

ASSOCIATION NEWS

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EMERGENCY TIP of the MONTH

Did you feel cold at any time during this past freeze? Imagine what it might be like without electricity, meaning no heat or hot water? And what if the power is out for several days?

Here are a few starts to being prepared:

- Register with Linn-Benton Alert (www.co.benton.or.us/sheriff/page/emergency-alert)
- Store extra supplies, including flashlights, batteries, ready-to-eat foods, battery powered radio and bottled water (come to next workshop on preparing emergency kits)
- Keep cash on hand and gas tank at least half full.
- Learn how to turn off gas and valve to hot water heater
- Locate electrical supply panels and learn how to turn off power
- Check to see that lights are out at your neighbors before checking for breakers or blown fuse
- Learn how to override electric garage door opener

COMMUNITY GARDEN

RobinJeanne Parks, Chairperson of the Community Garden Committee, reminds us that the sign-up forms for next summer's garden plots are now available in the club house. Garden space *reservations are on a first-come option, so be sure to fill out a form.* If you have questions you might call RobinJeanne at 541-753-4897.

SIDEWALK SNOW REMOVAL

At the recent board meeting, there was discussion about owners clearing snow from their sidewalks. Although the Stoneybrook CC&R's doesn't require owners to remove snow from their sidewalks, the City of Corvallis does have an ordinance requiring property owners to clear sidewalks of "obstructions", including snow. In talking with the City, they say that owners are legally responsible for injuries occurring on sidewalks adjoining their property if the injury is due to the property owner's *negligence*. It is vital that all owners have proper liability insurance (included in most Homeowners insurance policies). Also, the City may impose a \$250.00 penalty if convicted of violating the ordinance. A copy of this information, and the City ordinance is posted on the SVOA web site under Rules and Regulations.