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RE: Hurricane Ida

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Dear Friends and Neighbors:

As you are aware, we have just been through Hurricane Ida which has brought on destruction to many parts of the Eastern United States. This hurricane was the second most intense hurricane to strike the State of Louisiana on record, only behind Hurricane Katrina, and is tied for the strongest landfall in the state by maximum winds with Hurricane Laura and the 1856 Last Island hurricane. Please join me in expressing our condolences to the residents of Louisiana

Remnants from Hurricane Ida significantly impacted nearly all of New Jersey overnight Wednesday into Thursday, bringing rounds of severe thunderstorms, heavy rainfall up to 6 inches and statewide flash flooding, plus isolated tornadoes toward the northwestern half of the state. At its peak Wednesday night Gov. Phil Murphy tweeted that there were 81,740 individual outages reported statewide.

Here in Bergen County, thousands of residents and businesses were left in the dark after the vestiges of Hurricane Ida battered the area with 60 mph wind gusts and heavy rain causing power outages.

In Closter, we had less damage than most of our neighboring towns. I attribute this in part to the fact that Closter has always maintained its infrastructure to the highest standards possible. In addition, we have the highest standards in our first responders: my hat's off to the Closter Department of Public Works, the Closter Police Department, the Closter Volunteer Ambulance and Rescue Corps, and the Closter Fire Department. It is because of the diligence of these professionals that we did not have more serious damage in Closter.

Please see below a Video of the flooding in Closter and Harrington Park as of early this morning, Thursday, September 2, 2021:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LmL25HCgErk&authuser=0>

All the Best,

Mayor