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Witkowski To Host Public Meeting On Recent Commercial and Residential Flooding

Alderman Terry Witkowski will hold a public meeting next week to discuss the recent flooding along the Kinnickinnic River and in the area near Maitland and Copernicus Parks involving the flowage call the Oak Creek.

The meeting will be held July 30, at 6:30 P.M. in the school auditorium at Ronald Reagan High School, located at 4965 S 20th St.

Rains in June brought flooding in these areas, causing property damage to many homes and businesses near these waters. "The main purpose of this meeting is to see what can be done, if anything, to prevent flooding in the future," said Alderman Witkowski.

Alderman Witkowski has invited several officials from different organizations to discuss what can be done about the flooding. Among those invited are representatives from the Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District, the Department of Natural Resources, the Wisconsin Department of Transportation, city and county engineers, as well as the state representatives, state senators and county supervisors that represent the affected areas. The public is also invited and encouraged to attend this meeting and air any concerns.

One of the main concerns in one of the areas flooded was that cattails blocked the flow of water at bridges causing the creeks to overflow into roadways, yards, homes and businesses. According to Alderman Witkowski, there has been conflicting information as to whose responsibility it is to cut or remove the cattails to prevent future flooding. "There are multiple jurisdictions involved and by bringing all parties together, I hope to get solutions and commitments that will avoid problems in the future," said Ald. Witkowski.