HURRICANE SANDY UPDATE - COUNCIL DISTRICT ONE

November 5, 2012

Farmingville, NY - Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld has been working in his communities he represents with Fire Departments, Red Cross, LIPA and Suffolk County to restore services to our community.

UPDATES:

**ELECTRIC POWER - LIPA** - The latest information from LIPA is that they have now restored over 700,000 outages reported throughout Long Island. There are still 250,000 customers without power and of that 41,000 are Town of Brookhaven residents. It is their hope that by Wednesday night they will have restored 90% of all outages. At the moment they have 7,000 line and tree crew members working with 1,000 more arriving this afternoon from all over the United States to work on Long Island.

Homes that are in low lying areas where there were floods need to be inspected before power can be restored. Our Building Inspectors are working diligently to gain access and inspect each and every home. Some homes may also require an Electrical Inspection as well before LIPA will re-power these residences. Please continue to call in your outages to our call center at 631-451-TOWN.

* Town of Brookhaven has since November 1st opened five electronic device charging stations to aid residents. Among those available are Brookhaven Town Hall and New Village Recreation Center which are available Monday through Friday from 9:00 am to 4:30 pm. Also note: Best Buy near Home Depot and Target also has recharging stations available to all residents.

**WARMING CENTERS** - With temperatures dropping into the low 30’s the Town of Brookhaven will have "Warming Centers" open from 8 am to 8 pm. People are welcome to come sit have a cup of coffee and warm up for the day. Locations closest to our area are:

Rose Caracappa Senior Citizens Cultural and Wellness Center
739 Route 25A, Mt. Sinai / Call 631-476-6449

New Village Recreation Center
20 Wireless Road (corner of Wireless Rd & Hawkins Rd), Centereach / Call 631-732-2338

* It should be noted that World Gym has graciously offered since Nov. 1st to open their doors to non members to take hot showers and internet free daily 11 - 3pm and after 8pm. You can also access the internet from this location as well.

**RED CROSS MOBILE MEALS** - Councilman Fiore-Rosenfeld has worked in conjunction with the Setauket FD to distribute Red Cross Mobile Meals in our area. The department began handing out meals Saturday, Nov. 3 and will continue to distribute while supplies last. For more information please call 631-941-4900.

**RED CROSS SHELTERS** - Suffolk County has two shelters open in our township, they are centrally located (townwide).

Sachem High School East (Next to Brookhaven Town Hall)
177 Granny Road
Farmingville

John J Foley (Special Needs Shelter)
14 Glover Drive
Yaphank

**TRAFFIC SAFETY** - Outages continue to be a problem in our area and I ask you to please use extreme caution when entering intersections with non-working traffic signal.

*Note:* NYS Vehicle and Traffic Law requires all drivers treat all non-working intersections as a 4-way stop.
It is our understanding that there are 6 Traffic signals out in the area of Stony Brook and 1 signal out in Setauket. Some signals are working off generator power but unfortunately there are not enough generators to go around. At the height of the storm we had 137 traffic signals out throughout the town they have worked to restore more than 50%. Some are waiting on LIPA re-powering, while others were damaged or completely destroyed.

**FUEL** - Due to the storm there is now a shortage of fuel in our areas. Not only are there some stations that have fuel but are unable to pump due to the power outages but there were also issues in getting the tankers into our ports. The Town has been advised that there should be deliveries to our area within the week and the Councilman is asking all to please try to conserve where you can and consider car pooling with friends and neighbors to help each other through this crisis.

**YARD WASTE MANAGEMENT** - To accommodate residents the Town of Brookhaven has scheduled a special yard waste pick-up from Monday, November 5 through Friday, November 9. Residential yard waste from storm damage must be bundled and placed on the curb for pick up this week.

**POLLING PLACES** - As per Suffolk County Board of Elections all polling places will be open in our area with the exception of Belle Terre Village Hall which has been moved to Port Jefferson Fire Department located at 115 Maple Place, Port Jefferson.

Please go to the Town’s website at www.brookhaven.org for more information and emergency contact numbers. Residents can also call 451-TOWN to report down trees and power lines, as well as other emergency issues that may arise during this time. Call 911 for police, fire and ambulance emergencies.

The Town also sends out e-mail alerts to residents who have registered on our e-mail list. If you are not on the list, you can sign up today at www.brookhaven.org. Residents can also sign up for countywide Code Red alerts at www.suffolkcountyny.gov.