

28July2017 Safety Team report to BOD

The Safety Team held a July 4th fundraising picnic – Safety Team volunteer Michele Ransom led the effort with a group of fabulously willing and dependable volunteers. Our combined efforts resulted in some generous donations; beyond ticket sales of nearly \$500, we have received a total of \$647 in donations since our picnic.

Because our previous effort to outfit the CERT6 Team is complete, our July fundraising push was intended to fund several new efforts:

- complete payment for moving and tying down the shed
- stain and paint the shed
- purchase supplies that will allow us to prolong the life of the water purification filters we purchased last year, and avoid filter failure if we need to use them for a long time
- choose among some options for heat and power generation equipment that will help us in the later stages of a prolonged power outage, no matter the cause

The shed placement and tie-down is paid for, and our current balance is approximately \$1400.

Michele is again leading a major effort - with Tenna and Thea's help – this time, to begin the shed rehab. Once they are set to begin work, a request for volunteers will go out to the whole community.

Wednesday (7/26/17) we held the second presentation by Clallam County Assistant Chief Dan Orr and his Uber Volunteer Blaine Zechenelly, regarding earthquake preparedness. (They were both here last Summer, and their disconcerting and enlightening talk prompted the creation of our CERT6 Team.)

Dan and Blaine stressed that as scientists gather more data and analyze it, the estimated likelihood that there will be a major quake (> 6.0) in the next 50 years is increasing – right now it is roughly a 1 in 2 chance.

They also stressed that while they say they can reach us in 30 days – and reach means supply us with what we need to survive – that is the best case scenario. It might be longer. And restoring electrical power? That could take up to a year.

The Team has also reworked last year's Disaster Preparedness survey. Last year we had 44 responses from approximately 80 households – and I say 80 because some households own multiple lots. That's better than a 50% response rate. But we have revamped it, and we need updated information. This year's survey is emphasizing YOUR preparedness even more than last year's. We want to be sure that people understand – how will YOU survive? Will you be panicked? Or prepared? Our new survey will be available the weekend of the annual meeting – see you all at the meeting!

Respectfully submitted to the BOD by Mary Harrison, Safety Team Leader and CERT6 member