

The Violet Letter

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How did Cherry Grove do in Hurricane Sandy?

Sadly, our little island took a very hard hit from Sandy, and another Nor'easter is predicted for the coming week. Right now, officials have turned off all power and water to Cherry Grove and don't think people will be allowed to return for at least a month. They feel as a summer community, we are not top priority. Many walks are unsafe, and power lines may be down.

Rumors are rampant, so always check before you go! Safety must be your first priority!

Some great websites have sprung up to keep us all communicating. Gina Garan at Tara on Aeon started Sandy vs. Cherry Grove on Facebook and

everyone is sharing their information. Cherry Grove Guys.com has posted aftermath photos by Monika Kost and Denise Samide. They show the status of many houses. I am going to try to identify the ones I recognize. But look at Cherry Grove Guys...you will recognize your area!

Brookhaven Town is communicating by emails and has set up Mobile Meal distribution with The Red Cross at three Brookhaven locations. Get details at 631-451-TOWN or visit www.brookhaven.org. Craig Williams is also forwarding the town's emails.

To get help, Brookhaven Town residents and business owners can begin the disaster application process by registering online at

www.disasterassistance.gov, by web enabled mobile device at m.fema.gov or by calling 1-800-621-FEMA (3362).

Applicants who have a speech disability or hearing loss and use TTY, should call 1-800-462-7585 directly; or those who use 711 or Video Relay Service (VRS), call 1-800-621-3362. Toll free numbers are available from 7:00 am to 10:00 pm, Monday through Sunday until further notice. Residents can follow FEMA online at www.fema.gov/blog,

www.twitter.com/fema, www.facebook.com/fema and www.youtube.com/fema.

And Allstate Flood holds most of the flood insurance policies...call your agent for guidance on flood claims.

Community phone #s:

(all area codes are 631 unless stated)

Emergency Police & Fire 911
Suffolk County Coalition Against Domestic Violence 631-666-7181

Official Information:

451-TOWN or visit

www.brookhaven.org for other storm related news and information. The Red Cross at 631-924-6911 or 1-800-733-2767. You can also visit www.suffolkcountyny.gov or www.redcross.org.



The ocean at the east end...that's Joe Clinton's...so you can see how devastated the dunes are. This sign says Don't Walk on the Dunes... Photo by Denise Samide.

Transportation:

Sayville Ferry 589-0810
Sayville Freight 567-8774
LIRR 231-LIRR
Rainbow Rides - limo to airports and
Manhattan to Montauk. Alex 737-7300

Winter Watch Services:

Charlie Balmer (Peek a Boo) |
631-597-7090
Mark Atten/Winter Eyes 631 597 6874
Fran's Full Service 516-967-1819
Clean up too, Etc!

Remember no one is allowed on the island yet...so they may not be there right now!

Shopping for repairs items:

L.I. Hardware (Ace) 631-467-1316
Check the website at lihardware.com
for items available deliver to the ferry!

Services:

John Sheerin -
CG Plumbing 597-7678
cgplumber@yahoo.com
Oakley Brothers 631-589-2612 Clyde
631-874-2201 George

Did you donate to The Cherry Grove Dunes Fund at FundRazr? Put your money where you live! Thanks...

Places to Stay:

(be smart...call ahead to see who is open and when...)
Prudential Realty - Denise 589-3500
Cell phone 407-340-4649
In the spring...when you come back!
A Summer Place Realty 597-6140
Horizons on the Beach-Carla 597-6278
Dune Point - Lewis & Duryea 597-6261
Grove Hotel is closed until spring.
Belvedere Hotel for Men 597-6448

Check back for more photos as clean up progresses...remember this is an ever changing situation...most important is no lives were lost! And we did not lose any houses...unlike some of the other communities. Stay calm, we shall survive!

Fund raisers are already planned in the Spring for The Dunes Fund, as all our dunes need rebuilt. But thank God, the Dunes Fund and the Oakleys that we had

them! Gina Garan also started a site online to collect funds for rebuilding the dunes...go to FundRazr.com and donate to the Cherry Grove Dunes Fund.

A huge thanks to Monica Kost and Denise Samide for these photos...much more on Monia's page on Facebook!

Be safe...be back! Xoxo dell



On the ocean -The bench at Greene Walk with Henry Sterling's house behind



Even the baby deer made it through....the twins that were born so late in the season. Where do they hide out?



The mama deer rests safely in the Meatrack after the storm...

Broken electric pole at Aeon and Lewis...



The ocean...note the walk at Aeon...and the missing dunes...they saved us!



Damage in The Pines (where they have no dunes) photo by Steve Norrin via Tom Meier via Jack Quinn of Beau-He-Men Rhapsody.



Here was the entrance walk to the Meatrack...looking towards The Pines...



Boston John's on Bayview...with the salt water pool! John is survivor...

And in the midst of terror and destruction, such incredible beauty and bonding. Let's all help each other!



The last high tide before the storm. The way it was and will be again!

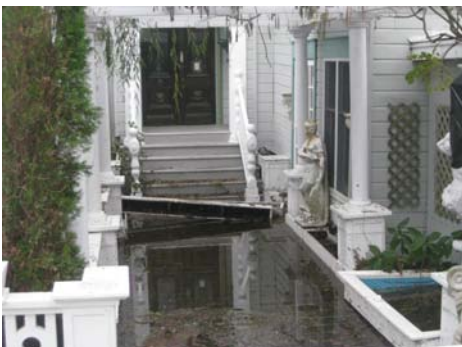


The dock survived...during the storm it was at least under a foot of water...and the poles stayed tied at the Marina!

While falling trees seemed to cause the most human casualties, Cherry Grove had few trees down...this one is small, and at Whip-or-will Cottage at the east end of Bayview.



Thanks again to Monika Kost and Denise Samide for these photos...brave and a little crazy! But it helps us all relax. Stayed tuned for another Violet Letter next Friday by email as the Grove rebuilds. Don't forget to make a donation at FundRazr to the Dunes Fund. We really understand now how vital those dunes are to protecting our community! Just ask your Pines friends. Or anyone in Davis Park...



The entrance to the Belvedere...the boys got out and are safe!

Mike and Gary at Ivy and Lewis...what is all that stuff on the roof?



Greene Walk looking towards the ocean... that's the side entrance to Christopher Street then Dickerman's... Want to see your house? Email Violet.letter@yahoo.com with a request and I will try to get it to send to you

On the last boat out...fingers crossed! Cherry's did pretty well...some decks torn up...sign of relief from Jacqui and Donna! Talk about a Survivor's Party!



We will survive!

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