

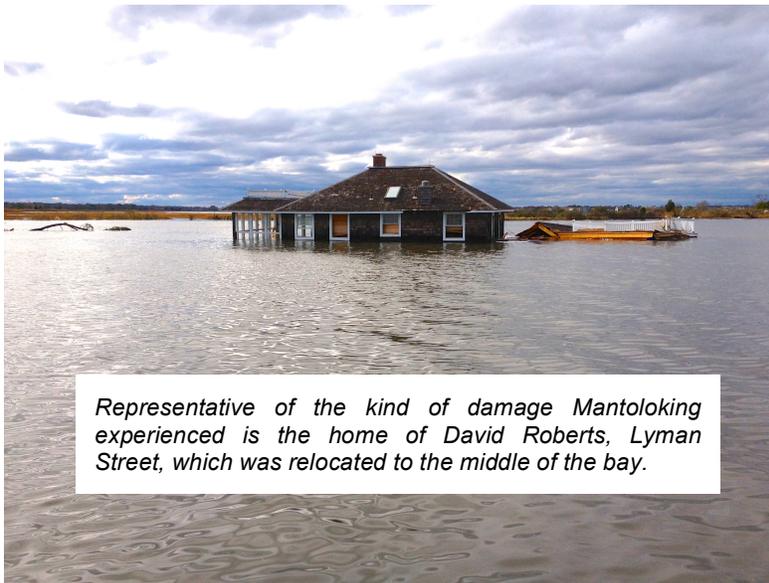
## **MANTOLOKING & HURRICANE SANDY**

*A periodic report on Mantoloking's efforts to recover from the storm of the century*

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Please consider this the first of what we intend to be periodic reports of the situation in Mantoloking following the devastating landfall of Hurricane Sandy earlier this week.

There is little question that this October storm is the most damaging Mantoloking has ever experienced. A walk through town Wednesday morning revealed two locations where the ocean had broken through the beach, leveled houses in its path, and created new inlets from the ocean to the bay. These new inlets are at Lyman Street and Herbert Street – both areas where roads previously extended from the ocean to the bay.



*Representative of the kind of damage Mantoloking experienced is the home of David Roberts, Lyman Street, which was relocated to the middle of the bay.*

At least 20 houses on the beach are gone and just as many in inland areas. Most roads are covered with sand and debris and there is still water standing in many low-lying areas.

The most serious damage has been sustained at and near the new inlets. A few areas such as Lagoon Lane and Runyon Lane have been, relatively speaking, spared.

Cleanup efforts are already underway. Mantoloking's two-person public works department is currently clearing sand from the streets in the central part of town.

They are being assisted by heavy equipment contractors the mayor and council have traditionally retained in anticipation of just this type of need. Mantoloking is still under a mandatory evacuation order and you may not be permitted in town until it is lifted. We are meeting with emergency management personnel every day to determine when you will be able to return.

Friday the mayor and council will be meeting with police and fire, emergency management, land use and engineering personnel, and other involved individuals and agencies to establish and confirm that everyone involved in the recovery of Mantoloking is focused on meeting the needs of local residents and expediting their recovery.

Please be sure to post any questions here so we can share the answers with all our residents.

**Q.** *Is anything being done to prevent looting as local streets become more accessible?*

**A.** The police department has added trained police officers to assist in regular patrols of the town.

**Q.** *What should we be doing with the trash generated by Hurricane Sandy?*

**A.** We will be developing a protocol for that in the next few weeks.

<b>Here are some contacts you may find helpful ...</b>	
Federal Emergency Management Agency	<i><a href="http://www.disasterassistance.gov">www.disasterassistance.gov</a></i>