**PRESS RELEASE**

**Cannon River Levels**

**July 20, 2019**

The Northfield Police Department is asking the community, and especially those in flood prone areas, to monitor weather warnings and river levels.

Recent heavy rains in the Cannon and Straight River watershed areas have made levels in the Cannon River (and other area rivers and streams) rise sharply. In addition, the National Weather Service is predicting the river will continue to rise over the next couple of day. The current weather forecast looks like rain will hold off to later in the week. This should allow the river to reach its peak elevation and begin to recede.

**The City of Northfield reminds Residents and Property Owners:**

* Property owners in flood prone areas should actively monitor weather notifications and river levels, and ensure protective plans and supplies are properly prepared.
* All community members should monitor weather and flood warnings via weather radio, cellphone apps, TV alerts, or the **Everbridge** Alert system. Residents should also review their shelter plans for Severe Weather Warnings.
* Sign up to receive Emergency Alerts via **Everbridge** at <https://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/634/Be-Notified-Of-An-Emergency>. Check personal devices and subscriptions used to receive weather alerts to ensure you have the ability to monitor such alerts.

* Numerous resources and information are posted on the Northfield website Home page and Police page, under “Emergency Preparedness Resources” at the following link <http://www.ci.northfield.mn.us/index.aspx?NID=985>.

City staff will continue to monitor weather conditions and information from the NWS, plan accordingly, work with partner groups, and disseminate notices as necessary.

If you see dangerous water conditions or concerns, please call the Northfield Non-Emergency number: **507-645-4477.**

During business hours, please contact Sgt. Scott Johnson with any questions, 507-663-9484.