

From the Mayor's Desk...October 1, 2015

As we approach the upcoming weekend, our Village departments have been in full preparation mode for Hurricane Joaquin. While the forecasts continue to be ever-changing, we feel it prudent to plan for the worst and hope for the best.

To that end, I urge you to use the next few days to prepare yourselves and your property. I'm not going to spend an inordinate amount of time dwelling on the typical preparations that you should be undertaking. Common sense preparation advice is available from a wide variety of online sources including Ready.gov and Coned.com. Please explore these and other online resources and take any necessary precautions.

Locally, we will be using our best efforts to disseminate information as widely as possible through a variety of sources. The Irvington web site (irvingtonny.gov) and the associated email lists will be the location for up-to-date information about storm impacts and important updates. Note that our email alerts can also be sent as text messages which can often be a more reliable way of receiving information when data services are compromised. We will also make information available through Facebook ([Facebook.com/IrvingtonVillage](https://www.facebook.com/IrvingtonVillage)), Twitter (@IrvingtonNY) and Instagram (@IrvingtonNY).

Lastly, if you the owner of property that contains a stream or pond, please do your best to clear it of any obstructions. Branches, logs, garbage, and other man-made items can build up and obstruct the flow of water, causing significant and unnecessary flooding to your property and your neighbor's property. If your stream passes through a culvert under a driveway or other portion of your yard, be sure the water is flowing free and clear through the culvert. You should also remove any loose furniture or other materials from areas that routinely flood.

I'm sure I will be in touch over the next few days. Please be safe.

Best,

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