



Emergency Preparedness Presentation

Suzanne Regul, President of the Moreland West Neighborhood Association, had no idea she should test her gas valve shut-off to see if it moves or if it is frozen in place until she attended the United Neighborhoods of Santa Clara County Conference with the District 1 Leadership Group last November. The valve question and other preventative measures residents should take in advance of an earthquake were part of a three hour emergency preparedness class offered at the conference and led by the County Office of Emergency Services. Regul was so impressed with the class and its visual aids (the instructor brought in an actual valve attached to a pipe along with a visual display of three days worth of food that everyone should have stored in case of emergency) that she started to survey her friends in her book club to see who knew how to test their gas valves. Most of them didn't even know where the valve was located let alone whether they could move it. Regul decided at the conference that the important information she learned would be excellent for the whole neighborhood.

“We live in California, earthquakes are coming. We want as many people to have as much knowledge as possible,” explains Regul. While at the conference, Regul met other neighborhood leaders with the same vision and passion. Andrea Miller, acting Vice President of the newly forming Hathaway Park Neighborhood Association, concurred with Regul and agreed to co-host an **Emergency Preparedness Presentation March 10, 2008 at the Moreland West Community Center from 7 – 9 p.m. The presentation is free and open to the public.** For more information on San José Prepared, please click here: <http://www.sanjoseca.gov/emergencyServices/sanjoseprepared/index.htm> or call 277-4598.