Snow Storm News Affecting Darien with Continual Updates, Jan 4

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Here's an ongoing list of news, announcements and advice about the storm. Updates will be posted at the top.

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UPDATES:

12:51 p.m. — <u>Tips for handling winter snow storms.</u> You very likely know most of these, but see if you might have missed some.

12:46 p.m. — Eversource <u>now reports</u> (in this area) only 38 customers without power in Norwalk, one in Stamford, one in Weston and only 89 across the entire state — for now. *And moments after we posted this, the Norwalk customers are all back getting electricity again.*

12:13 p.m. — Are you ready if your power goes out? Gov. Dannel Malloy announces: "Due to strong wind

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gusts, any power outages are expected to be prolonged because bucket trucks cannot withstand the winds.

<u>@EversourceCT</u> and <u>@UnitedIllum</u> are reporting a total of 1,165 customers are without power throughout the state and more are expected as storm continues."

12:10 p.m. — *LaGuardia Airport* announces: "Flights at LaGuardia Airport have been temporarily suspended due to high winds and heavy snow that have significantly reduced visibility. Fliers should contact their airlines for information about resumption of flights."

11:37 a.m. — Eversource suggests: "Now is a good time to activate outage reporting & status updates via text. To register, text "REG" to 23129. Also, now might be a good time to make sure your phone's juiced up! And keep our # handy. We're here when you need us: 1-800-286-2000."

11:33 a.m. — Good news so far: Eversource reports (as of 11:32 a.m.) outages in only several communities across the state, but that includes 394 customers without power in Norwalk.

11:31 a.m. — From Metro-North at 10:14 a.m.: "New Haven Line - delays up to 30 minutes along with train combinations and cancellations because of the winter storm. Please use caution when traveling to our stations and while entering & exiting trains, platforms & staircases."

Darien Police Warning

An announcement at 9:10 a.m. from Darien police (with **boldface** added by Darienite.com):

The Darien Police Department wishes to remind people that we are currently under a Winter Storm Warning as issued by the National Weather Service.

The NWS reports that we could see bands of snow that put 1-2 inches per hour on the ground. In addition, temperatures will be extremely cold and gusting winds will make white-out conditions on the road.

This combination of weather elements will make being outside a safety risk.

The Darien Police Department has added additional staff in anticipation of deteriorating weather.

Officers on patrol are reporting very dangerous conditions on local roadways.

We are advising residents to stay off roads unless absolutely necessary. DPW crews are currently working steadily to keep up with the heavy snowfall, and will continue to do so for the duration of the storm.

Please ensure that no vehicles are parked on roadways, as this allows snow removal to be more effective.

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As always, please do not hesitate to contact the Darien Police should you need our assistance. Please limit 9-1-1 calls to emergencies, as we need to keep the lines open for more severe incidents. For non-emergencies, please call the main line at 203.662.5300.

Other News and Announcements

• An announcement at 11:05 a.m. from JFK Airport:

Due to strong winds and whiteout conditions, flights at JFK have been temporarily suspended. Travelers are urged to contact their airline carriers for updates on resumption of service.

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