

Nye Neighborhood Association PRESS RELEASE

NYE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSOCIATION TO HOST EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS INFORMATION NIGHT

Thursday March 7 at 5:30 PM the Nye Neighborhood Association (NNA) is sponsoring an information night with Newport Fire Chief Rob Murphy and Newport Emergency Preparedness Coordinator Del Lockwood. The event is free and open to the public. It will take place at the Newport Performing Arts Center Lobby. Refreshments and informal social time will begin at 5:00 PM and will continue after the program to allow neighbors to meet each other and mingle.

The two Newport officials were at the center of the city's response to the recent ice storm and will be able to speak about that event and provide information on being prepared for future emergencies such as wildfires, tsunamis, earthquakes, floods or extreme weather. "We want to make sure that our neighborhood has the latest information about possible emergencies," said

Tom Ettel, NNA Board member. "This event will be informal and give citizens an opportunity to speak directly with our local experts."

NNA is a 501(c)3 organization whose mission is to improve and enhance the quality of life in the Nye Neighborhood community by: encouraging community identity, engagement and awareness. NNA is recognized by the Newport City Council as the official voice of the neighborhood located within the Historic Nye Beach Design Overlay Zone. It hosts gatherings to give neighbors a chance to meet and work together, sponsors and organizes cleanups and beautification projects and is currently working on ideas to increase public art and to. Promote safety for pedestrians and traffic. All events are open the public and free of charge. NNA receives funding through the city and also from donations.

"We hope that Newport citizens will take advantage of this opportunity to interact with and ask questions of two of the city's leaders in emergency preparedness," said Robert Emond, NNA Board member and also a city Councilor. "We are grateful that Rob and Del can make themselves available to educate us."

Signing up to receive information about events can be done by sending an email to nye.neighbors@gmail.com requesting to be added to the mailing list. The Association website is: www.nyeneighbors.org

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