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**City of New Haven to Close Lighthouse Point Park Due to Isaias Damage**

NEW HAVEN, Conn. – Today the City of New Haven announced the closure of Lighthouse Point Park due to the widespread damage from Tropical Storm Isaias. There is currently no power at the park. As a result, the lighthouse is without power, and there are no working bathrooms because there is no power for the sewage injection pumps. Tree damage is widespread, and for the safety of residents and visitors, the park will remain closed until further notice.

“We are working hard to get everyone back online after the storm,” said New Haven Mayor Justin Elicker. “Over the past three days, we have reduced the number of households without power in half and will continue to work with United Illuminating and City Departments to get this done. I want to thank all City staff for working nonstop through this crisis and thank our residents for being patient in this challenging time,” he concluded.

As of this morning, there are just over 5,000 households without power in New Haven. Parks and Public Works Departments has cleared over 140 streets so far with many more to go. New Haven Free Public Libraries are open during regular business hours should residents need to access electricity. The City is also offering one-gallon bags of ice to those that need to keep medicine cool should they be without power.

The City encourages residents to call the New Haven Emergency Operations Center at (203) 946-8221 if they need ice for medication, or to report an emergency such as a fallen tree, or downed powerlines.

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