



City of Long Beach

Recovery Update

May 7, 2013



NY Sandy Help

The Sandy Relief money that this administration has fought so hard to get approved has finally arrived, and we wanted you to know about it right away. Governor Cuomo has announced that an initial \$1.7 billion will be made available to distribute grants to single & multi-family homes to assist with reconstruction, rehabilitation, future damage, & mitigation. Businesses will be eligible to receive assistance in the form of grants, loans and other services as well. Those who have already signed up for the RecreateNY pre-application should be receiving letters informing them to fill out the full program application, which can be completed either at the Disaster Recovery Center at the Ice Arena or online. Those who did not pre-apply can fill out the full application at the DRC or online as well. For more information, please visit <http://www.NYSandyHelp.ny.gov>.

Cinderella Grant

National Grid recently approved a \$25,000 Cinderella Grant for the City in conjunction with the West End Beautification Association. The grant will be used to help beautify Long Beach's West End as the City continues to rebuild from Hurricane Sandy. Some of the improvements will include a banner program for the West End business district and a beautiful backlit information kiosk.

Building Department

In this critical time, we continue to do as much as possible to "cut through the red tape" – we are on your side. Extra personnel have been brought on to help streamline the process and get everyone back into their homes as soon as possible. Please remember, if you are hiring contractors to work on your home, they must be licensed by the City Clerk.

- Lists of licensed contractors can be found at www.longbeachny.gov/cityclerk or by visiting the City Clerk's office
- All work except minor repairs require building permits, which can be obtained through the Building Department.
- For reconstruction, licensing and permits are required.
- To expedite the repair and/or reconstruction process, dumpster fees and weekend restrictions have been temporarily waived.
- If your landlord is not making necessary repairs in a timely fashion please contact the **Building Department at 431-1005**.
- If you are unhappy with the substantial damage assessment in your ICC letter, it can be appealed in either direction by providing a contractors estimate or flood insurance settlement report to the Building Department.

If you would like more information or an inspection; contact the Building Department at 431-1005.

Important Deadlines

SBA Economic Damage - 7/31/13

Information on Programs

Increased Cost of Compliance (ICC)

ICC coverage under FEMA's National Flood Insurance Program is one of several resources for flood insurance policyholders. Under ICC, FEMA offers \$30,000 for homeowners to help cover the costs of mitigation measures that will reduce flood risk, including raising the height of houses that the agency mandates for new buildings or rebuilding in designated flood zones such as Long Beach. For more information, please visit www.fema.gov or call 1-800-427-4661.

Hazard Mitigation

The City has already expressed to the state's Office of Emergency Management a strong interest in FEMA's Hazard Mitigation Program. If awarded the program, the City will be able to financially assist residents through the spring to help mitigation properties from future flood damage. Anyone wishing to be included in the application should contact the Building Department at 431-1005 to be placed on the waiting list.

Disaster Recovery Center

The Disaster Recovery Center, located at the Long Beach Ice Arena at 150 West Bay Drive, will be transitioning to a Disaster Loan Outreach Center (DLOC) as of May 1st. Agencies represented at the DLOC are:

Small Business Administration-Open 9-6 Monday-Friday and 9-3 on Saturday - apply for loans

Nassau County- Open 9-6 Monday-Friday and Saturday 9-3- collecting information from eligible persons in anticipation of a state grant

Project Hope- Open 11-8 Monday-Friday and 9-3 on Saturday- a crisis counseling program focused on mitigating the adverse effects of Superstorm Sandy, has carefully trained crisis counselors available to offer confidential counseling, education and resource linkage at no charge. . For more information, please contact 1-800-LIFENET.

Disaster Assistance Programs

Sales Tax Exemptions

Businesses in Nassau County are invited to apply for a sales tax exemption on expenditures related to recovering from Sandy. Through its Local Enterprise Assistance and Development Services (LEADS) Program, the Nassau County IDA will grant businesses a sales tax exemption letter on furniture, fixtures, equipment, capital improvements, and renovations as they recover from Sandy. To learn more, visit <http://bit.ly/PUJf7L>, call 516-571-1745 or email LEADS@NassauIDA.org.

Unemployment Assistance Alternatives

As an alternative to personnel downsizing while recovering from Sandy, employers can enter into NYS Department of Labor Shared Work Program. Instead of cutting staff, you can reduce the number of hours of all employees or just a select group, and the employees will receive Shared Work Benefits to help offset the lower wages.

To learn more or apply, please visit <http://bit.ly.R0D274>.

