


A little bit of this and that this week:

 **Home building** has finally returned to Stillwaters Estates. The economy is improving and houses are selling – selling so fast that we now only have one home on our resale list! With that shortage of homes, comes the buyers who are interested in building. Nice to hear the sound of building again in our neighborhood!

Emergency Preparedness in Stillwaters is moving forward as we implement the program called Map Your Neighborhood. For the purposes of having smaller group meetings the neighborhood has been divided into ten groups. Each group will have separate meeting to learn about the program. In September we will hold the first two group meetings to learn about the program. Stay tuned for your invitation to one of these meetings or a meeting in the near future. This program is an easy and organized way to prepare for emergencies before they happen.


Volunteer Opportunities: News Flash for new residents to Stillwaters- we



have volunteer opportunities in the neighborhood. Here are some examples:

- Newsletter Deliveries at the end of each month – primary and backup opportunities
- Christmas Light Post Decorating – To wrap red ribbons around the neighborhood lamp posts. Usually takes about 15 volunteers around Thanksgiving time.
- Food Bank Deliveries – Pick up donations once a month and deliver to the local food bank.
- Organize a game or activity at The Gathering Place – Coordinate it on our office calendar and we will advertise it for you.
- Volunteer with the Emergency Preparedness group to help implement Map Your

Neighborhood. See office staff to volunteer.

 **And the last item for this and that this week:** I am looking for a few guest bloggers who would be willing to write a 200, or so, word blog on “Living in Stillwaters.” This could be on something you have experienced, your personal story or something you think readers would find interesting about living in Stillwaters. You can submit your draft blogs to me at cindy@stillwatersestates.com.

Several Blogs are needed by September 30th as I will be on vacation in October. I plan to publish selected stories during my time away. Contact me if you have questions.


Quote of the week:

The best way to find yourself is to lose yourself in the service of others. – Mahatma Gandhi

Happenings this week:

Saturday, August 30th: Tenino Farmers Market, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., Tenino Elementary School, 301 Old Highway 99, Tenino, (360) 515-0501, market@teninofarmersmarket.org, www.teninofarmersmarket.org

Thursday, September 4th: Repurposing Paper Craft Class at 1:30 p.m., here in The Gathering Place at Stillwaters. Peggy Love will be teaching skills for repurposing greeting cards, envelopes and paper. Sign up at the office and pay a \$5 fee.

 **Saturday, September 6th:** Lewis County Concerts presents Fernando Varcia at Corbet Theatre. Music starts at 7:30 at the theater located on the Centralia College Campus. See <http://lewiscountyconcerts.org/> for more information.

Weather:

It's Labor Day on Monday and we are forecast for a "chance of rain" weekend! Temperatures are going to be in the low 70's for the next week, with lows at night dropping to the 50's. I am hoping that fall isn't here yet and we can have a few more weeks of sunshine please.