SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL PREPAREDNESS MONTH: ARE YOU READY?

We all know that emergency situations are inevitable. The better prepared we are as a community, the more likely we are to respond quickly and effectively—which is why we’re taking this year’s National Preparedness Month seriously.

HAVE A PLAN
The first step in being prepared is to have a plan. The devastating floods of 2013 served as a reminder to us all that it’s often the residents of a community that have to take action before first responders can arrive, so it’s important to prepare in advance. Work together with your family to create a packing list in case of evacuation—including overnight items as well as your most important possessions. Talk with your children about where to go in case of a severe storm or flood and teach them some practical steps like how to shut off the water or gas. Keep your plan somewhere everyone in the home knows how to access and review it regularly.

BUILD AN EMERGENCY KIT
Another practical project to tackle this month is building your emergency kit—a collection of basic items your household may need in the event of an emergency. It should include staple items like water, food and flashlights. Check out FEMA’s printable emergency supplies checklist for more ideas.

LETA911.ORG
Lastly, consider signing up for Berthoud’s emergency alerts at leta911.org. This way, you’ll receive a text or call whenever there is a local emergency like flooding or fire, gas leaks or a missing child. Community emergency alerts are an incredibly effective way to get information out to a community and are proven to save lives.

Remember, this month isn’t about spreading fear, but being prepared so that when disaster strikes, we can work together as a Town to respond to the best of our ability.
A STEP UP FOR SIDEWALKS IN BERTHOUD

Great news for Berthoud’s walkers, runners, joggers and hopscotchers: the Town’s Pedestrian Master Plan is underway, and will accomplish several necessary steps for sidewalk improvements—in addition to elevating the look and feel of Berthoud streets.

The plan will:

• Help the Town prioritize sidewalk routes that need improvements.
• Include a quote, so the Town can start budgeting and identifying funding sources.
• Address any ADA issues, making sure all sidewalks are accessible for everyone.

The plan will cover all of Berthoud, but the majority of the sidewalk projects will be in the older part of town where the work is most needed.

GET INVOLVED:
Tell us what you’d like to see by filling out a mailed survey you’ll receive soon and by taking our survey online.

STOP BEFORE YOU POUR

Before you dump any excess grease and drippings from your food down the drain, think twice. Sewer backups are a big deal and can be a costly fix. To avoid this problem, don’t dump fats, oils and grease (FOG) down your drain. Below are some tips for disposing of FOG correctly.

1. COOL IT
Allow FOG to cool and then dispose of it in a trash can.

2. CAN IT
Pour any fats into an old container.

3. TRASH IT
Dispose of your FOG in a trashcan, not down the drain.

4. SCRAPE IT
Wipe FOG and food scraps from plates and pans into a trash can.

COMMUNITY STATS – JULY 2018

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The Town Board meets on the second and fourth Tuesday of the month at 6:30 p.m. in Berthoud Town Hall at 807 Mountain Ave. The public is welcome to attend. Meeting agendas and minutes are available online: berthoud.org/government/trustee-docs.

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