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MEDIA RELEASE

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Date 12/6/2011

Time:

Event/Incident: Community Notification

Location: RTPD

Personnel Involved:

Authority of: Lt. Peter Reilly

Approved/Reviewed By:

Tracking:

	Date	Means	By Whom
Citizen	12-6	E-mail	058
Lakeland News	12-6	E-mail	058
Daily Record	12-6	E-mail	058
Star Ledger	12-6	E-mail	058

Other

Other

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Narrative:

As the winter season quickly approaches the Rockaway Township Police would like to put out this friendly reminder to residents and visitors to our town regarding snow removal. The obligation to remove snow is covered under town Ordinances. These Ordinances are in affect for the safety of everyone. By following the Ordinances it allows the Road Dept. to safely and efficiently clear snow from the streets making safer passage for all who need to travel our streets. Attached are specific ordinances regarding parking and snow removal from sidewalks during/after snow storms. Failure to follow these ordinances can result in summonses being issued and fines levied.

Motorists are further cautioned to remove snow/ice from all parts of their vehicle prior to driving or face fines under the motor vehicle statues.

7-6.3 Temporary Parking Prohibition for **Snow Plowing and Removal.**

- a. Whenever **snow** has fallen and the accumulation is such that it covers the streets or highways, an emergency shall exist and no vehicle shall be parked on the streets or highways or portions thereof indicated.

The above parking prohibitions shall remain in effect after the **snow** has ceased until the streets have been plowed sufficiently and to the extent that parking will not interfere with the normal flow of traffic.

- b. Any unoccupied vehicle parked or standing in violation shall be deemed a nuisance and a menace to the safe and proper regulation of traffic and any police officer may provide for the removal of the vehicle. The owner shall pay the reasonable costs of the removal and storage which may result from the removal before regaining possession of the vehicle.

16-5.1 Removal of **Snow and Ice from Sidewalks.**

The owner, tenant, occupant or other person having charge of a dwelling, store, building or lot in the Township shall, within twenty-four (24) hours after the cessation of every fall of **snow**, slush or sleet, or formation of ice upon the sidewalk abutting any dwelling, store, building or lot, cause the **snow**, slush, sleet or ice to be removed from the sidewalk to a width of at least eighteen (18") inches.

In the event that the formation of ice cannot be removed within the penalty time, sand or a "non-corrosive ice and **snow** melter" shall be spread on the icy surface to make the sidewalk safe for pedestrian traffic.



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16-5.2 Depositing **Snow on Public Streets Prohibited.**

No person, firm, corporation, owner, tenant or occupant of any premises abutting on any street shall throw, place or deposit any **snow** or ice into or upon any sidewalk or street in the Township. It is the intent and purpose of this provision to prohibit all persons from throwing, casting, placing, plowing or depositing **snow** and ice upon sidewalks or streets of the Township.

A complete listing of these and all local ordinances, including the affected streets, can be accessed at the Rockaway Township website at www.rockawaytownship.org. Click on the Codebook-Clerk Base tab and enter keyword "snow". This full press release can be found on the Police website at www.rockawaytwppd.org click on press releases.