

Mayor Mahlers Storm Update: Friday 8:00pm

We have been working hard to resolve the power outage and other issues affecting Wanaque. We have kept constant contact with The JCP&L crews. The main issue is the extensive damage to the Haskell Substation which supplies power to the entire town. As of 6PM the job Forman estimated that they were about 4 hours away from energizing at least 90% of Wanaque, unless there are unseen problems. Hopefully, this is resolved soon.

We request that residents do not take it upon themselves to approach the work crews with questions. Allegedly, someone made threatening remarks to the workers which resulted in a work stoppage to fill out police reports. Thus further delaying the restoration of power.

In other matters, earlier today we were successful in getting Orange & Rockland Electric to remove a tree that had been blocking Skyline Drive for the past 4 days. The tree was in the 1/4 mile stretch at the top of Skyline Drive which is in Wanaque. Orange & Rockland was reluctant to send a crew out because it only affected 5 of their customers. Totally ignoring the traffic effect. Thanks to Assemblyman Bob Auth and Passaic County Administrator Tony DeNova for helping us with this issue.

Lastly, the least cooperative utility is Cablevision. It's been 4 days of phone calls and still no response from Cablevision.

Stay safe.

Mayor Dan Mahler