Gardner City Hall Office of Mayor Michael J. Nicholson

The following statement was just released from my office:

"There are several places in the City that currently do not have power, with the majority of locations having an estimated restoration time of between 5pm and 6pm tomorrow (1/24). There are also several trees leaning on power wires that themselves are coated in snow and ice. Please try to limit all driving to that which is necessary in the interest of safety and to allow plows to adequately clear the roads.

Furthermore, there will be an on-street parking ban in effect this evening, Monday, January 23, beginning at 8:30 pm and expiring tomorrow morning, Tuesday, January 24th at 7am."

My office, the Gardner Fire Department, and the Department of Public Works are all in contact with each other and National Grid and will provide updates as needed as the storm progresses into the night. There are currently 273 properties (unsure how many individuals are in each residence included in that count) without power in the city, with all but five (5) of those having an estimated restoration time between 5pm and 6pm tomorrow evening, Tuesday, January 24th. These areas include Lovewell St., Prospect St., Union St., Bayberry Dr., Rosewood Dr., Champagne Rd., Warwick St., Jackson Hill Rd., Linus Allain Ave., Stephanie Dr., Chapman Park, Crestwood Dr., Otter River Rd., Clark St., Stone St., Raymond St., Wampanoag South Rd., Kelton St., and areas immediately surrounding these locations.

The 8:30 start time of the parking ban is earlier than the usual 10pm or 11pm start times we have used in the past, however, since the last business downtown (the area most impacted by on street parking restrictions) to close this evening is closing at 8pm, and the speed at which the snow and ice are falling in this storm, the decision was made to move this time to as early as possible in order to keep up with the storm.

Respectfully,

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