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FOX RIVER FLOODING: RESIDENTS ADVISED TO SEEK ALTERNATIVE SHELTER if THEIR HOME IS AFFECTED BY FLOODING

The National Weather Service (NWS) in Sullivan WI has predicted that the Fox River will rise from its current flood stage of 11.35 Feet (6:00 AM on February 11) and will crest at 11.85 Feet by Tuesday evening February 12, then begin falling. The Fox River Height/flow is measured at the New Munster River Gauge in the Town of Wheatland.

In the Oakwood Shores Subdivision in the Town of Wheatland, water is on some of the streets at 11.2 feet. At approximately 12.2 feet, water may start entering some of the low lying homes in the Oakwood Shores Subdivision.

“Residents are urged to take extreme caution and seek alternative shelter if their home is affected by flooding and they are unable to get into their home until the river subsides. When the flood waters get this high, swift currents may be present which will pose an extreme danger to residents and any First Responders whom may have to assist if an emergency arises. Residents, who choose to remain in flooded areas, do so at their own risk.” stated Ben Schliesman, Director, Kenosha County Emergency Management.

Residents needing temporary housing assistance may contact the American Red Cross at 1-800-236-8680.

“We constantly monitor the Fox River and other areas of the County where flooding occurs or might occur. Water can be extremely dangerous; it takes only two feet of water covering a roadway to carry away most automobiles. It is critical that people be aware of their surroundings when water is present and that they do not drive through flooded areas or try and stay in an area and wait out the flood; they may be putting their lives and their loved ones lives in serious jeopardy,” said Schliesman.

NOTE: In Kenosha County the Fox River flows through the Towns of Salem and Wheatland and the Village of Silver Lake.