

From the Executive Director
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As we enter the middle of winter, when the largest snowstorms tend to hit CT, AHNA is tracking how well folks clear their sidewalks. Asylum Hill is a walkable neighborhood and it's important that our sidewalks are cleared soon after a winter storm. AHNA's Quality of Life Committee has been going out after snowstorms to document with photos whether landlords, businesses and the city of Hartford are clearing snow off their sidewalks in a timely manner. Per city ordinance, all property owners must:

- 1) Clear all sidewalks abutting your property, including crosswalk entries and curb cuts of snow and/or ice within *six (6) hours after the completion* of a snow or ice event, or before *9:00AM* when the snow has fallen overnight.
- 2) Sand/salt sidewalks, as necessary, to provide a safe and convenient path for pedestrians. If sidewalk extends to the face of curb the entire sidewalk to the street edge must be cleared of ice and snow.
- 3) Remove snow from roofs near street line that may slide and endanger public transit.
- 4) Clear snow/ice from fire hydrants near your home.

Failure to comply can result in a fine of \$99 per day until the problem is corrected. The results of our survey of sidewalks in Asylum Hill, will be posted on our Facebook page, AHNA-Asylum Hill Neighborhood Association. If you are interested in helping with our sidewalk survey please contact me at exdir@asylumhill.org. If you have any questions about this city ordinance and its enforcement, please call the city at 311.

We invite all our partners, stakeholders and residents to attend the next General Meeting on February 3rd and to help us launch our new year of activity for 2020.