

Strawberry Community,

The following is information regarding upcoming emergency preparedness opportunities for the Strawberry Community as well as an update on SRD's emergency response protocol. Please take a moment to read through this information and please get involved in upcoming community efforts to educate and prepare in the event of a local disaster.

Strawberry Community Emergency Preparedness

The Strawberry Recreation District is in the process of scheduling community meetings and training opportunities to continue our efforts to educate residents and businesses in preparedness and response initiatives in the event of a disaster in our local area.

SRD is currently setting up a schedule for experts to meet and train our community in areas of first aid, CPR, and emergency disaster preparedness. Trainings will be facilitated by organizations including ARC (CPR/First Aid), Ready Marin (including Earthquake Preparedness) and Community Emergency Response (who will help us, how, and how we can help others). The dates of these trainings along with sign-ups will be posted at <https://Strawberry.marin.org>, emailed to all those registered on SRD's database, and posted via NextDoor Strawberry. We have requested trainings to be scheduled during days and evenings in order to make these important sessions available to all residents.

The Strawberry Community and local businesses have made extraordinary efforts to support the first responders and victims of the fire disaster. This situation drives home the message of how important it is to be prepared and ready in the event of an emergency situation and we hope our community will support the efforts of experts to educate and teach us to help ourselves and others in a crisis situation. When you receive a notice with dates, please sign up heads of household or your whole family to attend these sessions together. This is a great opportunity for us to come together as a community to learn and share best practices and be as prepared as we can be to get through any disaster.

SRD Emergency Response

Some in the community have inquired about SRD's role as emergency responders in Strawberry. Our main building rooms are rated by American Red Cross to house the "evacuation of 270 persons in an emergency event" and "shelter approximately 136 persons in a post-impact event"; however, the buildings designed 48-58 years ago are constructed with plywood window transoms/levers and single pane glass panels instead of window frames. These features along with aging doors and frames prevent the SRD buildings from being air-tight. The air quality inside the building is the same as the exterior. In this air quality emergency the buildings were not able to be utilized as they lack air filter/purification, fan and/or a/c systems. If you would like more information, please see pages 56-57 of the 2017 Activity Guide for information about the SRD

established role and limitations of the SRD site in emergency response situations. Please note that in local emergency events SRD will function as a Youth Reunification Site.

On Thursday, October 12th, the BAAQMD forecast was rated as “unhealthy” through Sunday the 15th. The decision was made to close the facility and redirect the staff to volunteer efforts through the weekend. Working through the Office of Emergency Services, SRD provided volunteer hours, supplies and services to the Fire Strike Teams hosted in Strawberry and secured donations from local business to provide almost \$1,000 in gift cards and \$600 in cash utilized to purchase requested items to help sustain the needs of the Fire Strike Teams while residing in Strawberry. SRD furnishings were made available to the Fire Department and they have been given full access to SRD while here.

Our thoughts are with all those impacted by the fire disaster. On a personal note, two of our staff have homes in the Tubbs fire zone and both homes survived the fires. As well, one of our staff performed lifesaving CPR to a pedestrian in crisis on the side of the road in Santa Rosa.

Please plan to sign up for our upcoming emergency preparedness and response meetings and trainings; knowledge is power and your attendance will make a huge difference for your family and for our community. Dates coming soon!

We always welcome the community to attend our monthly board meetings. For those who haven't attended in the last year, we keep our meetings streamlined and focused and we work hard to adjust the schedule of our agenda to address needs of the community present. Our next board meeting is scheduled for November 14 at 7 p.m. where we will continue to discuss the impending changes to the pool houses.

Stay safe and healthy!

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