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Chippewa River Update

Wednesday, April 29, 2020

Recent rain runoff in the upper Chippewa River watershed is likely to result in increased levels on the Chippewa River in Eau Claire.

At 6 a.m. the Chippewa River gauge at Grand Avenue read just under 762 feet, which is 11 feet *below* the flood stage reading of 773 feet.

The current crest projection is 765 feet on Saturday. As the river rises it will enter our Action stage and the following safety measures can be expected along the lowest lying areas of the Chippewa River Trail.

For the safety of residents, the following areas are closed effective Friday, May 1:

- Chippewa River Trail - behind the UW-Eau Claire Fine Arts Building
- Chippewa River Trail - at the boat landing behind Hobbs Ice Arena

The City will continue to monitor the river closely and additional areas of the trail system will be closed as necessary for safety.

What Residents Can Do

Stay Safe

When rivers are at an increased level they can contain debris and generate currents that are stronger, faster, and more unpredictable than normal which makes recreational use of the river unsafe.

Stay Informed

Sign up for Rave Alerts – a free service that will provide emergency messages for Eau Claire County, the City of Eau Claire, and the City of Altoona to you via text, recorded message, email, or all three. To register visit GetRave.com/login/Eau-Claire and click “Register” in the upper right of the site.

Get email updates through the City of Eau Claire website at EauClaireWI.gov. Under “Our City” look for e-Notifications.

Further information is available by contacting the City of Eau Claire, Department of Community Services 715-839-4649. A recorded version of the river level update is available at 715-839-6002.

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