



Borough of Chatham

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The Following Information May Be Helpful to Chatham Borough Residents

Generators	Must be 10-15 feet away from your homes or any other structure, and operated OUTSIDE ONLY
Tax Bill Grace Period	Tax payments will NOT be considered late until after 4PM on November 21, 2012
Warming / Charging Stations	In Chatham: St Paul's Church, Main Street 24 hours Ogden Memorial, Main Street Library of the Chathams' Main Street, During regular Library Hours Fire Department Commons Room
Charter Bus to NYC	<p style="text-align: center;">CHATHAM CHARTER TO NYC</p> <p>Cost: \$20 CASH per day round trip Bus departure/pick-up times Bus #1 departs 6:00am, NYC -returns 5:30pm Light Blue Pass Bus #2 departs 7:00am, NYC - returns 6:00pm Turquoise Pass Bus #3 departs 7:30am, NYC -returns 6:00pm Green Pass</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Bus departure/pick-up areas: Depart Chatham Borough Train station (south side) Drop off NYC Penn (33rd/8thAve) Depart NYC Penn (33rd/8th Ave) Drop off Chatham Train station (south side)</p> <p>First Come First Served. (if you miss the 6:00am, you move to the 7:00am) If you are on the 6:00am, you are on the 5:30pm return. No exceptions as buses will be full.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Highly suggested you arrive 30 minutes prior. Showing up 10 minutes prior will not work. - Buses secured through Friday, but Thursdays weather can change this. - Intended for Chatham Borough and Chatham Township residents. ID will not be required. - Buses will leave promptly at their scheduled time. Do not be late!
Carbon Monoxide and Smoke Detectors	Chatham Fire Department urges all residents to change batteries in their smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors. During the past week many detector batteries are running low and transmitting false alarms. For additional guidance contact Chatham Fire Inspector at 908-367-3473 or swilliams@chathamborough.org.
Thursday Weather	We are closely tracking the nor'easter and will provide updates as we get more information.
Residential Power	We still have crews working in town and power is being restored to additional areas daily.
Borough UPDATES	<p style="text-align: center;">How to Get Borough Updates via Twitter or Text Messages</p> <p>If your only access to information is through your mobile phone, then you may want to receive all of our updates by text message. Send this text message to 40404: "follow ChathamBorough" (leave out the quotes and no space between Chatham and Borough.</p>

Dear Residents:

We have made further progress. Both our Borough engineer and a police officer have been dedicated to working with the utility crews, and, thanks to their efforts power has now been restored to Red Rd., Fuller Avenue, Dempster, Pihlman and the adjacent streets, Garden Avenue, Ellers, Weston and the adjacent streets (except for Bartow and Meadow), and Milton Avenue School and much of the immediately surrounding area.

However, significant areas remain without power, and we are continuing to work closely with JCP&L to get the resources needed to restore power to those areas. The main issue in those areas is that new poles need to be placed before the lines can be repaired and power restored. In addition, there are isolated pockets and individual homes that remain without power for a range of reasons. We continue to make JCP&L aware of our needs and we participate in daily calls with JCP&L. In addition, the Governor meets twice daily with JCP&L's executives to review their progress. He and his cabinet have been reporting back to the mayors in daily conference calls that I participate in. Many residents remain without power, and there is tremendous focus on making sure that resources are being deployed in the Borough and throughout the State to restore power.

We know there are lots of rumors:

- The rumor that areas will not be restored until 12/1 is just that - a rumor. JCP&L continues to expect to have power to the vast majority of its customers restored by this Wednesday, and the president indicated the remaining areas might take additional time, but not that long – there's been no mention of 12/1.

- JCP&L's president has assured the elected official of the State that it has plenty of equipment to do the job – there's no pole shortage, and they are now up to 4000 linemen available to work on restoration.

- JCP&L's president also stated that no out-of-state crew has been rejected because it was non-union.

This situation is difficult enough as it is, and is made even more so when we spread rumors.

Some of you have asked about the data in JCP&L's restoration projections posted on its web site. JCP&L has acknowledged that, although the projections are valid on a state-wide basis, they have significant problems on a local basis. They are working on street by street restoration plans, but have not indicated when those will be available. (The information we have provided on outages and restoration by street or neighborhood is based on our own surveys, which is why it's not 100% precise as to listing all streets.) Similarly, JCP&L's outage information on its web site is not completely reliable, in part because JCP&L's grid is not based on municipal boundaries.

As you are aware, a northeaster is forecast to arrive on Wednesday. The Governor stated that his cabinet is also working on preparations for that storm, and let me assure you that the Borough's emergency management team, which continues to meet twice daily, is getting ready for this storm as well as managing the recovery from Sandy. The entire Council, along with other volunteers, are active participants. In fact, much of the information you are receiving via Twitter or seeing on the web site is there only because we have volunteers who are taking the time to disseminate the information. Their efforts are another example of the community spirit that makes the Borough the special place that it is.

A couple of final comments.

- We have just posted a reminder on the web site regarding the need to replace smoke detector and carbon monoxide batteries. Making sure these devices are functioning is critical on these days when many are using their fireplaces or generators.

- The mulch area remains open daily if you want to drop off brush or leaves. See the web site for more information.

And, most importantly, don't forget that Tuesday is Election Day. The polling places are all up and running (barring some unforeseen event), so please take the time to exercise your precious right as an American and vote.

We continue to get comments from residents that they are not getting any information. When you hear that, please suggest that they look at the web site and follow the Borough on Twitter so that they get updated. We are trying very hard to keep the web site up to date with the most current information.

Please forward this to your friends and neighbors.

Thanks,
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