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Good Morning,

Now that the aftermath of Isaias is behind us, a couple of thoughts. First, the JCPL response is inadequate. When a storm such as this hits and crews have to come in from other states (the crew on my street was from Miami, a 19 hour drive), you already know you are to be out for at least three days.

It seems that ever since Sandy, we have more problems. Perhaps there is still residual damage to transmission lines and sub stations. The tree removal over the past year did seem to reduce the number of downed trees, but not the number of large limbs in the vicinity of the lines.

Wood power line poles should be replaced with concrete when possible. Concrete poles don't snap in two. JCPL execs have promised a meeting with Mayors, I'll let you know if that happens and solicit your thoughts as we were all less than pleased with the response.

On a positive note, how about our police, CVFC, CFAS and OEMs? They were fantastic keeping the traffic moving and residents safe and attended to. Several of the emergency calls were generator related. PLEASE do not install anything electrical without a permit. Permits allow an inspector to check a contractor's work to make sure work was done to code and is safe.

Our community is so generous. So many of you with power reached out to those of us without power and offered generators, showers, water, refrigerator and freezer space and moral support. Thank you all!

It is my wish that I don't need to have these conversations with you again this Fall, but it's highly likely that I will. Until then, stay healthy and stay safe!

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