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Dear Residents,

The Hogan's Park and Veterans Park playgrounds have been officially reopened. In following the reopening plan, foot activated hand sanitizers have been installed in or near all playgrounds. After an extended vendor backorder period, a backpack sanitizer that leaves surfaces dry has been delivered and will be used to clean the playground equipment daily. We originally intended to make this announcement three weeks ago, but the extensive cleanup effort in the aftermath of Isaias delayed the reopening. That effort included removing a downed tree from the Veterans Park playground.

Swing sets remain closed due to the impossibility of ensuring that the chains stay sanitized. The playground at the school will remain closed.

Switching topics, our DPW associates have done their usual stellar job in removing post-storm brush from our streets and yards. Several landscapers, who work in multiple towns in northern Bergen County and southern Rockland County, have told me that the Northvale brush removal has happened faster than in any other town they work in. This cleanup has been conducted during the heat wave we have been living through.

Devastating is a strong word, but from a DPW workload perspective this storm has been exactly that. We still have to economically dispose of 500 Cubic Yards of brush and logs that have been transported from the streets to the compost site. DPW management and the compost site operator are exploring several solutions. We have full confidence in their ability to dispose of these materials at a low cost point that benefits taxpayers.

Best Regards,

Pat Marana