

## Blue Lights Signal a Parking Ban

In an effort to be more efficient clearing the streets of Hartford after heavy snow storms (four inches or more), the City has for a long time put in place a temporary ban prohibiting on-street parking until the streets can be plowed. The last storm required 275 cars to be towed. The problem has been one of communication, letting citizens know when the ban is in place and where they are allowed to park during the ban.

Typically during one of these events, as many as 800 cars are towed with a cost to the owner well in excess of \$100.00 per incident. This is money that could be better spent elsewhere, not to mention that the towing slows down the snow removal.

The City is now adding a new means of communicating when the ban is being put in place. Starting six hours before hand, blue lights in 16 strategic locations will be activated to let residents know, that their car must be moved from the street and that it can be parked in any City owned lot during the duration of the ban. In Asylum Hill the blue lights will be located

at Woodland & Farmington and Sigourney St at I-84. You can also sign up to receive alerts as text messages or calls to you cell phone by signing up at

<http://www.hartford.gov/emergency-services>

There are also special, newly designated lots for this purpose. In Asylum Hill and nearby these include West Middle School and Hartford Public High School parking lots, as well as lots at 11 Flower St, and 130 Sisson Ave (see enclosed map).

With a little luck we'll get through the rest of the winter without needing it.

