

Borough Officials Provide Tropical Storm Ida Update

ROSELLE, NJ - September 2, 2021 - Borough officials have announced that flooding from Tropical Storm Ida has receded as of early this morning. Borough Hall opened at 11 a.m. today, Sept. 2.

Here are the latest storm updates:

Borough emergency staff - Office of Emergency Management, Police Department, Fire Department and Department of Public Works - have been working since the storm entered the area last night, addressing flooding and other storm-related situations.

This morning's effort has focused on clearing the roadways. So far, 40 abandoned cars have been removed; towing operations are still underway.

Last night, the roof at SuperFresh on Raritan Road collapsed because of the storm, according to Police Chief Stacey Williams.

"Engineers have deemed the building unsafe and that includes the business next door, Friendly Pharmacy," Chief Williams said. "No one is allowed in the building until the damage is further assessed. Our thoughts are with the affected businesses at this time."

There are also families that have been displaced from Rainbow Gardens on W. 1st Ave and the American Red Cross has been notified to assist. Residents are temporarily staying at a county facility.

Sanitation pickup will take place as scheduled, just delayed. If residents have experienced any flooding damage, they are encouraged to remove affected items from their homes and place them on the curb for disposal. The DPW will pick up the items at the earliest convenience.

Borough officials are setting up a FEMA hotline for residents, encouraged to reach out to their insurance companies regarding damage. There have been no reported power outages.

"The Borough Council and I would like to thank all of our first responders for their heroic efforts during Ida," said Mayor Donald Shaw. "We are grateful to report that there have been no reported injuries due to this storm. Residents are encouraged to reach out to the Borough emergency offices with any needs.

"We are here for you."

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