

10/29/19

To: Gearhart Mayor Brown, Gearhart City Councilors Jesse, Fackerell, Smith, Cockrum and City Administrator Sweet

From: Wilson and Jeanne Mark
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Gearhart, OR

Re: City of Gearhart Great Oregon Shakeout Participation, October 17, 2019 @ 10:17 a.m.

Dear Mayor, Councilors, and Administrator,

This Great Oregon Shakeout exercise was extremely valuable to all of us who participated in it and evacuated up to High Point. Ten of us showed up at this location. Wilson and I walked up to High Point from our home, with our go bags on our backs, and reached it in 10 minutes. Though High Point is not a formally appointed assembly area, we all knew it was one of the best spots in Gearhart to evacuate to. It also helped us to visualize, once again, what a great and pertinent location this would be for a new Fire Station/post-disaster command post. That was easy to see. Our group discussed this in detail. We also helped inform a property owner who joined us in this evacuation, whose property was very near to where we were, but who did not have as much information as the rest of us did, regarding preparedness/evacuation. We encouraged her to sign up for the city blog.

We met 3 Gearhart volunteer firefighters at this location that morning; Steve Elumbaugh, Mike Lalonde, and James Schneider. In our minds eye we visualized we were fleeing a disaster. It was a welcome sight to see these GVFD volunteers. We hung out at this location a good half hour or so, talking amongst ourselves, talking with the volunteers. The GVFD volunteers were very well-informed regarding many aspects of preparedness and evacuation, helping to paint a picture of what we might be up against and what we could do to address that. They also informed us of what we could expect in terms of when federal or state relief could get to us. So the big mantra of the day was do what you can to be

prepared and get to high ground as quickly as possible. All very sobering. But talking about it and discussing our options and plans for surviving gave us all a better picture of what to expect, what we need to do to improve our preparedness, especially improving the contents of our go bags, and how we individually and collectively could start the recovery process after the crisis moments. This was all invaluable to us to really drive this point home.

The act of walking out in an evacuation effort to reach higher ground helped imprint on us a future response to be at the ready for a real disaster. A muscle memory exercise as it were. Again, we all walked away from this giving much thought to how to improve our preparedness. To consider what we might do if we were not at home in Gearhart when a disaster struck our area....what will we do? Where will we evacuate to?

We realize the Shakeout drill is just one step of many we need to keep moving forward on in this process. Our conversation now focuses on preparedness, evacuation, and recovery rather than on a "I'm just going to give up" attitude. This was heartening and life affirming. Our group of 10 all know each other and care about each other. We know we can be survivors and take care of each other. It will be our mandate. We welcome all into our fold as survivors and rebuilders of Gearhart. It's unfortunate that more people did not participate in this Shakeout drill. It really has a very positive impact to do so.

Thanks for involving Gearhart in this exercise. We will participate next year. And, hopefully, by then, we will have our go bags even better supplied than we did this go around. And, hopefully, too, there will be more people who participate.

One last thing, thanks to all our first responders for all that they do to keep us safe. We know we'll be partnering with them to help Gearhart get out of harm's way and to help us get back on our feet should we ever be faced with a disaster.



Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Fwd: 10-17 -19 Shakeout

1 message

Betty Smith <bsgearhart236@gmail.com>
To: krysti@cityofgearhart.com

Mon, Oct 28, 2019 at 6:49 PM

Begin forwarded message:

From: Betty Smith <bsgearhart236@gmail.com>
Subject: 10-17 -19 Shakeout
Date: October 28, 2019 at 6:36:42 PM PDT
To: Krysti@cityofgearhart.com
Cc: Jeanne Mark <jrosmark@msn.com>

Dear City of Gearhart,

Thank you for motivating us to go thru the exercise of practicing our escape route in case of a large earthquake and tsunami.

We knew we had fifteen minutes and we needed to do it on foot. We knew it could be wet and cold so practiced dressing appropriately . We knew we needed to practice carrying our back packs and what ever else we planned on carrying.

The good news is we did better than fifteen minutes! Plus, the exercise revealed to us who would also be at the location we chose which was incredibly comforting because we will become like a family if we ever do end up in a real life disaster.

It also made us revisit our "to go backpacks" and we realized there were things we needed to add...like extra glasses both reading and sunglasses, sunscreen, a hair brush, some short of charger for our phones for the when they may finally work, and much more.

It was sad that many people either did not know, or chose not to practice, because it was a great exercise to go through.

Thank you,
Betty Smith



Matt Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Save the Gearhart Elementary school

1 message

Kathleen Zimmerman <kzvancouv@aol.com>

Fri, Oct 25, 2019 at 12:15 PM

To: mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com

Kathleen Zimmerman

Sent from my iPhone



Matt Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Save The Gearhart Elementary School!!!

1 message

Kathleen Zimmerman <kzvancouv@aol.com>
To: mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com

Fri, Oct 25, 2019 at 12:14 PM

Kathleen Zimmerman

Sent from my iPhone



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Gearhart Elementary School property plans

Cheryl Newman <ldogggg@aol.com>

Thu, Oct 24, 2019 at 3:48 PM

To: mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com

I am a Gearhart homeowner whose property is next to the school baseball field . I am concerned about what will happen to the property when the school moves next year . It seems to me that this would be a great area for a community center with the playgrounds and ball fields , existing building with a gym and classrooms. Are there any thoughts about the city purchasing the property for this kind of use? If the playgrounds are moved , then Gearhart has no children's play area.... I just talked with the School District and they do plan to move most of the play structures up to the new school.....What a shame to lose this recreation area to homes, businesses, etc . I would hope there is some discussion about this and would appreciate a response to my questions. My name is Cheryl Newman and my cel phone # is 503-201-0799. Our home is 258 Kershul Circle...Thank you , Cheryl Newman
Sent from my iPhone



Matt Brown <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

(no subject)

Jennifer Stewart <GennieM1974@hotmail.com>

Thu, Oct 24, 2019 at 7:24 AM

To: "mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com" <mayorbrown@cityofgearhart.com>

Good morning ☀️

My family and I are new to Gearhart, but we are only moving here from Astoria 😊

I never realized how big this town was, I really like the school and the little park at the end of that street.

My question is, unfortunately the end of our street is 101 , so if we want to walk, my kids and I have to be on the side of

Hwy 101 ☹️ ...how do we go about getting a sidewalk from at least right past Buds to at least DQ??? I'm sure this has

come up before, but as a mom to younger kids and a grandmother 😞

Thank you for your time! 😊

Sincerely,

Jennifer

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Krysti Ficker <krysti@cityofgearhart.com>

Information on Vaping Ban

1 message

Michael McNickle <mmcnickle@co.clatsop.or.us>

Thu, Oct 17, 2019 at 8:59 AM

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Good morning:

As you know, the Governors Executive Order banning the sale of all flavored vaping products went into effect on October 15th. Clatsop County Public Health has been tasked to be the "boots on the ground" – so to speak – in the enforcement of that ban. Public health staff will be visiting all 61 vaping retailers in the county to provide them with educational materials. Public health staff will also conduct a compliance check later on to assure the retailers have complied with the ban. We will start the educational visits next week.

I have attached a fact sheet published by the State that provides detailed information about the Executive Order and other information.

Clatsop County's webpage will also have a page dedicated to the vaping ban online soon.

If you have any questions, please feel free to call.

Thank you!

Michael McNickle, PhD, MPH, MPA, REHS

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211Info

<http://211info.org/>

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