A Time for Digging Out in Darien & Elsewhere: Reopenings & Roads Open [UPDATES]

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No more snow is in the forecast, but you may have some more to shovel on your driveway or sidewalk as Darien and the region shake off the big storm Sunday morning.

Darien received 10.5 inches of snow by 7 p.m. Saturday, according to spotters for the weather service. But by 8:30 p.m., First Selectman Jayme Stevenson had tweeted a picture of a yardstick with snow almost up to 12.5 inches.

By 10:30 p.m., a total of 14.5 inches had fallen on Darien, according to the National Weather Service. As of 9:50 p.m., 16 inches had fallen on Norwalk, and the same amount even earlier (at 8:45 p.m.) on Greenwich, the weather service said.

Various fire departments, including Noroton Heights Fire Department, <u>have asked</u> residents to clear away snow as much as three feet from their fire hydrants.

Darien also has an ordinance requiring property owners to clear sidewalks in front of their property.

Connecticut State Police are <u>reminding drivers</u> that (when their vehicles are in motion) the fine for not removing almost all the snow from the windshield is \$92 and the fine for not getting it off the top of the car is \$120.

The National Weather Service's spotter reports on snowfall from the storm has been adjusted, revising the Darien total: 16 inches of snow from this storm. Here's their Fairfield County list of snow totals:

Here are some news items about lingering effects of the storm or getting back to normal:

Lingering delays or closings:

- The 8:30 a.m. service at the First Congregational Church in Darien is cancelled.
- State parks: The state Department of Energy and Environmental Protection <u>tweeted</u>: "Road access into state parks will be limited on Sunday, particularly in the southern part of the state. Additional updates will be provided."
- Diocese of Bridgeport (Roman Catholic) cancelled all diocesan events for this weekend, Saturday and Sunday, <u>the Diocese tweeted</u>.
- Grace Community Church in New Canaan is closed Sunday morning, according to WFSB-TV.
- Mather Center all classes and events are cancelled Sunday.
- Darien Arts Center
- Rowayton Arts Center remains <u>closed for the weekend</u>.
- Stamford Museum & Nature Center plans to reopen again 11 a.m. Sunday.
- Starbucks <u>announced</u> it will reopen at 7 a.m., Sunday.
- Stepping Stones Museum opens at 12 noon on Sunday, according to WFSB-TV.
- Temple Sinai in Stamford won't have religious classes Sunday morning, according to WFSB-TV.

Getting back to normal:

• Darien High School Girls Gymnastics Team will compete against Warde and Ludlowe at 3:30 p.m., Sunday in Darien, according to FCIAC. Darienite.com had reported that the school district had said

school sports games were cancelled for the entire weekend, but apparently that's changed.

- Darien Library officials expect the library to open as normal at 1 p.m., Sunday.
- After Saturday's scheduled SAT was cancelled at Darien High School, the test is now scheduled to be offered again on Feb. 20, the high school <u>announced</u>.
- Darien Doughnut announced it expects to be open again Sunday at the regular time.

TRAVEL:

New York's travel ban: "The travel ban for NYC and Long Island lifted at 7am. The MTA will restore bus, subway and regional railroad service as conditions warrant throughout the day." Gov. Andrew Cuomo's office <u>announced</u>. (Full statement <u>here</u>.)

Metro-North trains: "Metro-North will begin restoring service at the outlying stations after 12 p.m. and be fully operationally in and out of GCT [Grand Central Terminal] by 3 p.m." the agency <u>tweeted</u>. See <u>this Web</u> <u>page</u> for more details.

Amtrak service continues <u>on a modified schedule</u> on Sunday, the agency said Monday night. Amtrak's Twitter accounts and website had no further information Sunday morning. An announcement from the train service said in part: "Amtrak will continue operating with a modified schedule in mid-Atlantic region this Sunday, Jan. 24, due to a winter storm. Passengers holding reservations are strongly encouraged to keep a close eye on conditions and make any necessary changes in advance of their scheduled departure using <u>Amtrak.com</u> or our mobile apps to check their train status."

CT Transit has <u>announced</u>: "Operations in greater Stamford, New Haven service areas to resume after 6 a.m. on Sunday, Jan. 24, 1/23/2016. Service is expected to resume after 6 a.m. Sunday for communities served by CTtransit Stamford and New Haven operations, road conditions permitting. Detours or delays to regularly scheduled service on Sunday will be posted online."

Norwalk Transit District, which shut down bus service on Saturday, <u>has announced</u>: "If weather conditions permit, service will resume on Sunday, Jan. 24. Call (203) 852-0000 for schedule information on Sunday." No new announcements were made as of 9 a.m. Sunday.

Darien-Specific Weather Forecast

According to the National Weather Service at 7:56 a.m.:

Today

Sunny, with a high near 33. Wind chill values between 10 and 20. Northwest wind 9 to 15 mph.

Tonight

Mostly cloudy, then gradually becoming mostly clear, with a low around 21. Northwest wind 6 to 8 mph.

Monday

Sunny, with a high near 35. Wind chill values between 15 and 25. Northwest wind around 6 mph becoming calm in the morning.

Monday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 26. Wind chill values between 15 and 20. Southwest wind 5 to 7 mph.

Tuesday

A slight chance of freezing drizzle before 11am, then a slight chance of drizzle between 11am and noon, then a slight chance of rain after noon. Mostly cloudy, with a high near 41. Southwest wind 9 to 13 mph. Chance of precipitation is 20%.

Tuesday Night

A chance of rain showers before midnight, then a slight chance of rain and snow showers between midnight and 4am, then a slight chance of snow showers after 4am. Mostly cloudy, with a low around 32. Chance of precipitation is 30%.

Wednesday

Partly sunny, with a high near 39.

Wednesday Night

Partly cloudy, with a low around 23.

Thursday

Mostly sunny, with a high near 35.

Thursday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 27.

Friday

Partly sunny, with a high near 37.

Friday Night

Mostly cloudy, with a low around 28.

Saturday

Partly sunny, with a high near 40.