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Hi, this is Mayor DiPaola with an update on storm recovery in Emerson. As of today, Wednesday, August 5th, 2020 at noon, there are approximately fifteen hundred homes in our Borough without power. We are relieved to report that no one was injured during the storm. However, many trees are down resulting in extensive power issues.

The Borough is working closely with PSE&G to monitor recovery efforts. Unfortunately, Bergen County has been devastated by Isaias - PSE&G has deployed an extra 1,700 workers from outside of New Jersey who are working around the clock to restore power. Depending upon your situation, some residents will get power back as early as today; others may have a much longer wait. I have asked them to work as expeditiously as possible in order to get everybody up quickly in our town and I have been assured that they will keep a focus on restoring power to Emerson residents. It is very important that residents self-report outages. Emerson will get higher priority when they understand how many outages we have.

The Emerson Public Library is now open as a cooling station, to allow use of their computers and Wi-Fi and to recharge electronic devices. They will be open until 8:00 p.m. this evening. If you have an issue overnight, please contact the Police non-emergency number at 201-262-8200 so that we can provide you with assistance on a case by case basis. In addition, PSE&G is providing free water and ice at the Bergen County Special Services Building at 275-285 Pascack Road in Paramus until 5:00 p.m. today, Wednesday, August 5<sup>th</sup> and tomorrow, Thursday, August 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00 a.m. until 5:00 p.m.

If your power is out, please contact PSE&G by phone at 1-800-436-7734, or text **OUT** to 4PSEG (47734). You may also contact them online at pseg.com. Please be aware that they must know which areas are out so they can prioritize and schedule repairs. Do not contact the Police Department for power outage updates, only call them for emergencies. To check the status of an outage, you may text **STAT** to 4PSEG (47734), check the status online, through their app available at nj.pseg.com/app or call 1-800-436-PSEG (7734).

At this time, PSEG is reporting that restoration of power may take up to five days. If you have fallen limbs, please put them at your curb and the DPW will send out the chipper. I ask for your patience; our Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Department of Public Works and Volunteer Fire Department are working as fast as they can to clear streets and downed trees on public right of ways. I thank them for working through the storm during hazardous conditions. Please continue to be safe and in the event of an emergency do not hesitate to call 911. If you or a neighbor are not receiving Swiftreach911 messages like these, please sign up on the Borough Website or call 201-262-6086. I will keep you posted as new information becomes available. Also, please don't forget to check on your elderly neighbors. They may need help.

Thank you and please stay safe.

Danielle

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