

Dear Resident,

I hope that everyone had a wonderful Labor Day weekend. Unfortunately, on the heels of Hurricane Harvey's devastation, our neighbors to the south are readying for Irma. Now a category 5 hurricane with catastrophic damage possible in the Florida Keys and Southern Florida this weekend, and nearing the anniversary of Superstorm Sandy, we are reminded that severe weather has become the norm.

In June, following the early morning Tornado Warning, I sent out an email reminding everyone to Plan and Prepare. We are now at the height of the hurricane season, and so I ask you again, if you have not done so, to please take a few moments to ensure that you and your loved ones are ready should disaster strike. The preparedness letter with links both in our township and the NJ Office of Emergency Management (OEM) can be found [HERE](#).

As we discovered during Sandy, power outages cause communication disruptions. For that reason, we provide many methods of communication between the Town and our residents. We ask that you register for as many of them as possible. Register your home and cell phones for police emergency phone notifications, sign up for Township email, follow us on Facebook and Twitter; links to all of these are provided in my preparedness letter.

At this time, there are NO indications that Irma will be directly impacting our area, however, I have ordered the Marlboro OEM to monitor this storm closely and provide my office with frequent updates. We will update you as needed via our many communications methods.

Please use this time to Plan and Prepare so that we, as a community, can weather any storm.

Mayor Jon Hornik