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Power Substation Damage Causes Street Light Outages

Among the many problems this flooding has caused, power outages are a major cause for concern in District 1. In particular, two substations have been damaged by water in the area and as a result, local street lights are out and will remain out for several days. Street lighting crews are fast at work pumping the stations out, but there is no estimate for when, or if, they will be functional again.

Alderman Hamilton is working with Milwaukee Police Chief Ed Flynn to ensure the safety and protection of all residents. The alderman has asked for more patrols and asks residents to practice personal safety when the streets are darkened. The areas affected by the substations are Silver Spring Dr. to Hampton Ave. and from the Milwaukee River to about 29th St, also the area from Hampton Ave. to near Carmen Ave. and from Teutonia Ave. to Hopkins St. The alley lights for those areas should operate normally as those lights are energized from a different source.

“This is a hazardous and stressful time for our neighborhoods. Safety is our top concern and we are working with the Milwaukee Police Department to ensure that when our streets are darkened the next few evenings, adequate safety measures are in place,” Ald. Hamilton said.

The district is one of many heavily affected by flooding, but the crisis near Lincoln Creek and the washed out basements add to the tragedy in the area. “The city has a number of help services available to residents, but any concerns over flooding or damaged property should be reported to 286-CITY (2489) as a first step,” the alderman added.

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Street Lights/ADD ONE

“All departments are fully engaged in this situation and residents should also protect themselves by avoiding all rivers and creeks and keeping flood-damaged trash separate from other garbage to protect from health issues that can arise from contaminated waters.”

“The street lighting team at the Department of Public works has assured me that they will do all they can to get the street lights operating as soon as possible,” Alderman Hamilton said.

“I’ve witnessed an amazing number of acts of kindness and help offered between neighbors and strangers as people face this crisis. Relying on one another and remaining good neighbors is going to be key in helping us emerge from this flood,” Alderman Hamilton said.

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