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Dear Plainfield,

This past Saturday we were subjected to a winter storm the like of which has not been seen in this area for over one hundred (100) years.

Prior to the storm all the local agencies which would be impacted and / or assist with removal efforts convened to solidify plans for dealing with the aftermath.

While our crews have a snow plan which was communicated to everyone prior to Saturday's storm, it still requires a mammoth effort to restore normalcy to our City.

In many areas cars are parked on snow removal routes and this impedes cleanup efforts greatly, additionally there is the challenge of pushing almost thirty inches of snow for every foot that the plow moves the snow – this presents a challenge in deciding where to put these mountains of snow.

Our crews pre- treated the streets and began treatment and snow removal almost as soon as it started snowing, however the challenges were myriad and inclusive of things like cars, stuck in the middle of the road, after owners tried to move them in the middle of the storm. Private contractors compounded the challenges by dumping snow back into the roadway after the plows had been by.

We understand that people need to get to work and children to school and we realize that many are feeling frustrated, but we ask you to be patient. Most of our crews have worked for thirty-eight hours or more without rest and are still dedicated to working through this night to get as much as possible accomplished.

A historic storm such as this requires a historic response, and I assure you that our Public Works Department is giving a historic response. Plainfield this is not the time to fall apart; it is time to pull together. Lets show some support for our crews as they work diligently to make the streets safe for everyone.

We are asking those parked on snow removal routes to move your vehicles as quickly as you can so as not to further impede the efforts of the snowplows. We are dedicated to getting Plainfield back to business as soon as possible.

Thank you for your understanding and patience.

Mayor Adrian O. Mapp