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# The Beaverton CERT Newsletter



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## Beaverton CERT Newsletter

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## Chairman's Corner

Welcome to our new October graduates! Thirty-three newly minted CERTs performed admirably for their graduation practical and are already off and working. We hope to see you at many upcoming Beaverton CERT events.

As we prepare for the holidays and another Northwest winter there are several CERT activities to choose from training to reunification to community service to potluck. Check out the calendar at [www.Beaverton-Oregon.gov/CERTM](http://www.Beaverton-Oregon.gov/CERTM) and pick your events to attend.

Every two years we have elections for the Steering Committee Chair, Vice-Chair and Secretary. I continue to enjoy working with a great set of people with a common focus. I encourage you to attend the elections Tuesday, November 10th, 6:30PM at the community center. The evening will include news on Beaverton CERTs plans for 2016.

The holidays are a good time to take stock of you supplies and equipment. Where is your vest and passport? Does your go-bag need refreshing or expanding? What can you do now and through 2016 to enhance your and your family's knowledge and preparedness??

## October CERT class being put to the test!



## New leadership for Map Your Neighborhood

For two years Map Your Neighborhood has been lead by Judy Janowitz. Under her leadership and wisdom, Map Your Neighborhood has grown and flourished. However, as promised, Judy's term is over and a new lead must step forward.



In the spring of 2015 an unsuspecting member of the Beaverton Community thought it would be a good idea to take the Beaverton Basic CERT Course and get some information about taking care of herself and her family. Being prepared is a good thing; right? What could possibly go wrong?!?

Oh, Map Your Neighborhood (MYN)? What's that you ask? Well, during the class and after a few conversations with Judy (we all know how passionate she is about MYN), Claudia Steiner-Fricker began to get involved with MYN. So much so that she has agreed to become the new Team Lead. In her own words, "I was honored that Judy asked me," to become the Team Lead of MYN. So who is she? Not to give out any spoilers, here are a few tid-bits.

Claudia has been self-employed for most of her career. She has managed projects from political campaigns to developing and providing an after school Theater arts program for the Beaverton School District grades K-12. She is as you might guess a diligent agent for the causes she stands up for and THAT is everyone's advantage when it comes to MYN.

So, I ask that you get to know Claudia and encourage her in her new role as Team Lead for the Map Your Neighborhood program. Congratulations Claudia.

**Thank you Judy Janowitz for all that you have done for MYN! The program is where it is today because of you. You are an inspiration to us all!**

*We make a living by what we do,  
but we make a life by what we  
give.*

Winston Churchill

### Map Your Neighborhood

Only a couple of Captain classes left for the year, then it's time to let the team take a well deserved break for the holidays!



The team has been busier than ever since the New Yorker article broke, and the success of Quake Up has garnered a lot of interest in MYN.

We will roll out a new program to Connect, Engage & Support our existing and all future MYN Captains after the first of the year, and of course outreach will continue to be our main focus.

Thanks for the welcome! I'm looking forward to working with everyone!

*Claudia*

### Oregon Field Guide's Special Presentation

Unprepared - takes an in-depth look at Oregon's lack of preparedness for a major earthquake.

<http://www.opb.org/television/programs/ofg/episodes/2701/>

## REUNIFICATION

What's going on with Beaverton School reunification planning? School Reunification occurs when a school teachers and students must be evacuated to a remote location. The Reynolds High School shooting incident was an example. Our role is to staff the reunification site and maintain order for public safety. We will need MANY people for this assignment. Because of the critical and public safety nature of this assignment, we are actively working with the Beaverton School District to plan CERT's activation and participation.

We continue to meet with the Beaverton School District and are participating in a series of walk-throughs for their administrative staff. We are planning a several desktop exercise trainings and repeats of the Disaster Psychological First Aid and Crowd Management courses.

For those that have signed up for the reunification team, there will be a mailing going out soon that explains more detail CERT's planning, training and activation.

