

MAUSHOP MATTERS

Dateline: Maushop Village, Sunday, August 28, 2011; 11:30 a.m.

Hurricane Irene is HERE! The situation is as follows: lots of leaves, twigs, small branches down and strewn around the Village. Heavy, heavy, window and structure rattling winds; hardly any rain. Precisely what the weather forecasters had predicted. We pulled the beach stairs up on Friday and it's a very good thing we did. The ocean is extremely confused and quite angry. At the moment there is only about 10 feet of Maushop beach that is not underwater. The ocean is coming straight in towards the beach stairs and it's amazing and mesmerizing to watch. We are not at the height of the storm, nor are we at high tide, so things will get worse before they get better. The New Seabury beach is completely gone, as is the Triton end of Maushop beach. Let's hope the beaches are only momentarily submerged. Regardless, we are prepared for an emergency beach nourishment if required this coming week.

Can't speak for the whole Village, but this morning I lost power from 6:30 a.m. to 7:30 a.m. (couldn't believe it came back on so quickly!) and then again for half a minute around 8:30 a.m. Power at the moment.

I drove through the Village and observed only one instance of damage – to a condo on Vineyard View. The lintel over the balcony is off, but I can't tell if that was something that happened before or during the storm. Not too major and I haven't observe any other property damage so far.

No loose items swirling around the Village thanks to all who helped move and secure outdoor furniture: Harry Petrucci and Pat Shaughnessy, Mary Anne Bourque and Joan Coleman. Thank you one and all for being such good neighbors. Even renters got in the act – the long-term renter Bob on Landmark Avenue helped move furniture and my weekend renter at 42 Landmark Avenue who was here for his sister's wedding actually called to ask me if I wanted him to move the furniture inside and secure the condo!

Made a trip to Roche Bros. – well, actually two trips there – this morning. On the first trip around 9:30 a.m., Roche Bros. was open. All of the fruits and vegetables had been moved inside, but other than that it was business as usual. Just a few cars and few customers – but all of the Sunday newspapers were there! When I got home I realized I had mistakenly picked up (and been charged for) two copies of the New York Times. So, back I went around 10:45 a.m. to return one copy and get my \$6 (\$6!) back. By that time it was quite a different picture. There were even fewer cars and most of the lights were out at Roche Bros. They had lost power and the Customer Service person was trying to reach NStar. They have a generator that will keep their freezers freezing for awhile, but....

New Seabury has a few small trees down, one house lost part of its fence, some signage has been dislodged, but everything is really minor so far. The Marketplace is closed. The roads in Mashpee have some tree debris, but no major trees down or obstructing any roads.

So, I'll take a look at the beach a little later and give you an update – if I still have power. For now, though, the Village appears to be in pretty good shape.

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P.S. Power out in the Village for 12 hours from 5:45 p.m. Sunday to 5:45 a.m. Monday. Double-check your perishables/frozen items when you return. (Mine appear to have stayed cold/frozen.)