



**Pedro E. Segarra**  
Mayor

## **HARTFORD'S PLAN OF ACTION FOR 2-PART STORM SNOW PLOWING/REMOVAL GOES BEYOND DURATION OF STORM**

### **---NEWS AND COMMUNITY RELEASE---**

(February 1, 2011) --- Hartford Mayor Pedro E. Segarra says the City's snow storm strategy encompasses plowing during the storm and removing mounds well after the last snowflake falls.

Right now, 25 trucks are clearing streets, with special emphasis on snow emergency routes. **City Hall will have a staggered employee dismissal starting at 2pm today.** After careful monitoring of the storm, a decision will be made regarding the opening and/or closing of City Hall tomorrow.

**A City-wide parking ban goes into effect at 3pm Tuesday, February 1<sup>st</sup>, and will remain in effect until 4am on Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>---** but this time could change depending on the length and intensity of the storm. Public School parking lots can be used to park vehicles but must be removed within one hour of the parking ban being lifted.

Due to the inclement weather, the parking ban, and the potential closing of City Hall on Wednesday, **the last day to pay City property taxes has been extended until Thursday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>.** A late penalty will not be applied until Friday, February 4<sup>th</sup>. **Also delayed is trash and recyclable pick up starting Wednesday.** (Wednesday's scheduled pick up will be Thursday, and so on).

No State of Emergency is in effect at this time. Less than \$200,000 remains in the City's \$730,206 snow removal budget. Hartford has applied, through the State, for Federal FEMA funds regarding the January 11<sup>th</sup> storm. During the last storm, the City requested, and received, State resources in the form of assistance in plowing state roads and in the areas of state-owned properties. After this storm, the City will consider transferring up to \$250,000 in local funds held in reserve from cost-saving measures taken earlier in the year.

The special snow blower truck and a snow melting truck will be utilized once from the end of the storm through the weekend in order to clear streets, reduce snow mounds, increase street parking, and--- most importantly--- keep people safe.

"We have been very fiscally prudent with our spending of snow removal funds, but we will not sacrifice public safety. No matter what, clean-up and snow removal procedures will continue. If the snow removal budget runs out, I reserve the right to go before City Council to transfer funds in order to replenish that budget. Safety must and will come first," said Mayor Segarra.

For those who need to find refuge from the severe winter weather, the following warming centers are open: Immaculate Conception (Regular shelter & overflow) 560 Park Street, Hartford; McKinney Shelter 34 Huyshope Avenue, Hartford; Mercy Housing and Shelter St. Elizabeth House 118 Main Street, Hartford; Open Hearth Shelter 437 Sheldon Street, Hartford; Salvation Army/ Marshall House (Regular shelter & overflow) 224 South Marshall Street, Hartford.