In the aftermath of ‘Super-storm Sandy’, it seems timely to share this Tip. New York State has a website called NY-Alert that contains all kinds of helpful emergency notification information.

If you sign up, you can specify which area(s) you want to know about, and which kinds of hazards you would like to receive alerts for (road closures, weather conditions, etc.). There is also helpful information posted on where to find relief, in the event of an emergency, as you can see above.
The notification map expands a detailed highlight of the affected area, and description, when you hover over and click on the various icons representing road, weather and other conditions that warrant an alert.