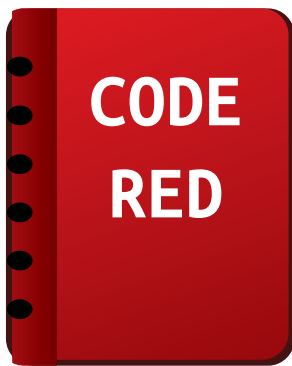
Want to join the Reunification team? Want to help with the preparations? Send a note to [CERT@beavertonoregon.gov](mailto:CERT@beavertonoregon.gov)

## NEW GRADUATES

Your passports have arrived! What's a passport? For CERT, it is a set of Velcro name tags that you put on your vest just below your left shoulder. We use those for checking in and out at events. It saves time and allows quick identification. Those that attended the Disaster First Aid class should already have theirs. For the rest, remind us when you attend an event and we will get yours. Please bring them to every event.

We haven't received many responses from the interest survey that was recently emailed. So, if you have not responded, please dust it off and let us know in what next steps YOU are interested.

## CODE RED Activation Notification



CERT has successfully used email and text activation procedures for several urgent events and these will continue to be our primary activation mechanisms. We are increasing that capability by using CODE RED software as an efficient means to contact our Active and Reserve members. Over the next two months we will be testing the capability with a set of test messages to select CERT audiences.

We will give you notice when you are part of the test. We will have a full system test in mid-December to be ready for whatever winter throws at us.

If we don't have your best email, mobile phone number and cell provider then we can't contact you effectively with this system. And smoke signals have proven ineffective. Please check your CERT profile online to be sure that we have your best contact information.

### Activation Guidelines

So how is this activation thing supposed to work? What do I do if something BIG happens. Mike Stump, our Operations Specialist, is working on a comprehensive set of Activation Guidelines that covers the many aspects of CERT activation; personal, legal and social. Like all good things this takes time. Expect more information in the future.

# EVENTS



## ***POTLUCK! & Christmas Tree Lighting***

Each year the City of Beaverton decorates a BIG tree south of the Library. The lighting ceremony is on Friday, December 4th from 5:00PM – 8:00PM. CERT provides crowd management and lost child/parent services

for the event. This year, during the event, CERT is having a holiday POTLUCK to celebrate our year.

ALL CERTs and HAMs ARE WELCOME!! Bring whatever food you like, or just come because there is ALWAYS plenty of food. We will feed the Beaverton Police working the event, have fun chatting about the year and families and spend a little time patrolling the event. We should have enough people so that no one has to spend too much time out patrolling. It is a “Come when you can” event so you can arrive and leave on your schedule.

There may be a surprise for those that attend! Hope to see ya'll there.

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## **Technician License Class & Exam Nov 13th & 14th in Forest Grove.**

Friday November 13th, 5-9pm

Saturday November 14th, 9am-2pm; Exam at 3pm (3-5pm)

This FCC Technician Class License Class and Exam Session will be held at:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints  
2700 Leon Drive  
Forest Grove OR 97116

The exam fee is \$15.00. No charge for the Class.  
Bring your Photo ID and know your Social Security Number.  
Also, bring a Sack Lunch for Saturday.

To register for the class, contact Russ Denny at:  
[rdenny023@gmail.com](mailto:rdenny023@gmail.com)

## **Sandbagging and Winter**

While this winter may not be particularly cold it will likely be very wet. Last year we helped Beaverton Public Works by loading pallets with sand bags in the middle of a flood response. This year we want to be ahead of the event. Saturday, November 21st from 10AM – Noon we are holding a sandbagging class and party. We will fill them, make a wall and stack them for quick response as needed. The event is at the Public Works building at 9600 SW Allen Blvd. Come out and add one more skill to your preparedness bag of tricks; and help the community in the process. Sign up on the online Calendar.

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## **Neighborhood Clean-Up Day**

Again this year the City of Beaverton is having a neighborhood clean-up day on November 14th from 9:00AM – Noon.

CERT provides public safety oversight and communications for the event by walking the neighborhood. We need a dozen or so people.

Please sign up on the online calendar.



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