

City of Somers Point
Assessment Department

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Dear Property Owner:

I understand the overwhelming process of dealing with the aftermath of such a great storm. The day after the storm had ended, I rode many of our streets and met many folks that were trying to pick up the pieces. As stories were exchanged, tears shed and images embedded in my mind, I was left with a true sense of pride for the citizens of our municipality. Many had expressed more concern for those on the islands or further north of us. Neighbors were helping neighbors and complete strangers were offering to lend a hand. I knew that day that the healing had begun for many.

I know that it is difficult to navigate paperwork when you are dealing with uncharted waters and that is why I wanted to reach out to those of you that may have been affected by Hurricane Sandy. Many are typically not familiar with the statutory process regarding destruction of property. Therefore, I wanted to inform you of that process. In accordance with N.J.S.A.54:4-35.1, "When any parcel of real estate contains any building or structure which has been destroyed...or altered in such a way that its value has been materially depreciated, ...by the action of storm....which depreciation occurred after October first in any year and before January first of the following year, the assessor shall, upon notice thereof being given to him by the property owner prior to January tenth of said year, and after examination and inquiry, determine the value of such parcel of real property as of said January first, and assess the same according to such value."

If your property has suffered damage due to the storm, you must notify my office as soon as possible. Once you have contacted this office, an appointment will be scheduled for an inspection. I will meet with you at the property. You should have the following information available (if possible) at the time of the inspection:

- *Notification to the Assessor in writing regarding destruction (include owners name, tenants name if applicable, Block & Lot #'s, property location, contact phone # and description of destruction)
- *Any photos that you feel may be of assistance
- *Any reports from insurance adjusters, appraisers or FEMA
- *Any quotes which list the details of work to be done by any building contractors, electricians, plumbing & heating, etc.
- *Any invoices which list the details of the work which has been done by any building contractors, electricians, plumbing & heating, etc.

Please contact this office at (609) 927-9088, ext. 127 to schedule an appointment or if you have any questions. If your call is not answered right away, please leave a message and the call will be returned as soon as possible. Thank you for your cooperation and consideration.

Very truly yours,

Diane R. Hesley, CTA, Assessor