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A powerful nor'easter storm brought blizzard conditions to Norwalk on Monday.

Blizzard pounds state

Heavy snow, damaging winds, power outages hit Conn.

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A powerful nor'easter winter storm continues to slowly churn through Connecticut Monday morning, causing heavy snow, whiteout conditions, high winds and thousands of power outages.

The storm closed Connecticut schools and most government offices Monday. Gov. Ned Lamont has declared a state of emergency and banned commercial vehicles from Connecticut's highways.

The storm experienced bombogenesis, a rapid intensification over a short period of time more popularly called a "bomb cyclone." It's projected to dump up to 2 feet of snow on parts of Connecticut.

Parts of state experience first blizzard in 8 years

For the first time in eight years, the National Weather Service has confirmed that blizzard criteria has been met along the Connecticut shoreline. Bridgeport, New Haven, and Groton all have seen at least three consecutive hours of falling/blowing snow with wind gusts over 35 mph and visibility of a quarter mile or less.

This marks the first blizzard in Connecticut since January 4, 2018, when the

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Businesses dig out Monday morning on Washington Street in Norwalk.

Reps debate making newly built road a city street

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STAMFORD — Should a newly built road become an official city street?

The Stamford Board of Representatives Land Use and Redevelopment Committee met recently to discuss North Ridge Road, built by North Ridge Contractors LLC. The board unanimously approved for it to be considered a city street available for public use.

City Engineer Louis Casolo said the road is located across from Michael Road where High Ridge and Cascade roads intersect.

"My office is charged with certifying that the road was constructed in accordance with the standards of the city and the plans that were approved, and we did that," he said.

Casolo said the city's Planning Board approved North Ridge Contractors LLC's subdivision application for the project in 2017. He said work began after building permits were obtained in 2018, but paused

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ICE agents depart the Bishop Henry Whipple Federal Building on Feb. 4 in Minneapolis.

Bill would bar ICE from polling places

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HARTFORD — Democrats in Connecticut are preparing to propose a state law banning U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement agents from operating near polling places they say in order to protect voter access for the mid-term elections.

Legislation is being introduced through the state legislature's Democratic-led Government Administration and Elections Committee to prohibit federal law enforcement operations within 250 feet of a polling place, an elections counting site, or other sensitive election locations and make violations a state crime.

State Rep. Matt Blumenthal, D-Stamford, the committee's House chairman, outlined the proposal Friday during a news conference at the Legislative Office Building with

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'Co-living' catching on in Conn.

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They are two of the newest sets of apartments to hit the Connecticut market — one a sprawling modern complex built by a national developer near the University of Connecticut in Storrs; the other a Victorian in Willimantic, recently refurbished by an entrepreneurial couple who got their start as Airbnb hosts.

The common thread connecting them? Both allow tenants to have a private bedroom for themselves and share the kitchen, living and dining rooms, in a concept dubbed "co-living" that is

catching on in other parts of the country as a way to get more bang for the apartment buck — both for landlords and renters.

In Mansfield, Landmark Properties has site preparation underway at 134 N. Eagleville Road for an apartment complex to be called The Mark Mansfield. As the case with Landmark's new Standard at Four Corners apartments at 1725 Storrs Road, The Mark Mansfield will include suites with common kitchens, living rooms and laundry units; and bedrooms with locks for individual tenants.

The idea is to offer tenants all the features of a studio or one-

bedroom apartment, while helping them trim the monthly bill by spreading the cost of common areas and utilities.

Apartment entrepreneurs David and Karen Etchells have adopted the concept in Windham, initially on Pleasant Street a few doors over from the whimsical Thread City Crossing Bridge, in the town's Willimantic section. Purchasing an apartment house with a long-term tenant on the ground floor, the Etchells converted the upper two floors into co-living apartments with keypad locks on bedroom doors.

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The Standard at Four Corners apartment complex in February at 1725 Storrs Road in Mansfield.

