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- Precipitation began early Friday morning
- Addressed the coordination early morning with the BOE superintendent
- Approximately 3.84 inches of rain
- OEM, Police, Fire, Streets, Signal, Engineering and Parks were in preparation before the storm and we were prepared
- Governor Murphy Declares State of Emergency Due to Severe Weather – Friday afternoon

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RESIDENTIAL IMPACTS:

- Less than 5 resident homes were impacted
- Emergency Services consistently patrolled all flood prone areas
- No calls for service were made to Police or Fire during the event
- Two residential homes utilized the Village's offer for supplemental trash collection on Monday, October 2nd
- Village Manager's Office reached out to affected homeowners to assess additional support

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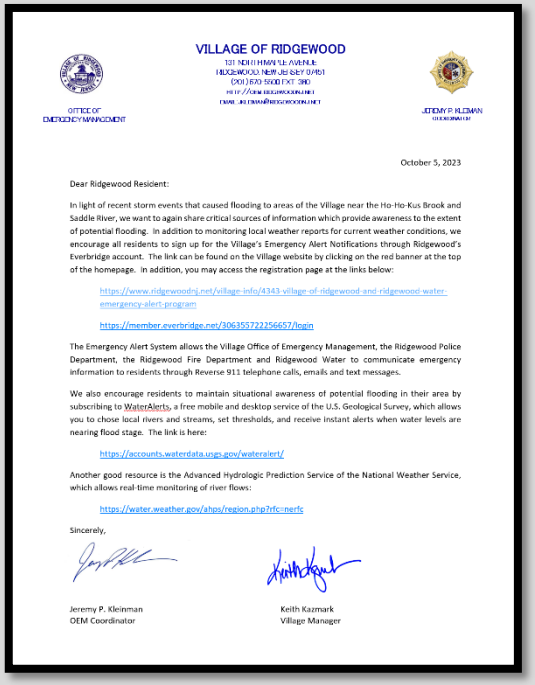

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OFFICE OF EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

JEREMY P. KLEINMAN
COORDINATOR

October 5, 2023

Dear Ridgewood Resident:

In light of recent storm events that caused flooding to areas of the Village near the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook and Saddle River, we want to again share critical sources of information which provide awareness to the extent of potential flooding. In addition to monitoring local weather reports for current weather conditions, we encourage all residents to sign up for the Village's Emergency Alert Notifications through Ridgewood's Everbridge account. The link can be found on the Village website by clicking on the red banner at the top of the homepage. In addition, you may access the registration page at the links below:

https://www.ridgewoodnj.net/village-info/4343-village-of-ridgewood-and-ridgewood-water-emergency-alert-program

https://member.everbridge.net/306355722256657/login

The Emergency Alert System allows the Village Office of Emergency Management, the Ridgewood Police Department, the Ridgewood Fire Department and Ridgewood Water to communicate emergency information to residents through Reverse 911 telephone calls, emails and text messages.

We also encourage residents to maintain situational awareness of potential flooding in their area by subscribing to WaterAlerts, a free mobile and desktop service of the U.S. Geological Survey, which allows you to chose local rivers and streams, set thresholds, and receive instant alerts when water levels are nearing flood stage. The link is here:

https://accounts.waterdata.usgs.gov/wateralert/

Another good resource is the Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service of the National Weather Service, which allows real-time monitoring of river flows:

https://water.weather.gov/ahps/region.php?rfc=nerfc

Sincerely,

Jeremy P. Kleinman
OEM Coordinator

Keith Kazmark
Village Manager

Letter from OEM outlining:

- Registration for Emergency Alert Notifications
  - Reverse 911, emails and text messages
- WaterAlerts, a free service of the U.S. Geological Survey
  - Provides instant alerts when water levels are nearing flood stage
- Advanced Hydrologic Prediction Service - NWS
  - Allows real-time monitoring of river flows

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VILLAGE MOBILIZATION:

- Village Hall parking lot was cleared
- The municipal fleet was moved to higher ground
- Police, Fire, OEM & Streets monitored flood prone areas and blocked flooded roadways as needed
- Recycling Yard was cleared of equipment and vehicles and closed to the public (Closed on Saturday, September 30, 2023)
- Shred Day was postponed until Sunday, October 15, 2023
- BOE and Parks Division removed equipment to secure parks and fields

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VILLAGE PRE-PLANNING:

- In 2022, Public Works/Engineering contracted with Downes Tree Service to de-snag, de-slit and ensure bank stabilization along the Ho-Ho-Kus Brook
- The project cost an estimated $438,000 and was funded, in part, through a grant from the USDA
- This work effort reduced vegetation build up, along with down trees/brush and removed materials from the brook allowing for increased flow
- All work was properly permitted through the NJ DEP

