

## Ipswich Chronicle

### **Letter: Zumi's grateful for support**

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To our wonderfully supportive customers, we must extend our deepest gratitude to the many of you who have reached out to offer your help to us during this unexpected flooding! It has meant a lot and helped us as we deal with the uncertainty of waiting!

Many of you have been to Market Street and behind West Coast Video and have seen that the river has extended itself into the basements of all the shops in our building. The town turned off power to all the stores along the riverside starting from Zumi's around the corner to South Main Street. Others have it far worse than we do, and we are very hopeful that, if indeed the worst is over, the water will not reach our floorboards and we will only have to deal with the damage that has been done to the basement.

At this point we are waiting for the water to recede enough so that we can assess the extent of the damage and do whatever we need to do to fix it. The town will need to reinspect all electrical panels, water sources, storage areas, etc. before we can reopen. Our hope is that all this will happen within a week or so.

Again, thank you all for your support. We hope none of you have had extensive damage to your homes. Someday we will all be able to look back at the famous flood of 2006 and share stories over a nice hot latte!

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The ZUMIS family