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BURLINGTON DEALING WITH FLOOD EMERGENCY

Racine – The City of Burlington has issued an update on the flooding situation due to unprecedented rain and continued weather events.

The Fox River has already exceeded its highest historical crest level, and is expected to peak at 16.5 feet by noon tomorrow. The previous highest level was 13.5 feet.

“The strong and continued caution is for people to stay away from the river and stay off the bridges. The river continues to rise and the current is extremely intense, making this area hazardous. We cannot express this message strongly enough,” stated Burlington Police Chief Mark Anderson.

The City has been without power and telephone service. These services are slowly being restored to parts of the Burlington community. Several streets and all bridges remain closed and law enforcement are on hand to monitor traffic.

Sand bags are being filled and distributed to the community. Two pick-up points are: Walgreens, 680 Milwaukee Ave.; and Karcher Middle School, 225 Robert Street.

Mayor Jeanne Hefty has issued a citywide curfew for both vehicles and people from 10 pm to 6 pm for safety reasons. “We continue to monitor this whole situation closely. Our hope is that we get no further rain, no further damage, and our residents can have a peaceful night.”

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