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BUSHNELL PARK SKATING RINK OPEN FOR THE HOLIDAYS AND SCHOOL VACATION

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(December 22, 2010) --- The popular ice skating rink at Bushnell Park has special holiday hours for residents and visitors alike to enjoy free public skating.

“Hartford is home for the holidays and we invite folks to enjoy our ice skating rink this holiday weekend and during school vacation. It’s a Christmas present from the City and our generous sponsors,” said Mayor Pedro E. Segarra.

“This is an opportunity to see the beauty of Bushnell Park and enjoy all of our Arts and Cultural events,” said Kate Bolduc, CEO of the Greater Hartford Arts Council.

“People are really enjoying the opportunity to skate and enjoy this great City,” said Bob Crawford of Champions Skating Center who built the rink.

Thanks to generous contributions, ice time and skate rentals are free through January 6th. The 45’x 90’ ice rink holds up to 75 skaters at a time. Colorful wristbands will be used as needed to accommodate the crowd. Skating rotation time is about 45-minute cycles. Here’s the skating schedule: (Ice maintenance time throughout the day as needed):

School Vacation week:

- **Monday – Thursday December 27th – 30th: 11:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.**
- **Friday December 31st (First Night): 11:00 a.m. – 6:00 p.m. & 7:00 p.m. – 1:00 a.m. with Champions Amateur Skating show starting shortly after the 6:00 p.m. family fireworks and lasts approximately one hour.**

Holiday skating hours:

- **Christmas Eve (December 24th) & Christmas Day (December 25th) 11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.**
- **New Years Eve – First Night (December 31st) until 1:00 a.m.**
- **New Years Day (January 1st) 11:00 a.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

This year’s winter festivities are presented by the City of Hartford, the Greater Hartford Arts Council, The Bushnell, The Connecticut Whale, Champions Skating Center and the generous funding from many of the region’s corporations and foundations.