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FLOODING ISSUES IN THE VILLAGE OF SUMMIT

Recent rainfall events have led to rising levels in the Bark River and the Upper & Lower Nemahbin Lakes in the Village of Summit, resulting in high water levels in that area. Earlier this week, a section of Delafield Road (CTH DR) and N Venice Beach Road were closed as a result of high water levels on the roadway. Those roads remain closed at this time and until water levels recede.

The Village recognizes that water levels continue to rise as a result of upstream activities along the Bark River. As of Friday, August 15 at Noon, the Village has placed sand and sand bags in the parking lot of our Village facilities at 37100 Delafield Road. Residents and property owners can use these to further protect their properties from rising water levels. This is a self-serve situation so please bring the tools you need along with you.

The Village is aware of the concerns related to the potential of heavy rainfall this weekend, and the resulting impacts from upstream activities, and our staff is working with our neighboring communities, Waukesha County Emergency Management, Summit Police Department and Western Lakes Fire District.

The Village is not able to control the upstream impacts that affect properties within the Village of Summit. The City of Delafield is under a WI DNR permit for the dam on Nagawicka Lake and is therefore required to keep that lake at or below a permitted maximum level. When the lake reaches above that level, they are required to open the dam to manage that. This is required to prevent a dam failure which would be far more catastrophic to our communities. The City of Delafield is very empathetic and aware of the downstream impacts. Tom Hafner, City Administrator/Public Works Director, is monitoring the area of Upper Nemahbin/Bark River and taking that into consideration when directing how much to open the dam. We will continue to keep in contact with the city over the weekend as they will be monitoring the situation.

The Village of Merton dam is being closely monitored by Waukesha County and DNR Engineers and the Village of Summit is being updated with any new information related to that structure. You can find information and a statement from the Village of Merton Village President on their website: <https://villageofmerton.com>.

If your property has or does sustain damage as a result of the flooding, you can Call **211** to report any damages and the information will be relayed to Western Lakes Fire District and the Village of Summit Administrator for further follow up. Clean-Up resources are also available by calling 211.

The Village of Summit is sensitive to the impacts that the recent intense rainfalls cause on water levels in Summit. We will continue to offer assistance and provide information to assist with questions and concerns as we continue to deal with stabilization and recovery from this situation.

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