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CASCADIA PRESENTATIONS: "FRIENDS IN HIGH PLACES"

(02.26.18 - Lincoln County)

Saturday's presentation at the Waldport Community Center was standing room only; 71 local community members came out to hear the realistic review of the potential impacts of a Cascadia event and how best to prepare.

Lincoln County Emergency Manager Jenny Demaris noted "One of the best outcomes of today's presentation was connecting community members who might not ever cross paths in their daily routines but by the end of the presentation they had formed a bond...friends in high places."



Betsy Johnson (left) – lives in the local inundation area
Linda Behnke (right) – lives on high ground above Betsy

Betsy Johnson and Linda Behnke both live near each other in South Lincoln County but one is in the local tsunami inundation area and the other is on high ground. After the presentation it became very clear to Betsy, who will need to evacuate on foot for a local tsunami, that she may not have a home to return to nor a place where could she store her critical supplies in advance and shelter after she evacuates. Linda on the other hand, was interested in helping those around her that will need to evacuate the inundation area.

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Jenny Demaris brokered an introduction to the two ladies and suggested they should become tsunami buddies. Introductions and conversation began between the two and within minutes they had formulated a plan to be there for one another at their most vulnerable time.

The term "friends in high places" was generated over the past few years among local public safety representatives and Community Emergency Response Team members who regularly outreach to communities on Cascadia impacts and preparedness.

"The value of friends in high places is to preposition needed supplies for those who will need to evacuate to a location on high ground; this may be with a friend, family, neighbor or in the case of Betsy and Linda complete strangers who have formed a bond and commitment to help each other. As a public safety official and emergency planner I couldn't begin to describe the level of pride I have when our local outreach efforts pay off in such a way. The most effective way for our message to be heard and action taken to prepare is through community members talking to each other and encouraging our aware and prepared vision."

The Saturday Waldport presentation was co-sponsored by Sylvia Pauly, Financial Associate of Thrivent Financial Services. Thrivent Financial Services regularly promotes local outreach and community benefit programs. Sylvia provided an overview of the Map Your Neighborhood program, originated from the State of Washington and promoted throughout Oregon. Sylvia can be reached at Office: 541-579-6612

More information on the Map Your Neighborhood program can be found at:

<http://www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement/page/plan-and-prepare-neighborhood-preparedness> .

Five more presentations are scheduled over the next few weeks and more will be scheduled in the future. The events are open to the public and free; contact Lincoln County Emergency Manager Jenny Demaris for more information. Presentation announcements for these events can be found on our County website at: www.co.lincoln.or.us/emergencymanagement .

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Lincoln City – St. Clair Fire Station

4520 SE Hwy 101
Thursday – March 8, 2018
2pm-4pm & 6pm-8pm

Newport – South Beach

Oregon Coast Community College
400 SE College Way, Community Room
Thursday – March 22, 2018
2pm-4pm & 6pm-8pm

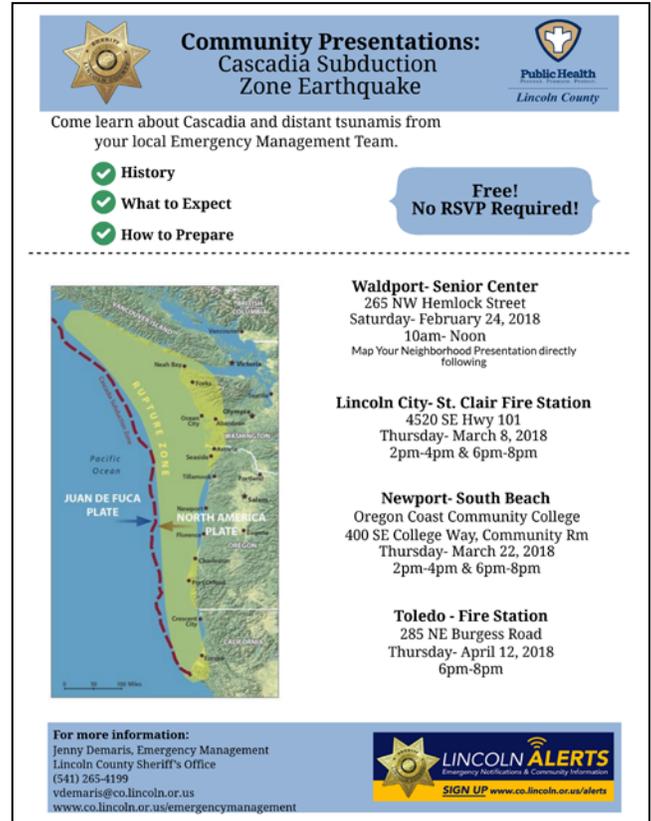
Toledo - Fire Station

285 NE Burgess Rd
Thursday – April 12, 2018
6pm-8pm

Office of Oregon Emergency Management

Gleneden Beach Fire Station

Tsunami Preparedness Chat
6445 Gleneden Beach Loop
~~Tuesday – February 27, 2018~~
Rescheduled to Tuesday, March 13, 2018
10:30am-11:30am



Community Presentations:
Cascadia Subduction
Zone Earthquake

Come learn about Cascadia and distant tsunamis from your local Emergency Management Team.

- History
- What to Expect
- How to Prepare

Free! No RSVP Required!

Waldport- Senior Center
265 NW Hemlock Street
Saturday- February 24, 2018
10am- Noon
Map Your Neighborhood Presentation directly following

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- Photo 1 - Lincoln County Sheriff's Office
Betsy Johnson (left) – lives in local inundation area
Linda Behnke (right) – lives on high ground
The Help/Ok signs are sponsored by Lincoln County Sheriff's Office.
- Photo 2 – Sylvia Pauly
 - Waldport Cascadia Community presentation 02/24/18

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