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Zoom and Learn - Emergency Preparedness Workshop

Emergency preparedness is a shared responsibility that begins with a plan and being prepared to look after yourself, your family and your pets for a minimum of one week. We encourage residents to join emergency preparedness coordinators from Parksville and Qualicum Beach on Thursday, March 4 at 1.30 pm for a Zoom workshop which will help better prepare yourself, your family and your business in the event of an emergency or disaster incident.

Please RSVP to <u>info@emergencyoceanside.ca</u> if you wish to participate. We will confirm your space and then a few days before the meeting, will send Zoom instructions by email. The meeting is a closed event; however, your screen name will be visible to the other participants.

The ongoing pandemic reminds us of the importance of personal preparedness and that having a plan is critical to protect ourselves and our families. While we continue to physically distance and spend more time at home, there's an opportunity to build emergency preparedness plans to fit our individual personal needs. We hope this workshop will help raise awareness and offer information and tips to help prepare businesses, individuals and families for the possibility of an emergency.

To join, you will need a computer with an internet connection and can join the meeting in the following ways:

- Computer with camera and microphone click the link provided.
- Computer with camera and no microphone click link and call the phone number provided.
- Computer with no camera or no microphone call the phone number provided.

If you have specific subjects that you wish to have included in the presentation or questions you would like answered, please send them as well (<u>info@emergencyoceanside.ca</u>) and we will do our best to include. We look forward to connecting with you, virtually!

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