NYS Department of State-

http://www.dos.ny.gov/storm_resources/

Additional categories of assistance provided:

Waiver of Fees for Flood Disaster Victims

In response to the historic flooding caused by Superstorm Sandy, Governor Cuomo issues Executive Order 69 on November 9, 2012 temporarily suspending certain fees charged by the Department of State for replacement documents for victims of the disaster. Until further notice, the fees charged by the Department of State's Division of Licensing Services for issuing duplicate license certificates and identification cards are suspended. Also suspended are the fees charged by the Division of Corporations, State Records and Uniform Commercial Code for copies of any document or record on file with the Division.

Nassau County Office of Economic Development

<http://www.nassaucountyny.gov/agencies/EconomicDevelopment/index.html>

Tax Incentive Program

The Business Development Unit can help facilitate business participation in a range of tax incentive programs to make it easier to operate while encouraging investment and job creation. One such program is the Excelsior Jobs Program, which is administered statewide by the NY Empire State Development Corp. The program offers tax credits to targeted industries such as manufacturing, biotech, pharmaceutical, high-tech, clean-tech, etc. Qualified businesses may receive tax credits that can be applied against the business' NY State income taxes.

Community Development Corporation of Long Island

<http://www.cdcli.org> &

<http://www.cdcli.org/component/content/article/173>

Business Growth Loan Program

Eligibility

- For for-profit businesses located in Nassau & Suffolk Counties
- Must meet underwriting standards and business criteria as set forth by funding sources defining the size of small business (most small businesses qualify)
- Small Businesses, who have a business track record and pay their bills on time and have a good chance to repay a loan.

Loan Amount

- Minimum of \$1,000 with a maximum of \$100,000.

Hempstead Works

HempsteadWorks is a network of organizations that assist employers to hire qualified workers and job seekers to develop skills and secure employment. The City of Long Beach and the Town of Hempstead Department of Occupational Resources have arranged for a career counselor from the HempsteadWorks One Stop Career Center, to visit the City of Long Beach on a

monthly basis. The career counselor will be available at Long Beach City Hall to:

- Provide one-to-one- career counseling, assessment and job placement services
- Explain how City of Long Beach residents can participate in the Career Workshop Series, Computer Skills Workshops and on-site employer recruitment sessions conducted at the HempsteadWorks Career Center
- Share information about funding for education and training programs
- Inform employers about On-The-Job Training programs and tax credit Incentives

The HempsteadWorks career counselor will be available at Long Beach City Hall on the third Wednesday of each month starting on 4/16/13.

Public Works

The Department of Public Works has and will continue to labor tirelessly to make sure that the rebuilding process is not interrupted and is completed in a timely fashion.

- Residents with additional construction debris should obtain a dumpster; City dumpster fees have been temporarily waived; however a permit is still required.
- Boardwalk demolition is complete. **The boardwalk area will be CLOSED until work is complete. Please keep clear of the boardwalk, as the area is unsafe.**
- The construction contract was awarded on 4/4/13 by the City Council to Grace Industries of Plainview, NY. The City officially broke ground on Saturday 4/27/13. As sections of the new boardwalk are completed, they will be opened to the public.

Donations & Volunteers

We continue to receive tremendous support from near and far.

- Reconstruction of the MLK Center is underway. The distribution center and mobile facilities have been relocated to 515 Long Beach Blvd for the duration of the construction.
- **The City of Long Beach thanks the many volunteers who continue to join the Long Beach Comeback Crew. Our next Comeback Crew cleanup is taking place on Saturday, May 18. Interested volunteers can email sandyvolunteers@longbeachny.gov to sign up.**
- Total amount received to date in the City of Long Beach relief fund is \$442,869.93.
- For information on donating to the *City of Long Beach Relief Fund*, please see www.longbeachny.gov.

City Clerk

2013 Resident Parking Permits are on sale now Monday-Friday 9-5. Forms can be downloaded at www.longbeachny.gov/cityclerk.

Recreation/Youth & Family Services

The Recreation Department Cardio and Weight rooms are open 7 days a week, starting at 6am weekdays and 7am weekends. Public swim sessions are offered at Long Beach High School from 7:30pm to 9:30pm on Mondays and Wednesdays and on Saturdays from 10am till noon. Youth spring classes have begun and it is still not too

late to register for boys or girl's lacrosse, gaga, boys or girls fitness club, or boys or girls tennis. A new round of Junior Lifeguard prep classes held at the Long Beach High School pool is starting soon. Beach passes are on sale from 8:30 am to 8:30 pm Monday through Friday and from 9am to 6pm Saturdays and Sundays at the Gazebo opposite the Ice Arena at 150 West Bay Drive. Recreation Summer Camp Applications are posted now. The Camp features great programs being held at The Long Beach Middle School. Buses will transport campers to and from West School, Lindell School, The Rec Center and Point Lookout. Camp is held from 9 am to 1 pm and starts June 24th. Don't delay, sign up today!

