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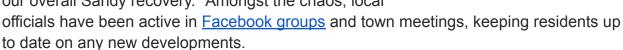
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Boardwalk fire ruled as an accident

SEASIDE PARK, New Jersey - The fire that started on Thursday afternoon in Seaside Park, New Jersey was deemed accidental. Investigators said the cause was linked to aged wiring that was previously damaged by saltwater and sand during Hurricane Sandy. The fire started under Kohr's frozen custard stand and the Biscayne candies shop and eventually spread over four blocks, destroying 68

businesses.

In terms of rebuilding efforts, <u>Governor Chris Christie</u> on Saturday announced that \$15 million would be allocated to the local businesses stunned again by the recent fire. Christie stated, "we're moving as swiftly and aggressively as we can to help these communities and their boardwalk businesses rebuild from this unfortunate stumbling block to our overall Sandy recovery." Amongst the chaos, local



Christie, after the incident, was active in the community by comforting its members with hugs, condolences, and pictures. Although many are mourning the loss of this boardwalk, Gov. Christie and his administration seemed hopeful and made strong promises surrounding the rebuilding efforts.

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