

June 12, 2013

Dear Westwood Residents,

Weather forecasts for Thursday, June 13<sup>th</sup> into Friday June 14<sup>th</sup> call for significant rainfall as dangerous storms are tracking from the Great Lakes to the Mid -Atlantic and Northern New Jersey. Damaging straight-line wind gusts, large hail and tornadoes will be concerns on both days. Severe thunderstorms creating Particularly Dangerous Situations (PDS) are expected. Several inches of rain are expected within 24 hours, with locally heavy downpours throughout our area.

Current conditions in the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir have the water elevation at 94.50 feet, leaving only 0.50 feet of capacity before the maximum 95 foot elevation is reached. The Oradell Reservoir is currently at 23.07 feet leaving only 0.09 feet of capacity before exceeding its spillway crest.

A severe flood advisory has been set beginning at 8:00 AM on Thursday and continuing into Friday. The expected rainfall amounts may create the potential to cause severe flooding in historically susceptible neighborhoods in both Westwood and Hillsdale.

Because of the severe threat, the NJDEP HAS AUTHORIZED A WATER RELEASE from the Woodcliff Lake Reservoir. UNITED WATER HAS COMMENCED THIS DRAWDOWN OPERATION.

I strongly advise all residents living in flood prone areas to take all necessary precautions to secure your property from the threats of high winds and flood waters.

The Borough of Westwood Office of Emergency Management will be providing updates as the storm tracks closer to Westwood.

Please know that we will do everything in our power to ensure the safety of our residents should this storm continue on its projected path.

Sincerely,

Borough of Westwood

John Birkner, Jr. - Mayor