

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, 25 February 2021

7-8.30 pm via ZOOM

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time/ minutes
--Preparedness issues, overview of meeting, guest introduction	Claudine Schweber Ron Hardy	10
Guest: Kathleen Bartels; Montgomery County Vaccine Hunters  <a href="https://www.fox5dc.com/news/vaccine-hunters-group-of-montgomery-county-women-work-together-to-help-seniors-get-vaccinated">https://www.fox5dc.com/news/vaccine-hunters-group-of-montgomery-county-women-work-together-to-help-seniors-get-vaccinated</a>	Ms. Bartels	20
City, County updates	Ron Hardy	15
Community issues and Actions: --covid 19 sign up: challenges → 22+ locations; technology dominance; computer access & IT access, etc. Actions?: --preparedness info & checklist distribution: status and next steps --housing, food: status? --weather --car thefts, increase? → actions? --other  Communicating with the TPK community: --listservs --disability community, elderly -- Takoma radio; news column; --Village of TPK; organizations --varied language communities --others?	ALL	35
Topics for news column, radio, other?	ALL	10

**Next Meeting: 25 March 2021**

## **Emergency preparedness links:**

Financial Preparedness----- <https://www.ready.gov/financial-preparedness>

MADRA: Mid-Atlantic Disaster Recovery Association <http://www.madra.org/> : quarterly & online

MD Emergency Management Agency - <http://www.mema.state.md.us/calendar/index.asp>

Emergency Preparedness <https://www.ready.gov/>

Federal Emergency Management Agency- <http://training.fema.gov/is/crslist.asp?page=all>

## **Notes---EPC meeting, 25 February 2021**

Participants: Patrick Fleming, Chris Beck, Kathleen Quinn, Buddy Daniels, Steve Schwartz, Rebecca Chestnut, Tom Horne, Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber (notes); Guest Kathleen Barnes

Next meeting: March 25--\*\* Discuss EPC Mission and City Council talk re committee reassessments.

Discussions/ issues:

-Patrick Fleming, Emergency Prep/ Montgomery County;

- shared recovery survey issues: concerns re transportation, resources
- covid-19: pre-registration for 75 and over via county → not coordinated with hospitals, pharmacies, others. # info: 240-777-2982;
- Montgomery County only gets 30% of available vaccines from the state!

-Guest: Kathleen Bartels, Montgomery County Vaccine Hunters

- Formed due to terrible problems finding vaccines: no internet, no phone #s available; complicated process via tech site, etc.
- Mo Co has \*\*\* no single site for signing up→8 MoCo teachers—4 speak English; 4 speak Spanish.—purpose to help especially elderly get vaccine appointments.
- <https://www.facebook.com/vaccinehunters>; vaccinehunters@gmail.com
- Have spreadsheet showing vaccine openings.
- Since vaccine amount very limited, the Vaccine Hunters are focusing on working with varied groups to get more and set up easy access/understanding of process in several languages

-City Items: Ron Hardy

- Exploring setting up of vaccine clinics in Takoma Park
- Police items: thefts from cars; thefts of catalytic converters; some home robberies
- Issue: providing before and after school childcare

--Other:

- Food distribution: many locations in area

- Checklist flyers: continue distribution of paper flyers at food distribution sites, Sunday Farmers' market, buildings that need more (Franklin?), etc. –note: electronic version sent to several TPKCouncil members, Md House representatives. Need to identify more locations.
- Suggestions for future speakers: State Fire marshal; reps from Takoma Park volunteer Fire Dept; rep from Gallaudet Univ;
- Shared many food distribution options via local schools. (see attached)