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More wintry weather due in Greater Akron



A pedestrian walks past the University of Akron's Computer Center on Carroll Street in Akron on Feb. 23. PHOTOS BY MIKE CARDEW/AKRON BEACON JOURNAL

Additional snow possible as 2 new storm systems expected this week

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Winter is still hanging around Greater Akron.

A winter weather advisory was in effect for Summit and Medina counties until 1 a.m. Feb. 24.

By the time everything is said and done, the weather service said, some communities could see a half a foot of snow or more.

Snow emergencies were issued in Summit and Medina counties, where some schools were closed for the day Feb. 23.

Flights at the Akron-Canton Airport were mostly not impacted by the snowy weather. There were a couple of delays for Chicago-bound flights.

However, a large number of flights at Cleveland Hopkins International Airport were canceled Feb. 23 as a result of the snowstorm impacting the East Coast, particularly New Jersey and New York.

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A person rides a scooter in the snow past the University of Akron's South Hall on East Exchange Street on Feb. 23.

Blizzard pummels Northeast residents

Storm officially reaches 'bomb cyclone' status

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NEW YORK — An intensifying winter storm pummeled the Northeast on Feb. 23, unleashing blizzard conditions that blanketed major cities in snow, brought travel to a standstill and caused mass power outages.

Across the Northeast, at least 49 locations reported more than 24 inches of snow by the afternoon, including 16 locations in Rhode Island and 12

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Institute decries refugee policy

DHS targets those without green cards

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The International Institute of Akron is criticizing a new Department of Homeland Security policy that ends protections for tens of thousands of legally admitted refugees, putting them at risk of detention and deportation.

The policy, filed in a memo with a Minnesota federal court, allows federal immigration agents to arrest legally admitted refugees who have not secured lawful permanent resident status — a green card — within one year of arrival. Agents can potentially hold them indefinitely for "rescreening."

The institute is offering to help refugees obtain green cards before they get swept up in the new policy.

"Here in Akron, many refugee individuals and families are rebuilding their lives and contributing as neighbors, caregivers, faith leaders, and members of our local workforce," the institute wrote in a statement posted on Facebook.

These policies "create deep fear and uncertainty" in refugee and immigrant communities, the IIA wrote.

"Families are left questioning their safety and long-term stability. Sudden policy shifts and unclear guidance make it harder for people to plan for their futures, maintain employment and feel secure in the communities they now call home," the statement reads.

More than 200,000 refugees entered the U.S. under the Biden administration. An estimated 100,000 of that number have not received green cards, the Washington Post reported.

The filing is in a federal case that stems from a DHS campaign called Operation PARRIS (Post-Admission Refugee Verification and Integrity Strengthening), which targets about 5,600 refugees in Minnesota, according to the International Refugee Assistance Project.

What does the DHS memo say?

Filed Feb. 18, the DHS memo reverses a 2010 Obama-era policy that protected from deportation refugees who did not obtain a green card within one year of admission to the U.S.

"The prior policies significantly impeded full vetting, because refugees were able to avoid reinspection or were subject to only an artificially time-

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