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SARATOGA COUNTY OFFICIALS ANNOUNCE ROAD CLOSURES AND URGE RESIDENTS TO REMAIN VIGILANT AND USE CAUTION WHILE DRIVING IN AREAS PRONE TO FLOODING

SARATOGA COUNTY - Saratoga County today announced road closures and released drone footage of areas with minor flooding from the recent heavy rainfall, urging residents to be aware of their surroundings and use caution while driving in areas prone to flooding.

Currently, Saratoga County has the following road closures due to the storm:

Road Closures Due to Flooding

Boyack Rd at Southberry & Riverview Road, Clifton Park

Malta Ave between East Grove and Old Post, Malta

Orchard Park Drive between Valencia Lane & Vineyard Circle, Clifton Park

Outlet Rd - Top of Ballston Lake, Town of Ballston

The images show minor flooding along Malta Ave, Extension, which is currently closed to traffic; the submerged park along Northline Road, just before the train trestle; and the waterflow along the Kaydeross at Route 9.

Theodore T. Kusnierz, Jr., Town of Moreau Supervisor and Chairman of the Saratoga County Board of Supervisors said, "Our Office of Emergency Management and Sheriff's Office are actively monitoring areas of concern in Saratoga County. We urge residents to use caution when driving in areas near bodies of water and areas that are saturated from the overnight rainfall. Thank you to our first responders who continue to monitor the situation to ensure our residents stay safe."

Saratoga County Sheriff Michael Zurlo said, "Our first responders are monitoring weather forecasts and prepared to address any roadways that are affected by the current weather conditions. Residents should also monitor the weather forecast and road closure reports and seek alternative routes if their normal drive is impacted by the high rising water."

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During unfavorable weather conditions, if motorists must drive, they should adhere to the following safety tips:

- Do not drive unless you must.
- Avoid driving in standing or running water.
- Avoid driving while distracted.
- Avoid using cruise control when visibility is low or road surfaces are wet.
- Always allow for extra driving time.
- Make sure there is plenty of room between vehicles.
- Have your headlights on when using windshield wipers
- Never drive through areas with downed power lines or utility poles.
- Never drive around or remove “road closed” barricades for any reason.
- Do not drive cross flooded roadways. Turn around. Don’t Drown.

Motorists are also encouraged to check the status of road conditions prior to beginning commutes to impacted areas by utilizing the following the Saratoga County Office of Emergency Services and Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office on Twitter and Facebook.

Twitter: @SaratogaOES and @SaratogaSheriff

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/SaratogaOES> and <https://www.facebook.com/saratogacountysheriff>

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DJI-0272 – An aerial view of Malta Avenue in the Town of Malta, as seen from a Saratoga County Sheriff’s Office drone. Malta Ave was closed due to heavy rains that impacted the region on Thursday evening, April 7th and caused the cresting of the Mourning Kill. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. Turn Around Don’t Drown.



DJI_0296 - An aerial view of State Route 9 over the Kayaderosseras Creek in the City of Saratoga Springs, as seen from a Saratoga County Sheriff's Office drone. Several roadways across the county were closed due to heavy rains that impacted the region on Thursday evening, April 7th. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown.



DJI_0252 – An aerial view of Gray's Crossing Park along the Kayaderosseras Creek in the city of Saratoga Springs, as seen from a Saratoga County Sheriff's Office drone. The park was flooded due to heavy rains that impacted the region on Thursday evening, April 7th and caused the cresting of both the Mourning Kill and Kayaderosseras Creek. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown.



DJI_0262 - An aerial view of Malta Avenue in the Town of Malta, as seen from a Saratoga County Sheriff's Office drone. Malta Ave was closed due to heavy rains that impacted the region on Thursday evening, April 7th and caused the cresting of the Mourning Kill. Do not attempt to cross flooded roadways. Turn Around Don't Drown.