

October 1, 2015

Message from:
Mayor Mary Jo Guinchard
Trustee John Kilduff, Emergency Services
Jeff Simet, Emergency Services Chairman

Hurricane Joaquin Approaching

Although Hurricanes Irene, Sandy and the blizzard of 2010 are well behind us, the lack of a comprehensive response and recovery plan for the Village Park has not gone unnoticed. Those events highlighted our vulnerability, when natural disasters occur.

While we are in the early stages of assembling an emergency response, the approach of Hurricane Joaquin requires that we, as residents of Tuxedo Park, are prepared.

It is very important that all residents have the basics needed to get through the type of natural disaster that Hurricane Joaquin may pose. You should begin to prepare NOW, in advance of the storm's arrival. First of all, you should prepare to be without power and other essentials for an extended period of up to two weeks. As we have experienced in the most recent major storms, significant damage to the electrical grid can cause a lengthy delay in the restoration of power service.

This preparedness comes at the most basic level in the form of a Disaster/Emergency Supply Kit. A list to prepare such a kit may be found at: www.ready.gov. Also, we have included below a few lists for your convenience. This list will also be available for pick up at the Village Office and The Tuxedo Park Police Department.

In the event of an emergency, we will seek to keep you informed of developments via **CODERED** phone messages, via Village email (if not included on our email list, please send your email address to suggestions@tuxedopark-ny.gov), and via the Village Website (www.tuxedopark-ny.gov). Obviously, some of these methods of communication may be frustrated by inoperable phone, cable, and electrical services. Please also listen to local radio broadcasts for up-to-date information on conditions. Make sure that you have new or fully charged battery operated radios and flashlights on hand. Be extremely careful using candles to light your homes.

If you have special medical needs, require any other assistance, or would like to be checked on by police or emergency services personnel, during or after the emergency, please contact the [Tuxedo Park Police Department \(845-351-4741\)](tel:845-351-4741) to make us aware of your needs **before the storm arrives**. Please be aware that EMS services are sometimes unable to respond during the heaviest weather conditions.

If you have a condition that requires electrical power for medical needs, you should make your condition known to [O & R \(877-434-4100\)](tel:877-434-4100)

If you have an emergency condition, please call 9-1-1. The Orange County 9-1-1 center has several ways to contact local EMS personnel.

Be a good neighbor: check in on those who may be struggling with the storm and its aftermath. This includes recently ill neighbors, the elderly, or families with the very young.

Remember, if you see downed power lines near you do not approach them. Call the Tuxedo Park Police (845-351-4741) and **O & R (877-434-4100)** to report location.

While we continue to prepare a comprehensive emergency plan for the Village, please take the time to prepare yourselves and your homes in the event of any potential emergency by ensuring that you have your own emergency kit assembled in your homes and an action plan for your family. Hopefully there will be no need for it this weekend, but be prepared none-the-less...and don't forget your pets!