

EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT'S CORNER

Super Storm Sandy Hit Kingwood Township Very Hard. The total amount of damage with trees down was catastrophic and historic. Everyone within the Township had damage to their homes, out buildings or trees. The electricity was off for many of our residents for over 14 days. JCP&L is establishing new procedures to accelerate restoration of the electric power by working with our Public Works Department (DPW). They will match up an electric bucket truck crew and one of our DPW vehicles to clear downed wires, debris and trees from the roadways. The opening of roadways allows crews to connect wires/poles and restore electricity to the grid circuit. Electricity is something every resident expects and needs 24/7. We all have well water that we rely on and we need electricity for the well to function. When we are out of power for a long amount of time, it wears very hard on our residents. During Sandy we had neighborhoods coming together to assist in making their homes available for cold and hungry neighbors. We shared generators with neighbors to get them through. We came together as a community. If you don't have a generator, now is the time to buy a generator. A large enough generator for your residence with the proper electrical inspected hook ups are a necessity. We should always prepare for the worst and be ready for long term electrical outages and cold houses.

The possibility of creek and river flooding is year round and an ever present danger. The Delaware River has been a very damaging factor to the river residents of Byram for a long time now. The Army Corps of Engineers has surveyed the river and has revised its flood level expectations for the entire river. The Corps has visited the area with surveys and satellite images to try to plan a deterrent to the flooding. The Corps researched and has no known remedies to stop the flooding of Byram. The Byram residents have suffered severe repetitive damages to their structures along the river. The flood insurance payments have been staggering. The Township has applied for a 10 million dollar grant for elevation and acquisition of these properties. The problem with this grant application is that there are many other shore communities applying for the same monies. The 1,450 acres of water of Lake Nockamixon poses another problem with its earthen dam, which drains into a creek bed that empties above Byram near the Pt. Pleasant bridge abutments. If anything should happen to the dam the water would travel down this creek bed and flood Byram.

Due to the potential storm and flood damage, we ask you to register with the Hunterdon County **EVERBRIDGE** system of telephone contact. To notify all of Kingwood Township of an emergency event, there is a computer program at the Hunterdon County Office of Emergency Management, the 911 dispatch center, to alert all registered Kingwood Township residents. The program is called **EVERBRIDGE** and all you have to do is register your telephone and cell phone with the County and you will be informed about the oncoming emergency incidents. To access this program for the Hunterdon County Citizens Alert Emergency Notification contact the county at:
www.co.hunterdon.nj.us/communityalerts.html

Hunterdon Help Line at 908 735 4357 or 1 800 272 4630.

The County's reverse 911 system has been replaced with **EVERBRIDGE**. If you don't register you will not be contacted for any emergency, so that is why it is so important to register now.