



Village of Wappingers Falls

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Press Release: Gas Line Explosion - Immediate Response and Relief Efforts Underway

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MAYOR KEVIN HUBER

At approximately 12:15pm yesterday, an unfortunate and devastating gas line explosion occurred at Brick Row and Mill Street resulting in widespread damage and serious injuries to our residents. Our community is shaken by this tragedy, and our thoughts and prayers are with all those affected.

Emergency services were dispatched immediately, and fire-fighting units worked tirelessly to contain and extinguish the fire that ensued. The affected area has now been secured, and a thorough investigation is underway.

We can confirm that there are serious injuries among our residents, and they are receiving the best possible medical care. Families affected by the explosion have been evacuated and are being provided with shelter, food, and necessities. The Knights of Columbus provided a relief center for the community while the Red Cross remained on location and assisted the families with temporary shelter and provisions.

The Mayor's office is working closely with emergency services, relief organizations, and utility providers to coordinate response efforts and provide support to those affected. We are committed to ensuring the safety and well-being of all our residents, and resources are being mobilized to assist in recovery and rebuilding.

We understand that this is a difficult time for our community, and we appreciate the outpouring of support from neighboring communities and organizations. We are resilient, and together, we will overcome this tragedy.

For those looking to help, we encourage gift card donations to help those impacted. The Village Police Station and the PBA will handle the distribution of them.

We urge all residents to stay away from the affected area, to allow emergency services to continue their work and to ensure their own safety. Updates and information on relief efforts will be provided through our website.

We are grateful for the swift response of our emergency services and the support from our community and neighboring areas. Together, we will rebuild and heal.

The Village wishes to extend its heartfelt gratitude to its first responders and its Highway Department for their courageous recovery efforts, Dutchess County Emergency Management, Town of Poughkeepsie Government, the Sheriff's Office, State Police, all surrounding fire departments who assisted in mutual aid efforts, the Knights of Columbus and the Red Cross.

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