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### **City of Warren Flood Update**

**Warren, MI (Aug. 2, 2024)** - Warren Mayor Lori M. Stone would like to provide an update on the flood event that occurred last night (08/01/2024) and carried over into the morning hours of today (08/02/2024). Most of the flooding on the roadways has subsided as of this time.

Last night, the City of Warren experienced a flood event caused by torrential rainfall. Preliminary estimates show that the south-end of Warren received approximately 2 inches of rainfall in about one hour. In the north-end of the City, it is estimated that at least 3 inches of rain fell within one hour. This storm inundated the City's infrastructure which, like most 70-year-old infrastructure, was only designed to accommodate rain events of 2 inches or less. The Warren Fire Department reported that the storm produced a few downed wires and several alarms related to water infiltrating alarm systems. The Police Department noted that calls to 911 tripled during this event, with the main concentration of calls being for flooded roadways, downed wires, non-working intersections, and disabled vehicles. Hoover Rd. south of 12 Mile sustained heavy flooding with 19 vehicles being towed as a result of this storm. No injuries or fatalities occurred as a result of this incident. The area of 12 Mile and Hoover was reopened shortly before 8:00am this morning.

The pool at the Warren Community Center is closed due to flooding. The pool equipment is anticipated to need repairs and it is expected that the pool will remain closed for the upcoming weeks. All other facilities at the Community Center remain open and available for residents to use.

Mayor Stone wants residents to know that the City's Department of Public Works employees, Water Department, Sanitation Department, Police Department, and Fire Department are working to address flooding concerns. In addition, the members of the volunteer-based Community Emergency Response Team (CERT) have been also working non-stop to address the flooding, infrastructure, traffic, and other neighborhood concerns for Warren residents.

If you have a flooded basement, please contact the city of Warren Water Department at 586-759-9200. It is recommended that residents photograph and document flood damage before, after, and during cleanup efforts. Mayor Stone has authorized Warren Sanitation workers to collect flooded refuse this Saturday (08/03/2024) as residents work to clean up their homes and yards.

As a general reminder, never drive through a pool of standing water. Find another way around without driving through the water. If you see or suspect a downed power line, stay at least 25 feet away. Keep children and pets away and use extreme caution, particularly near standing water or metal fences. Please call 911 or DTE (1-800-477-4747) immediately to report a downed wire.

Mayor Stone stated that "last night's severe flooding was a challenging event for our community. Our city departments and dedicated volunteers responded swiftly to address the situation and support our residents. We are grateful for their tireless efforts and the cooperation of everyone involved. As we begin the recovery process, I want to remind everyone to stay safe, avoid standing water, and report any hazards. The City of Warren is committed to assisting all residents during this time, and together, we will overcome this challenge."

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