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Dear Leland Manor Residents:

I wanted to ask for your help in getting Leland Manor organized for Emergency Preparedness. In light of the Earthquakes in Haiti and Chile and the recent power outage after the plane crash here in Palo Alto, we are reminded that being-prepared will help all of us.

I signed up two years ago to be the Neighborhood Preparedness Coordinator (NPC) for Leland Manor. I walked door-to-door and delivered fliers to every house in Leland Manor asking for information but received very little feedback. In light of the recent disasters and power outages, I really want our neighborhood to get organized. Most other neighborhoods in Palo Alto are either very organized or are on their way to being so.

NPC is a term that has been adopted by the City of Palo Alto. The goal for every block in Leland Manor is to have a Block Preparedness Coordinator (BPC). Each BPC will be responsible for getting the names, addresses and pertinent information for the neighbors on their block and sharing that with me, your NPC, so that when an emergency of large proportions happens, we can make sure that neighbors can take of one another and assist the Palo Alto Emergency Response teams to do their jobs more effectively.

Please consider signing up to represent your Block in Leland Manor. If you are interested, please contact me at kathleen.hughes@sbcglobal.net or at 650-323-2851.

Once we have enough volunteers, I will arrange a gathering at my home with our BPCs and members of the City's Emergency Preparedness Staff to come and talk with us about what we need to do. In addition, the City has trainings for both the BPCs and NPCs, which have been a great way for me to feel like I know what to do to help all of us when the time comes.

If you'd like to add your name to an email registry for Emergency Prep, please send me your email.

Please consider joining!

Thanks so much.

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