

# BOROUGH OF WATCHUNG

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## PRESS RELEASE

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**WATCHUNG, N.J.** - The U.S. Geological Survey (USGS) released a statement earlier today indicating an earthquake registering 4.8 on the Richter scale occurred at 10:23am (EDT) in the Tewksbury area of central NJ. Watchung residents were among many areas close to the epicenter that felt significant tremors. Fortunately, we have not received any reports of significant damage in Watchung. If you are aware of any damage to structures, utilities, roads, or anything else out of the ordinary, that pose a potential safety concern, call 911 to report the incident. For minor concerns of a non-emergency type, or you have any safety related issues, please call the PD non-emergency number at 908-756-3663 or the Borough Administrator at Borough Hall at (908) 756-0080.

This is a natural event and it is not uncommon for aftershocks to occur. In fact, it was reported that earlier this afternoon, an aftershock registering 2.0 on the Richter scale was detected at Bernardsville. Aftershocks may continue to occur over the next several days but tend to be less significant than the initial event.

Our Emergency Management, Police and Fire departments will continue to work together to monitor the situation and may release additional updates, by Nixle, as necessary.