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## Tragedy on the Neshaminy

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They're the words everyone touched by an accident on the water fears most: "Efforts have switched from rescue to recovery."

Almost always, the next news confirms a tragedy.

On Thursday, the bodies of Perry Krewson and Dan Tadrzynski — both 18, both of Bensalem and both recent high school graduates — were found after the young men disappeared late Tuesday evening while swimming in the rain-swollen, fast-moving waters of Neshaminy Creek. A 17-year-old companion swimming with the two managed to get to shore and notify police after his friends foundered. About 100 people, including rescue workers, firefighters and U.S. Coast Guard personnel, immediately searched for several hours, then resumed looking Wednesday morning and continued on Thursday.

A volunteer Bensalem firefighter found Krewson's body about 7:45 that evening. Earlier, Tadrzynski's body had been located around noon by Krewson's uncle, searching in a kayak.

Words tend to fail at this point. When two promising young lives are snuffed out so suddenly, we can offer but inadequate expressions of condolence to the families and friends of the deceased.

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What everyone should take away from this is a very clear warning about the potentially killing power of moving water, particularly in the hot summer months

when the temptation to cool off in the nearest creek or river can easily blind one to the dangers involved. This is especially the case when waterways have been swollen by rain, making them an even more tempting target for young people infused with a sense of adventure and emboldened by a feeling of invincibility.

Indeed, Bensalem Public Safety Director Fred Harran noted the stretch of creek where the teens were swimming — near the Neshaminy Falls train station and accessible by the tracks — is a popular recreational spot during the summer. But it's posted with a "No Swimming" sign because the waters become dangerous and fast-moving following heavy rain.

We can put it no more succinctly than Bensalem police Sgt. Andrew Aninsman, who assisted in the rescue and recovery effort: "Stay out of the Neshaminy Creek." That goes for many other normally placid waterways that can turn ugly very quickly in bad weather.