

MEDIA ADVISORY

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PUBLIC MEETING TO VIEW FAIRFIELD COUNTY'S NEW FLOOD INSURANCE RATE MAPS

WHAT: There will be a public meeting to allow residents and business owners in **Stratford** to view new preliminary Flood Insurance Rate Maps, also known as flood hazard maps. The meeting will allow residents to view the new maps, understand how their properties may be affected and learn more about financial steps that they may need to take to protect their investment. Staff from FEMA and the Connecticut Dept. of Environmental Protection will be available to answer questions and provide a short presentation.

The new maps, scheduled to become effective on **June 18, 2010**, will not impact everyone, but could have flood insurance implications for some property owners with federally-backed mortgages. There are “grandfathering” options for property owners shown in higher-risk zones for the first time, which will also be discussed. To take advantage of grandfathering, a flood insurance policy must be purchased before the maps go effective, in most cases. Some property owners may find that their property is no longer shown in a high-risk area. The key is for residents to be aware what their flood risk is so they can make informed decisions to protect their property.

WHEN & WHERE:

Wednesday, April 7, 2010
Town of Darien
Auditorium
Town Hall, first floor
2 Renshaw Road
Darien, CT 06820

2:00-4:00 pm
6:00-8:00 pm

Thursday, April 8, 2010
Town of Newtown
Council Chambers
Town Hall
3 Primrose Street
Newtown, CT 06470

2:00-4:00 pm
6:00-8:00 pm

At both dates and locations, schedule is:

2:00-3:00pm and 6:00-7:00pm - Open House

3:00-4:00pm and 7:00-8:00pm - Presentation with question period following