



Pedro E. Segarra
Mayor

HARTFORD SERIOUS ABOUT SNOW REMOVAL

---NEWS AND COMMUNITY RELEASE---

(January 26, 2011) --- Mayor Pedro E. Segarra set the tone at today's news conference regarding the impending snow storm--- the City will enforce the parking ban which means the Hartford Police Department will ticket and tow vehicles left on the streets. That news conference will re-air on Government Cable Access, Channel 96, which also streams live on www.hartford.gov. It will also air on Channels 5 and 95 throughout the day.

"We need to clear the streets for our emergency vehicles and for our residents and visitors. The only way our crews can do the best possible job is to get the cars and trucks off the streets. The safety of our residents must come first and it is imperative that our roadways are as clear as possible," said Mayor Segarra.

A parking ban is in effect for the City of Hartford from 8:00 p.m. on Wednesday, January 26, 2011 to 8:00 p.m. Thursday, January 27th. The Mayor is working closely with Superintendent Dr. Steven Adamowski so that if school is cancelled on Thursday, vehicles may be parked in public school lots but must be moved once the parking ban has been lifted.

Note from HPD: If your car is ticketed and towed, information on its location may be obtained by calling the HPD Record's Division at (860) 757-4150 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. to 6:30 p.m. Please have either the VIN (Vehicular Identification Number) or the license plate number available. You will be given the name of the company that towed your vehicle, their telephone number and your tow number. In order to avoid or minimize storage fees, please pick up your vehicle as soon as possible. Storage fees begin to accrue after 24 hours. The tow charge is \$108.00.

The \$99.00 snow emergency violation ticket is separate and payable to the Hartford Parking Authority.

Note from DPW: Regularly scheduled trash/recyclable pick up on Thursday will be delayed until Friday and Friday's pick-up will now occur on Saturday.

Budget note: Hartford's snow removal budget for this fiscal year is \$730,206. Though figures are still being calculated and monitored, there is about \$330,000 remaining.

Shelter update: Immaculate Conception (860-724-4823) at 560 Park Street is open, as is McKinney Shelter (860-722-6922) at 34 Huyshope Avenue.

Reminder to all property owners: You are required by municipal code to clear your sidewalks, walkways and curb cuts for pedestrian safety. Please also clear-away snow from fire hydrants and please do not shovel snow back into the street.

"We can get through this record-breaking winter with everyone's cooperation, which includes checking on elderly neighbors and bringing in pets from the outside. Please also make sure you are stocked up on food, medicine, and safety items like flashlights and batteries," said Mayor Segarra.