



TOWNSHIP OF LONG HILL

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The following is the transcript of the Mayor's PSA on Wednesday August 5, 2020:

This is Brendan Rae, Mayor of Long Hill Township, on Wednesday 5th August with an important Public Service Announcement.

We are now over 24 hours past the end of Hurricane Isaias visit to the area. As we all know, it was a powerful storm that pounded us with winds gusts of over 65 mph and left up to 7 inches of rain in its wake.

I'm happy to report that in Long Hill Township there were no injuries or fatalities as a result of the storm. Having said this, many of our properties did not fare as well and as I drove around yesterday evening the constant drone of generators was a painful reminder that almost 100% of the Township didn't have electrical service.

Although electricity supply was restored for many residents yesterday evening, today, as of 5.15 pm, there are still 1596 homes or 43% of residences without power in Long Hill.

Today, County and local OEM, Chief Naga, and other Township officials have been in contact with JCP&L representatives throughout the day in order to ascertain when we might expect the restoration of service in the Township. What I know is that currently in the Summit Region (which comprises Florham Park, Long Hill, and the Chatham) we have 72 road closures, 71 spans of high voltage primary wires down, and over 334 tree conditions. In addition, one substation is not operational and crews are investigating the cause.

JCP&L has just given us an Estimated Time of Restoration (ETR) as 11:00 pm on August 11, 2020. The ETR is the time they intend to have 95% of the customers currently out of power will be restored. Obviously, this is a large and evolving process and as more precise estimates for each area are provided, we will communicate them as soon as possible.

We've been through a lot in the past 24 hours and the Township is doing its best to ease the situation as best it can for residents.

- A cooling and charging station is available in the Library Community Room. Masks are required and social distancing must be observed. Hours of operation will be posted daily on the Township website at www.longhillnj.gov
- Ice and water are available at Kings Supermarket at 977 Valley Road in Gillette and Shoprite at 1153 Valley Road
- The Township Committee agreed to DPW Director Al Gallo's suggestion that DPW pick up storm debris left at the curb. Again, please see the Township website for details

I thank Police, Fire, the Rescue Squad, OEM, CERT, and DPW for all their efforts yesterday in the Township's recovery process. I especially thank the many residents who I saw coming together spontaneously with hard work and random acts of kindness to assist their neighbors. Once again, we are overcoming another calamitous weather event as one community.

Thank you and stay safe.

Brendan P. Rae
Mayor, Long Hill Township