

PUBLIC UPDATE

PSEG RESPONSE TO ISAIAS

Kings Point Village officials are continuing to work to ensure that all village roadways are passable and electricity is fully restored to the area. At this time, 59 homes are still without power and village roads have been cleared of trees, limbs and debris, with the exception of a few where live downed wires are still present. Residents are urged to stay away from those areas to avoid electrocution.

As to live wires in and near the street and on residential properties, New York State law prohibits the village and homeowners from touching those wires or nearby trees out of fear of electrocution. Only PSEG is authorized to de-energize the lines, remove the trees and reconnect the electric lines. The village will continue to pressure PSEG to expedite work in these areas.

The damage to the trees in the area is being compared to the destruction caused by Superstorm Sandy, with the added difficulty of clearing many more downed and damaged trees in rear yards, making electric restoration even more challenging.

Since Tropical Storm Isaias hit the Great Neck Peninsula last Tuesday, village road crews have worked around-the-clock and Kings Point Mayor Michael Kalnick has been in constant contact with PSEG. The utility has restored the main transmission lines and PSEG and out-of-state crews are currently working in Kings Point, going house to house to assess and repair damage to the electrical system.

Mayor Kalnick has been told by PSEG officials that most homes should be restored by 9 p.m. to midnight tonight.

Although remediation has been exceptionally difficult, PSEG has failed dramatically. Village officials are as frustrated as the residents are with the overall response by PSEG. Governor Andrew Cuomo has already announced that the state will be opening an investigation into the utility's poor response.

Village officials will continue to communicate with PSEG executives for updates until every home has electricity.