

Supervisor Romaine Invites Residents to Hurricane Preparedness Forum on Tuesday, June 25 at Town Hall

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Featuring a presentation by Dr. Nicholas K. Coch, Hurricane Expert, Weather Channel and CNN Contributor: "Is Long Island Ready for the Big One,"

Farmingville, NY - In an effort to educate and inform Brookhaven residents as we move into hurricane season, Supervisor Ed Romaine will host the Town's first ever Hurricane Preparedness Forum on June 25 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm in the second floor auditorium of Brookhaven Town Hall. Representatives from key agencies will make presentations at the event, including The National Weather Service, New York State Emergency Management Office, Suffolk County Emergency Management, the Red Cross, FEMA and LIPA.

"Super Storm Sandy was a wake-up call for all of us and we should do everything possible to be prepared for the next one," said Supervisor Romaine. "We live in a vulnerable region where a hurricane can strike at any time during the season and I urge residents to be vigilant to the danger. This seminar will help to provide a better understanding of hurricanes and how we can plan ahead to deal with them."

The event will also feature Dr. Nicholas K.Coch, a well known expert on North Atlantic Hurricanes and on-air contributor to the Weather Channel, CNN, and the Discovery and History Channels. His presentation, "Is Long Island Ready for the Big One," will explain the risks that we face on Long Island, our storm history and more importantly, what storms can do and how we can take steps to mitigate the potential damages. Dr. Coch has a PhD from Yale University and is a Professor of Geology at Queens College

In the past two years, Long Island was hit by Hurricane Irene in 2011 and Super Storm Sandy in 2012, causing flooding, property damage and power outages throughout Brookhaven Town, The National Weather Service's 2013 Atlantic hurricane season outlook indicates an "active or extremely active" season this year. For the six-month hurricane season, which runs from June 1 to November 30, there is a 70 percent likelihood of 13 to 20 named storms with winds of 39 mph or higher. Seven to 11 of those could become hurricanes with winds of 74 mph. or higher, including three to six major hurricanes with winds of 111 mph or higher. On average, each hurricane season generates 12 named storms, six hurricanes and three major hurricanes.

Seating for the event is limited. Please RSVP by Friday, June 21 at www.brookhaven.org/HurricaneRSVP . For more information, call 451-TOWN (8696) or to access the Town's Official Hurricane Survival Guide, go to www.brookhaven.org.

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