to sell for mulch. She said it is available in plain



Photo courtesy of the CMCMUA
A pile of Christmas trees waiting to be ground for mulch at the Cape May County Municipal Utilities Authority.

coloring or the county can add a non-toxic coloring, such as brown, red or black. She

said there is a cost for this mulch, which can be picked up, or in some cases, delivered. The first mulch distribution date is Saturday, Feb. 5.

“The greatest importance of our wood recycling program is that that much material is kept out of the landfill,” Crumbock said.

The CMCMUA also recycles mixed glass for road construction projects, as roadbed or combined with asphalt in what is known as “Glassphalt.” Crumbock said the mixed glass – normally clear, green, brown – is also used for to make fiberglass counter tops, and landscaping stepping stones, for example.

“Because we have commingled glass, it’s difficult to find an end market for it. If we only collected clear, for example, we would have a huge market for it,” she said.

She said the MUA is aggressively looking for a market for mixed-color glass.

The Municipal Christmas tree pick-up schedule for the Star and Wave readership area includes:

Cape May City: Trees picked up as they appear at curbside, once per week until the end of January 2011.

Cape May Point: Trees picked up as they appear at curbside until the end of January 2011.

Lower Township: Trees picked up as they appear at curbside until the end of January 2011.

West Cape May: Trees will be picked up Monday, Jan. 3, Monday, Jan. 10, Tuesday, Jan. 18, Monday, Jan. 24, and Monday, Jan. 31, 2011.

Crumbock said the MUA is also interested in promoting its Creative Recycling Contest, which was kicked off on Nov. 15. – America Recycles Day. The contest is intended to showcase the talents of Cape May County residents. All contest entries must be created using reused and/or recycled materials. The contest began Nov. 15, and the deadline for submitting entries is March 3, 2011. Go to www.cmcmua.com for more information on the contest.

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