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Weston Emergency Procedures – Our Need for Volunteers

We are looking for volunteers to help our Town respond to emergency conditions such as we have experienced in the past few months. We hope you will be able to help.

As we've learned from our last two "weather related" events in Weston, when we go for extended periods without power, many people in Town suffer due to the lack basic necessities – such as water, heat and electricity to power the devices on which we all rely.

We need to be prepared, should we experience similar (or worse) conditions, to help the Town and each other. Our plan is to find "neighborhood captains" who can help identify problems arising in their immediate area, as well as check to see if their neighbors, particularly those who are elderly or have special needs, need assistance. The neighborhood captains can, in turn, report on conditions and needs to Town Hall. We also need to know in advance those Townspeople who have indicated their availability to man our comfort station (which is where the Town provides water, showers, food and recharging capability) or a regional shelter if necessary.

By preparing in advance, we can at least mitigate the effects of these very difficult conditions. **Please indicate your availability to help in an emergency by responding to this email. Send your response to Ken Edgar at simick54@gmail.com. Please also include your address in your response and indicate if you can be a neighborhood captain or help man the comfort station.** We will get back to you, as we gather a critical mass of volunteers, with more details on how this new response system will operate. We have over 3800 households in Weston, so we will need many volunteers to cover the Town. If you have additional questions about what it means to be a neighborhood captain or comfort station volunteer, please see the applicable attachment to this email.

Thank you for your willingness to help.

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