

## Villa Santa Cruz Emergency Preparation Team

Greetings from our team! We are working to help our residents be as prepared as possible during an emergency. The Emergency Prep Team (EPT) has prepared **A PARK-WIDE EARTHQUAKE DRILL** which will occur in the near future. Details to follow.

### Earthquake Preparedness Tips

Earthquake safety has 3 phases; 1) How to prepare, 2) What to do during an earthquake, and 3) What to do after an earthquake. Phase 1:

- 1. Put together an emergency kit, also known as a Go-bag** with items you need if you need to evacuate. Needed supplies are listed in the back of the **2020 Telephone Directory for Villa Santa Cruz**. Keep your Go-Bag in within reach.
- 2. Place under your bed** the items you will need during an earthquake such as: sturdy shoes, hard hat/bicycle helmet, gloves, flashlight, and anything else you would need to move to safety quickly.
- 3. Know where to meet in an emergency.** The meeting area for your block is: \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. Know your block leaders.** Also get to know your neighbors. It is always helpful during any type of emergency to have the comfort and support of knowing others. Block leader information is also listed in the back of the 2020 Telephone Directory for Villa Santa Cruz. **Your Block Leader is:**  
\_\_\_\_\_ # \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. Have or purchase a fire extinguisher** in case of small fires.
- 6. Locate safe places in each room of your home** such as *under a piece of heavy furniture* or *against an interior wall* away from windows, bookcases or tall furniture. Door frames *are not* a safe location.
- 7. Designate an emergency contact for your family outside of California.** Local and state phones may be overloaded or out of service. However, you may be able to call or text someone outside the area to let your loved ones know you are safe.
- 8. Plan for your pets.** Have a carrier, food and water for your pets.
- 9. Review the Map Your Neighborhood (MYN) Booklet** and keep it under your bed with your shoes and head protection!
- 10. Participate in the park-wide earthquake drill** offered by the Villa Emergency Preparedness Team, currently planned for March.

If you are still reading, **congratulations!** Now, take 10 minutes to start your Go-Bag or to add emergency contacts into your phone.