Summer concerts are being booked and they will be posted soon. Don't forget to peruse our online calendar while on our website.

Walkers! Don't forget we have a boardwalk at The Rec for your walking pleasure!

Adult Fitness group meets on Wednesdays and Fridays at the Rec. This is an excellent opportunity for adults and seniors to learn how to use the new gym and cardio equipment. The Rec is offering free boot camp classes on Saturdays and Sundays starting May 11. Registration is necessary. Sign up for City Managers 10 mile Trophy Run today!

Georgia Playground, Bayfront Park & Playground at the Rec, Leroy Conyers Playground, Clark Street Playground, and Pacific Playground are all OPEN 7 days a week from 7am until dusk. In addition, the Ice Arena will be opening shortly. Stay tuned for announcement!

Please visit us at <http://www.longbeachny.gov/rec> for detailed information on all Rec Department offerings.

The Magnolia Senior and Daycare Center is now open. Please see the Recreation Center website at www.longbeachny.gov/rec for class calendar and locations. Copies of the Senior Center schedule are also available at City Hall in the lobby.

For Daycare program information and updates, please contact the Youth & Family Services Department at (516)-431-3510.

Medical & Emergency Services

In Case of Emergency Dial 911

- North Shore LIJ has a mobile medical van providing primary and urgent care services, no cost medical evaluation by NSLIJ physicians, answers to medical questions and concerns, blood pressure checks, diabetes evaluation, prescription refills, flu & tetanus shots. The van is in Long Beach: Tuesdays at 225 W. Park Ave. from 12-3 and on National Blvd from 3-6; Thursdays at 175 W. Broadway from 12-3 and at 35 East Broadway from 3-6, and Saturdays at Waldbaum's in Kennedy Plaza from 10-4.
- The Refuah Health Center Medical Van is located in the Ice Arena parking lot, 150 West Bay Drive, from 10-4 on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday for Primary Care. Sliding scale fees and insurance are accepted.
- Project Coastal Care, a mobile medical van funded by a grant from Robin Hood Relief Fund, will be in Long Beach every Tuesday, Wednesday, & Thursday thru May 11th. On Tuesday, it will be at 225 West Park Ave from 12pm-3pm and at Waldbaum's Shopping Center on Wednesday & Thursday from 12pm-6pm. It will be offering services such as medical evaluations by North Shore-LIJ doctor or nurse practitioner, walk-in care and urgent services, blood pressure checks, diabetes evaluation, prescription refills, Flu & tetanus shots, case management and an Island Harvest Food Box.

Useful Storm Numbers

<u>FEMA</u>	(800) 621-3362
STEP	(888) 684-4267
ICC	(800) 427-4661
<u>U.S. Housing & Urban Development</u>	
	(800) FED-INFO
<u>U.S. Small Business Administration</u>	
	(800) 827-5722
<u>NYS Attorney General</u>	
	(516) 248-3302
<u>Nassau County Price Gouging Hotline</u>	
	(800) 771-7755
<u>NYS Department of Labor</u>	
	(518) 457-9000
Unemployment	(888) 209-8124
<u>NYS DMV</u>	(718) 477-4820
<u>NYS Department of Financial Services</u>	
	(800) 339-1759
<u>NYS Department of Home and Community Renewal</u>	
	(800) 855-SANDY
<u>Nassau County Consumer Affairs</u>	
	(516) 571-3871
<u>Nassau County Department of Health</u>	
	(516) 227-9697
<u>City of Long Beach</u>	(516) 431-1000
<u>City Manager</u>	(516) 431-1001
<u>Building Department</u>	(516) 431-1005
<u>City Clerk</u>	(516) 431-1002
<u>Public Works</u>	(516) 431-1011
<u>Police Non-Emergency</u>	(516) 431-1800
Traffic Division	(516) 705-7317
<u>Fire Non-Emergency</u>	(516) 705-7249
<u>Long Beach School District</u>	
	(516) 897-2000
<u>Long Beach Hospital</u>	
	(516) 897-1000
<u>2-1-1 Long Island</u>	211 (888) 774-7633
<u>LIPA (outages)</u>	
	(800) 490-0075
<u>NATIONAL GRID</u>	
Gas leaks	(800)-490-0045
Request service	(800) 930-5003
<u>"Project Hope" -- Crisis Counseling Program</u>	
	(800) LIFENET (543-3638)
<u>Disaster Distress Help</u>	
	(800) 985-5990
	TEXT: 66746
<u>Disaster Case Management "Catholic Charities"</u>	
	(631) 608-8883
<u>Disaster Case Managers Sandy Help Line (DCM)</u>	
	(855)258-0483
<u>Family Employment Guidance Services (FECS)</u>	
	(516) 496-7550
In Case of Emergency CALL 911	