



CAMANO PREPAREDNESS GROUP

September 2022 NEWSLETTER



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Vista Madrona Fire Station – 273 N. West Camano Dr.

Making Plans: Weather

Severe weather is becoming an increasing concern. With that in mind, we are adding a weather-related section to the newsletter with suggestions from the National Weather Service and NOAA. It will also include information from Ted Buehner’s North Sound Weather Minute podcasts – <https://anchor.fm/ted-buehner>.

According to the North Sound Weather Minute podcast, the prediction for September is that the warm, dry weather will continue through the month, extending the wildfire season. Continued safety with outdoor burning will be critical. Please use water wisely throughout this prolonged dry period. The National Weather Service emphasizes the following: water the lawn infrequently and only in the early morning or late evening; keep mulch around trees and plants to reduce evaporation; fix leaky sprinklers; wash your car only when absolutely necessary. We can help to protect our critical water resource.

We also recommend you learn about Firewise and how to protect your property from wildfires.



Sue discussing preparedness with a visitor to NNO at Camano Fire Station #4 – Vista Madrona.



Bob kept the hotdogs cooking.



And Lee offered them up! It was a busy evening!!!



National Night Out



National night out was a tremendous success, both for Stanwood and for Camano! Above, Sandy, Carole, and Chris at NNO Stanwood.



Meetings

The September board meeting will be on September 6th from 1-3 pm at the Vista Madrona Fire Station. The September 8th general meeting will be from 7-9 pm at the Vista Madrona Station. All general meetings are open to the public. The September 8th program will feature: “**Active Shooter – What to do**” with Levon Yengoyan, CIFR Fire Chief, Lt. Scott Fague, Island County Sheriff, and Jose Briones, Chief Jail Deputy. There have been a couple of Active Shooter incidents in Mt. Vernon, most recently at Walmart. We all need to know what to expect and what to do in such a terrifying situation. Come learn how to keep you and your family safe!



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Upcoming Events – A Full Calendar!

Preparedness & Safety Fair



See our Preparedness and Safety Fair Flyer at the end of this newsletter!

Camano 101

Camano Island has a remarkable number of services and resources available to our residents. Come learn about living on our island. There will be snacks and tons of information regarding local beaches, parks, trails, landscaping for wildlife, caring for your septic system, emergency preparedness, bus service, recycling and more! The event will take place at the Camano Center, 606 Arrowhead Road on September 24th from 1-4pm.

CERT Basic Training

A reminder to those of you who have registered for October's CERT Basic Training Course – the course runs from Friday evening, October 14th and goes all day Saturday and Sunday, the 15th and 16th. For those who are interested in taking the course, it will be offered again in April of 2023. Watch our newsletter for more information.

Basic CERT goes hand-in-hand with our Neighborhood Ready program. With Neighborhood Ready (formerly Map Your Neighborhood), you can help to organize and prepare your household and neighborhood for disasters. CERT takes you to the next level, providing you with organizational skills needed to establish teams to deal with light search and rescue, disaster triage and first aid, along

with training regarding fire safety, disaster psychology, and terrorism.

Every neighborhood should engage in our Neighborhood Ready program and should further have as many of their residents CERT trained as possible.

Know your Neighbors

Through Neighborhood Ready, you can discover who among your neighbors have skills that can be critical in times of a disaster – doctors, nurses, construction workers, electricians, engineers...it's amazing how many skills may be called upon at such times. You can also discover who among your neighbors may be most vulnerable and in need of assistance right away. Be aware of those senior citizens who may be suffering from some form of dementia, as they will need extra patience in helping them understand the nature of the issues being faced and what needs to be done. Take time to learn about the needs of those who may have walkers or wheelchairs. Help them plan ways for others to assist them out of their homes. Learn ways to help those with vision or hearing problems. Let those with disabilities teach you how best to help them. Working together as a neighborhood can make a huge difference in everyone's ability to endure and recover from a disaster.

Planning Ahead for September

An ongoing look at spreading the cost of preparedness over the year, and at other measures you can take to prepare for an emergency/disaster.

Items to Locate or Purchase:

- Pet carriers and leashes in case evacuation is necessary
- Extra pet food, water, and pet supplies
- Pet IDs and photos
- Pet vaccination records



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Pet-safe de-icer in preparation for the colder months to come
Fuel for generators, fireplaces, and wood/pellet stoves

Actions to Take:

Keep all pet vaccinations up to date and store the records and pet photos along with your disaster supplies. Having photos, especially some of you with your pets, as well as having your pets microchipped and wearing tags can help speed up the process of reuniting you with your beloved animals, should they become separated from you during a disaster. Vaccination records can also help speed the process along

Make sure your generator, fireplace, or wood/pellet stove functions properly. Pay attention to severe weather warnings and have sufficient fuel on hand to get you through power outages.

Useful Websites

CPG – www.camanopreparednessgroup.org

CPG Facebook –

www.facebook.com/CamanoPreparednessGroup

FEMA – <https://training.fema.gov>

CIFR – www.camanofire.com

ICDEM (Island County Dep't. of Emergency Management) –

<https://www.islandcountywa.gov/DEM/Pages/Home.aspx>

Earthquake Country Alliance –

www.earthquakecountry.org/prepare/

Map Your Neighborhood –

<https://mil.wa.gov/map-your-neighborhood>

[MapYourNeighborhood_booklet.pdf \(ncna.info\)](#)

Stanwood Camano Amateur Radio Club –

www.scarcwa.org

Robert Mitchell, MD, FACOG – Disaster

Medicine Project –

<https://www.facebook.com/DisasterMedicineProject>

US Coast Guard – <https://uscgboating.org/mobile/>

How to make a Crisco Emergency Light -

<https://youtu.be/xnNHM4OLkvE>

Disability Related Preparedness Resources –

<https://www.ready.gov/disability>

<https://www.redcross.org/prepare/location/home-family/disabilities>

<https://www.wasilc.org/coalition-on-inclusive-emergency-planning>

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Preparedness – A state of mind!



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Presents

2022 SAFETY & PREPAREDNESS FAIR

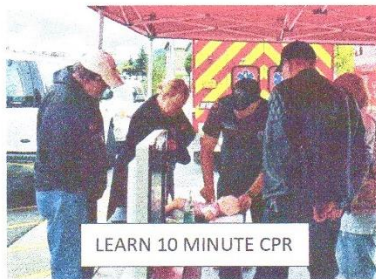
September 10, 2022 – 10:00am-4:00pm

Camano Commons

848 N. Sunrise Dr.

Camano Island WA 98282

Free Admission!



LEARN 10 MINUTE CPR

Come learn about how to prepare for an emergency!

Programs in the Library:

- Preparedness State of Mind
- Home Fire Safety – FireWise
- Emergency Communications

Booths include:

- IC Department of Emergency Management
- ICOM 911
- FireWise
- And much more!



Learn about EMERGENCY RADIO COMMUNICATIONS



Fun for the Kids:

- Kids Burn House
- Kid Crafts

RAFFLE

Have Lunch at one of the fantastic restaurants!

FUN FOR THE WHOLE FAMILY!



Happy Fall Y'all

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