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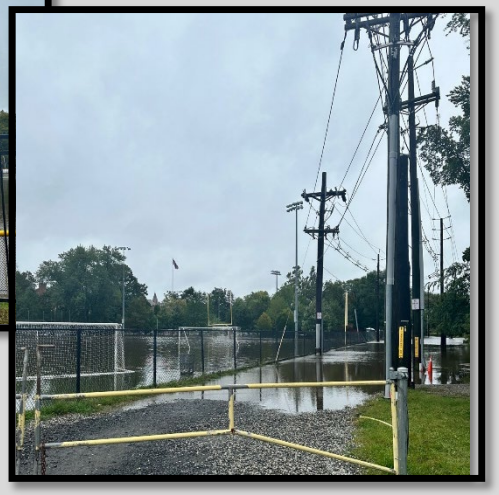

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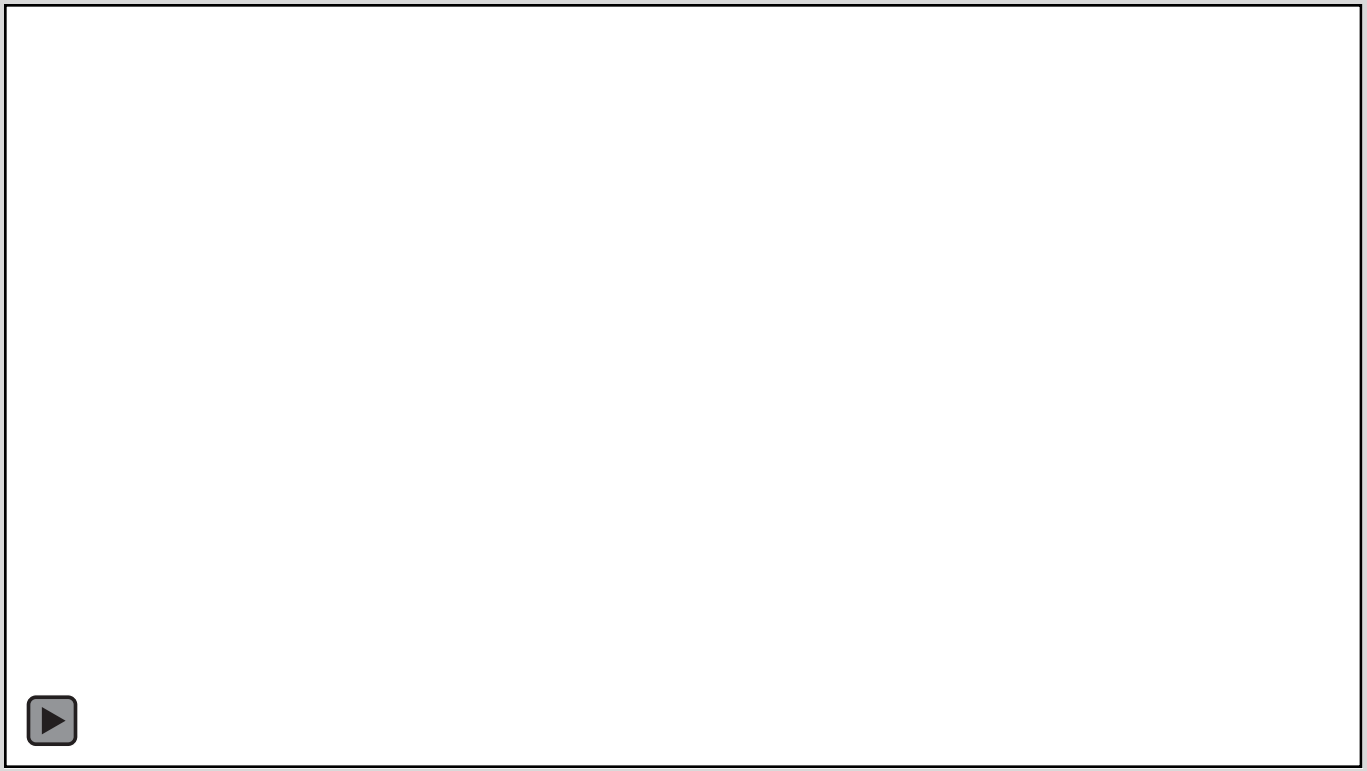

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PROGRAMMING IMPACTS:

- Village Parks & Recreation and Ridgewood School District programs have been displaced
- P&R Director and District Athletic Director, along with their staff worked through the weekend to relocate programs, assess damages and meet with turf repair firms to seek cost estimates for clean up
- Temporary fields have been set up at local schools to accommodate youth programs
- Village and BOE staff met on Monday to finalize temporary scheduling and discuss path forward
- Fields Committee met on Tuesday morning to report out on progress

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VILLAGE RESPONSE/PATH FORWARD:

- Veterans Field was fully opened for use today
- Maple Field repair/clean up quote is $52,354., as submitted by LandTek
- The area behind The Stable parking lot needs to be cleaned once completely dried out and will be addressed by the Parks Division staff
- Parks & Recreation will continue to work with programs to schedule accordingly until Maple Field can be re-opened
- Communications with program participants will continue until all schedules return to normal