PRESS RELEASE

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While a majority of Scarsdale roadways are open and safe for travel, three remain inundated with water, and three intersections remain blocked by downed trees and wires. We wish to express deep appreciation for the efforts PD, Fire, DPW, and SCARVAC for working tirelessly through the night and continuing today doing their level best against extreme weather and historic rainfall to safeguard public safety.

The roads still inundated include Brookby, Rugby, and Greendale – they are impassable due to flood waters. Areas blocked by downed wire and/or trees include Paddington/Ogden, Madison/Carmen, the Heathcote Bypass. Several regional roadways are currently closed, as well; our Weather Alert page includes the list last announced.

As of 1:45 PM, the ConEd Outage Map indicates that over 1,100 Scarsdale properties continue to experience a power outage. A “cut and clear” crew is in the Village working on downed tree blockages involving ConEd wires and condition assessment personnel are moving through the community in parallel. We are not aware of any restoration crews at this time, as we are advised the “cut and clear” and assessment work must be completed first. We will continue to update as additional power outage information becomes available to us.

Importantly, please adhere to the following safety protocols:

1. Do not drive into any remaining flooded waters.

2. Do not approach areas where downed trees are mixed with electric wires, even if you believe the wires to be de-energized.

3. Come to a complete stop at any traffic signal that is not functioning, regardless of whether a portable stop sign is present; it’s the law.

4. Please do not call the Fire Department for basement pump-outs, as continuing emergencies require their full attention. Seek assistance with basement pumping from private firms.
The following facility and service updates are offered:

1. Village Hall is open, operating on reduced staffing. We anticipate regular hours on Friday, though reduced staffing may continue.

2. The Parks, Recreation, and Conservation Department offices at Supply Field are open, but they do not have phone or internet service due to the continuing Verizon outage. Visitors may stop-in, of course.

3. The Scarsdale Pool Complex is closed and may be closed on Friday, as well. An update will be shared on Twitter once Friday’s operating status is known.

4. The Brite Avenue Platform Tennis courts remain inundated with water.

5. DPW sanitation pickups remain on-schedule, but are taking more time than is typical.

6. The Scarsdale Public Library is open and will be extending their hours tonight to accommodate patrons needing to charge devices, use the internet, and access Wi-Fi, though Wi-Fi service has experienced some instability heading into the afternoon hours. Stop in for a bite at the Café or to simply sit and relax.

7. Harlem line service continues to be suspended due to severe flooding, power issues and washouts caused by heavy rainfall, #Scarsdale. Their crews continue to assess damage and are working around the clock to clear water and debris from the tracks and make repairs.

8. A widespread outage continues to impact Verizon customers due to flooding having impacted one of their nearby facilities. We do not yet have an estimated restoration time.

If you experienced flood damage at home, be sure to photo document conditions and keep your receipts for all repairs. Governor Hochul declared a state of emergency last night and there may later be flood relief funding available to eligible property owners. Good documentation will help to maximize any financial recovery you may be entitled to.

The Village will continue to provide updates and information through the Weather Warning on www.scarsdale.com and on our Twitter account – please follow us, or simply view our tweets through your web browser here: https://twitter.com/ScarsdaleGov.

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