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Bigfork's Essential Stuff Newsletter -- Bringing People Together A Publication of the Essential Stuff Project, Bigfork, Montana

Essential Stuff Project (ESP) Presents: a Community Discussion Bigfork Emergency Readiness

While the danger of flooding in our valley is receding, other emergencies can happen at any time, and without warning. Are you prepared?

Violent Wind, Earthquake, Forest or Grass Fire, Structure Fire, Flood, Blizzard, Bridge Closure, Landslide, or Power Outage

When: Wednesday, July 20, 7 PM; Doors open at 6:30 PM

Where: Bethany Lutheran Church basement, 8559 Montana 35, Bigfork

(South of the Hwy 35 & Hwy 209 intersection)

Who: Open to public; free admission

Bring a notebook to take notes.

Discussion leaders:

- Marv Eaves, Ferndale Fire Department
- · Wayne Loeffler, Bigfork Fire Department
- Cindy Mullaney, Flathead Co. Office of Emergency Services
- Steve Stanley, Lake Co. Office of Emergency Services
- Susan Kunda, Flathead Agency on Aging

Discussion topics:

The following are a few suggestions; I'm sure you can think of others as well.

- Working in your neighborhood to help those who cannot help themselves -neighbor-helping-neighbor concept;
- List (or create database) of volunteers for Who has what/Who can do what
- Food storage and survival preparation;
- Communication;
- How can residents of unincorporated communities work with government and other agencies?

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