

South Harrison Township



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UPDATE: FOR THE RESIDENTS AFFECTED BY THE STORM AND HAVE EXCESSIVE TREE DEBRIS AND BRUSH, PLEASE PLACE IT BY THE CURBSIDE AND IT WILL BE COLLECTED.

From the Office of the Mayor.

Late yesterday afternoon, a devastating storm developed in South Harrison and tore through Harrison Twp, Mantua & Wenonah. First responders and our Public Works department were on the scene immediately clearing trees from roadways to ensure the power and utility companies, as well as emergency services were able to access the hardest hit areas. Since late last night, through early this morning, I have personally assessed the damage in our town and thankfully it appears that we were spared significant destruction. There is, however, significant tree damage and debris from the affected areas caused by this devastating storm. Overall, homes are intact and there appears to be some minor damage.

Unfortunately, our friends and neighbors in Harrison Twp weren't as fortunate and the devastation I witnessed is hard to put into words. Homes were leveled and ripped open with significant property damage in many neighborhoods. My thoughts and prayers go out to all who were affected, and I ask that you please pray for our friends and neighbors in the coming days. South Harrison Home and School in conjunction with South Harrison Soccer will be hosting a donation drop off site at the Elementary School from 2-6:30pm today. They will be collecting clothing, food and any other pertinent donations for those severely impacted.

I want to thank our Fire Department and Public Works employees for all their efforts last night and their ongoing efforts today! The Governor has declared a State of Emergency and our Emergency Management Coordinator has already been in touch with Gloucester County Emergency Operations to ensure safe operations moving forward. If your property was affected by the storm and you have significant tree or property damage and debris, please, if you haven't already done so, contact your insurance company for guidance as to the reporting and cleanup of your property. Please, however, do not put trees or debris out in the street as "brush" collection. This is far beyond the scope of our public works crew. I will continue to monitor the situation and communicate information as I receive it, as well as further guidance from the State.

Thoughts and prayers to all who were affected!

Joseph M. Marino
Mayor South Harrison Twp