

# Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Meeting—June 22, 2017: Hydrangea Room // 7-8.30 pm.

## AGENDA

Issue/ item	Lead person	Estimated Time	Hour
Welcome & issues overview	Claudine Schweber	1 min	
Suggestions for TP Council/response to Rizzy Q (ward 3)	Schweber and ALL	20	7.21
Identify city vulnerabilities, city survey input	Ron Hardy	20	7.41
Preparedness calendar & 'do 1 thing.com'	Jen Kurtinitis	15	7.56
Web page update	R.Hardy	15	8.11
Preparedness Month : actions	All	9	8.20
Other	All	10	8.30

**Next Meeting: July, 27, Thursday 7pm**

### Emergency preparedness links:

America's PrepareAthon! Be Smart. Take Part. Prepare. <https://community.fema.gov/about>

America's PrepareAthon! is an opportunity for individuals, organizations, and communities to prepare for specific hazards through group discussions, drills, and exercises. This link will give you information about hazards which can affect your community and ways you can take action to prepare and participate. <https://community.fema.gov/take-action/hazards>

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association -- <http://www.madra.org/> : June 28—11.30-2/ at Fannie Mae/ Wisconsin Ave NW

### Training:

- Virginia Dept of Emergency Management: <http://www.vaemergency.com/em/training>
- Maryland Emergency Management Agency - <http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp>
- Federal Emergency Management Agency- <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all>
- International Federation of the Red Cross - <https://ifrc.csod.com/client/ifrc/default.aspx>
- Disasterready.org - <http://www.disasterready.org>

Attendance: Claudine, Fred, Jenny, Ron, Richalina

## Items for Council

1. Utilize electric signs for preparedness messages.
  - Identify seasonal messages that can be posted when the signs aren't in use.
  - Communication plan
  - Sign up for Takoma Alert
  - Can it be multi-lingual?
2. PSAs, esp utilizing Council members
3. Put together monthly preparedness tidbits that can be shared at meetings, via email, etc. Utilize the FEMA [2017 National Seasonal Preparedness Messaging Calendar](#)
4. Adding preparedness items to the City survey – do not have to be the same, but some along these lines. Would need to define “emergency” and how it relates to the City.
  - [2009 questions](#) (p35):
    - Please rate how well you think the City of Takoma Park has prepared the city for an emergency
    - Are you aware that every household should have a 3-day supply of food, medicine and personal products in case of an emergency such as a severe storm

## Web Page Updates

- Ron to send Richalina EPC Preparedness Month 1 pager to reformat and add quantities. Once updated, can post on the webpage.
- Need to add photos
- Kid-specific links – [FEMA Ready Kids](#), [MoCo OEM/HS resources](#), [Red Cross Youth Preparedness](#), [Sesame Street Emergency Preparedness](#) + Claudine's games:
  - [Red Cross Emergency Response Unit](#)
  - [United Nations - Stop Disasters](#)
- Where to find the Committee? National Night Out, Folk Festival, Street Festival
- Aps
  - [Red Cross apps](#) (10) covers disaster, blood donation, human first aid, pet first aid, military member support
  - [FEMA Mobile App](#)