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Dear Upper Brookville Residents,

Hurricane Sandy and the Nor'easter a week later were both serious, destructive storms to our Village and the surrounding communities. While we avoided any injuries to residents, there was some property damage and sadly, many trees were lost causing widespread loss of power.

Crews were brought in from around the country as well as from Canada to help with power restoration. Despite their frustrations, residents were polite, helpful and grateful to all the line crews, some folks providing pizza, sandwiches, coffee and a big helping of thanks which sustained them through sixteen hour days.

I want to acknowledge our Upper Brookville road crew, Stephen Murphy, Bart Loiodice and manager Sam Vergata who jumped in immediately to begin opening roads and clearing debris. That job continues today and will take time to complete. I also want to thank Vinny Simeone, Director of Planting Fields, for his help both during and in the aftermath of the storms. Since our Village Hall is located in the Park which has a generator, our residents were able to access the office and get in touch with the Village Clerk and the road crew. I encourage any residents who are still experiencing power issues to notify the Village Clerk so we may get the information to the proper channels.

## DEBRIS REMOVAL

Our road crew is continuing to remove storm debris from Village right of ways. Nassau County has jumped in to help in the process, but it is a very slow go. The staging sites where the debris is taken are filled to capacity.

As residents we are all responsible for the disposal of any debris on our private property. Neither residents nor their landscapers may drag debris into the right of way for removal. Since there are still crews and much debris on Village roads, please drive carefully.

As life slowly gets back to normal, we should be grateful to have our homes and loved ones during this holiday season. Our thoughts are with those who are still homeless and suffering. I want to wish the residents of Upper Brookville best wishes for the holidays and a very Happy New Year.

Sincerely,

Terry L. Thielen  
Mayor