

Dear Marlboro Resident,

As we move into Spring and begin to enjoy the milder weather, it is easy to forget Superstorm Sandy and the Nor'easter that followed. Over the last few years, we have seen weather extremes at times we least expect, so please take a few moments now to make sure that your family is ready .

This new section of our website is dedicated to Emergency Preparedness. Here you will find information and links to websites designed to help you prepare for any emergencies to come. Please take the time to have the tools in place so your family is prepared for the unexpected.

The first step is to ensure that your town has as many ways as possible to contact you. Emails, reverse 9-1-1 (robo-calls) and Facebook were all utilized during the last storm. During Sandy, some people were able to receive reverse 9-1-1 calls, but many discovered that their house phones didn't work when their power was out or they weren't on the call list at all. Some didn't have access to their emails, or hadn't signed up for the distribution list. Others could only communicate through Facebook or text messaging. It became clear that no one should rely on one method of communication.

- On the right side of this page (and on the website home page) there is an '**Email Notices**' button. Click it to register your email address.
- You will also notice '**Swift 911 Notifications**.' Follow that link and register up to 4 phones. Consider registering your home, cell and even a friend or relative out of the area. You can also sign up to receive text messages.
- If you have a **Facebook** account, search Jonathan Hornik and "Like" my Facebook page.

In addition ensuring that Marlboro can contact you, it is important to plan and prepare in advance of an emergency. The NJ Office of Emergency Preparedness is a wealth of information on the three steps to preparedness: Get a Kit, Make a Plan, Stay Informed. Their website may be found at <http://www.state.nj.us/njoem/>. It includes links to other State and Federal emergency websites. If your household has a person with special needs, please use the link on this page or call 2-1-1 to confidentially register with the State.

In the case of a power outage, it should be reported to JCP&L. If you have internet access, you may report an outage through [JCP&L 24/7 Power Center](#) or by using the link on this page. If you do not have access to the internet during a power outage, please call 888-LIGHTSS (1-888-544-4877). JCP&L has free smart phone apps and you can follow them on Twitter and Facebook to ease reporting and to receive updates. Details are on the [JCP&L Press Release](#).

We want to be able to provide our residents with services in both good times and challenging, but we need your participation. Register your phones and email and ask your neighbors to do the same. Should an emergency happen, share the information you

receive with your neighbors. Please remember that the police non-emergency line and Town Hall are always here to provide assistance and information.

Mayor Jon Hornik