TOWN OF RIVERHEAD NEWS

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Hurricane Sandy Update - November 8, 2012

Emergency Shelter: The American Red Cross has combined shelters to one location at St. Joseph's College, 155 West Roe Blvd, Patchogue.

Assistance for Immediate Needs: If you have immediate needs, you may want to contact the American Red Cross at 877-733-2767 or the United Way by dialing 2-1-1 from a landline phone.

Food Assistance: The American Red Cross will continue distributing food and water at 11am and 4pm at the Riverhead County Center, 210 Center Drive, Riverhead.

Warming Center: The Town of Riverhead Senior Center, 60 Shade Tree Lane, Aquebogue will continue to be open as a warming center and "charging station" for our residents from 8:30am to 4:30pm on weekdays. We ask everyone to work cooperatively to access power and please bring no more than two devices to charge. Please call 631-722-4444 for more information.

Town Hall: Riverhead Town Hall is located at 200 Howell Avenue (next to the police station) and is open weekdays from 8:30 am until 4:30 pm can be used as a "charging station" for your cell phones and computers. We ask everyone to work cooperatively to access power and please bring no more than two devices.

Planet Fitness (116 Kroemer Ave., Riverhead) has extended their shower facilities to those residents who are without power. They are also accepting donation items. Please call 631-369-6200 for more information.

Storm Debris-Residential Only: The Highway Department will be picking up storm debris curbside. Please separate storm debris from *loose leaves*. Please call the Highway Department at 631-727-3200 x.389 for information.

Yard Waste Facility: Our yard waste facility will remain open with extended hours from 7 am to 5pm throughout the week until further notice for our residents and local landscapers to dispose of storm related yard debris at no charge. For further information or questions, please call the Sanitation Department at 631-727-3200 x. 391.

Ice: Ice is being offered to residents on a "first come, first served" basis at the following locations (you need to bring your own container/cooler):
- Riverhead & Yaphank Correctional Facilities (Please call the Sheriff's Dept. 631-852-2200)
- Cooperage Inn, 2218 Sound Avenue, Baiting Hollow (btwn 11am-5pm, one cooler per resident) 631-727-8994
- Long Island Ice and Fuel, 656 West Main Street, Riverhead 631-727-3010

LIPA: The town has been informed that LIPA is continuing its efforts to restore power to our community. They expect to restore the majority of customers who lost power by the weekend of Nov. 10th and 11th. The remaining customers could take an additional week or more, excluding those areas where extreme flooding requires coordinating our efforts with local officials.

To report an outage or downed electrical lines, please call LIPA at 1-800-490-0075 or 631-755-6900. Please visit their website at **www.lipower.org/stormcenter** for the latest updates.

Price Gouging: If you feel that you have been taken advantage of, please contact the Suffolk County Department of Consumer Affairs at 1-800-909-5423 or 631-853-4600 or visit their website at www.suffolkcountyny.gov to

complete a complaint form. Please be on the lookout and make sure that the companies you select are licensed professionals who must abide by the laws that protect you, the consumer.

Federal Aid: Should you need federal assistance, you can contact FEMA (Federal Emergency Management Agency) at www.fema.gov. Register for Disaster Assistance by calling (800) 621-3362 / TTY (800) 462-7585.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP THE HURRICANE SANDY VICTIMS BY DONATING CLOTHES OR NECESSARY ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT AREA CHURCHES, FIRE DEPARTMENTS AND OTHER ORGANIZATIONS THAT OFFER DISASTER ASSISTANCE PROGRAMS.

Suffolk County Office of Emergency Management (OEM) Phone: (631) 852-4900 www. suffolkcountyny.gov