

Emergency Preparedness Committee (EPC) City of Takoma Park

Thursday, 28 January 2021

7-8.30 pm via ZOOM

AGENDA

Issue/ item	Person	Est. Time/ minutes
--Hello again—Welcome 2021 --EPC Member-share personal situation, briefly --City/ county information	Claudine Schweber Ron Hardy	20
Community issues/ concerns: --covid-19; --car thefts; --weather; --housing, food --? scams; --others	ALL	25
Actions --Checklist distribution—where? --use of listservs; Takoma radio; news column; --contact with elderly, retirees --contact with Village TPK --disability community --languages: English, Spanish and? --other	ALL	25
--Your community contacts: listserv, groups, etc --neighborhood groups --POSNA --Items for future discussion	ALL	15

Next Meeting: 25 February 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 of EPC Meeting 28 Jan 2021 7-8.30 pm

Participants: Mary Muchui, Buddy Daniels, Steve Schwartz, Kathleen Quinn, Chris Beck, Rebecca Chestnutt, Ron Hardy, Claudine Schweber (note-taker)

Information and discussion:

- Covid update: insufficient vaccines in Montgomery county; masks are needed for homeless people; no indoor dining; concern re new strains of vaccine
- Covid testing: free Wed and Sat, 10am-5 pm; Recreation dept 7315 New Hampshire Ave. Walk-in service, no appointment, no medical info, no id **Testing Helpline: 240-777-1755**
- Technology: problem→ info and registration for vaccine, etc often requires internet access but not everyone has this or computer access→problem, libraries & thus computers, not open: issue—how to provide information to these people and offer telephone contact
- Temporary internet 'hot spots': available from Montgomery County libraries. Must be 14 years old, have a library card, good for 1 time two weeks /no renewal.
<https://montgomerycountymd.gov/library/services/internet-to-go.html>
- Text 911: now available in Maryland. Enables persons with speech or hearing disability to ask for help. –enter 911 in text 'to' section+ brief message
<https://conduitstreet.mdcounties.org/2020/08/19/maryland-launches-statewide-text-to-911-service/>
- Reminder: CARE program/ via Police Dept. for persons living alone—check in:
<https://takomaparkmd.gov/government/police/services-and-programs/caring-about-residents-everyday-care-2/>

To Do:

- Distribute checklist flyers: downtown (Chris); working Takoma Village (Buddy); Food distribution places –need to identify (all who can); Lee Ave (Claudine)+ more locations—to be identified.
Note: please recommend places for paper checklist distribution+ electronic → Spanish and English
- Disability issues follow up: Md Dept of Disabilities (Claudine); POSNA (Mary)
- Identify issues, topics for Feb Meeting→ 25 February