FLOOD INSURANCE RECOMMENDATION

Like anyone who lives or owns a business within a levee system, all of us in West Sacramento need to take precautions including emergency preparedness and flood insurance. Our community could flood, no matter how high or strongly built the levees are, or how well they are maintained.

The federal and state governments are re-studying all Flood Insurance Rate Maps and applying more rigorous criteria than were used when the city was accredited as having over 100 year protection in 1995. Most levees in the Sacramento Valley will have problems meeting the new criteria. West Sacramento may be re-mapped into a flood plain designation within the next two years.

Buying flood insurance now not only protects you in the event of a flood but could save you money if the city is re-mapped and mandatory flood insurance is required.

For further information, contact your property insurance agent.

Emergency Preparedness Workshop Coming Oct. 14

If a catastrophic flood or other major natural disaster were to occur in or around West Sacramento, would you and your family be prepared? Would you have a plan in place that would ensure the safety of your loved ones? Would your family be prepared to cope with the emergency until help arrives? As we all know, natural disasters affect thousands of Americans every year and can happen anytime and anywhere.

As the rainy season returns, the city of West Sacramento is reaching out to citizens by holding an Emergency Preparedness Workshop, scheduled for Tuesday, October 14, from 6:30-8:00 pm at the City Hall Council Chambers. Presentations will be given by the Fire Department, Police Department, and the Flood Protection Division. Items discussed include flood insurance, planned evacuation routes, updates on emergency planning, and a “go kits” display.

LEVEE IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Levee Repairs Scheduled

Repairs to a levee section in Southport will soon be under construction. The project is called the Sacramento Bank Protection Program and it’s administered by the United States Army Corps of Engineers and the State Department of Water Resources. The site is south of Davis Road in Southport. The recommended repair for this site will be a “stability berm” along the lower slope of the river bank. Rocks or “armor” will also be installed to protect the levee from future erosion. The project is scheduled to begin construction in October. The total cost of the project is approximately $1.2 million dollars.

New Fire Truck Prepared to Meet Tall Challenges

With high rises now appearing on the city’s riverfront, the West Sacramento Fire Department (WSFD) is ready to respond to future emergencies. The department has purchased a new 100-foot ladder truck, located at Fire Station 45 off Lake Washington Boulevard. The vehicle has a daily staff of four fire personnel.

Contributing $150,000 toward the purchase of the $800,000 fire truck is the California State Teachers’ Retirement System (CalSTRS) which will move into the 14-story building under construction near River Walk Park.

The WSFD is also recruiting for the position of Firefighter. For more information, visit www.cityofwestsacramento.org

The WSFD invites the public to an “Open House,” Saturday, Oct. 11, 10 a.m.—2 p.m. at Station 45, 2040 Lake Washington Blvd.

Mexico’s Firefighters Train with West Sacramento’s Firefighters:

Through a 30-year partnership between firefighters from Mexico and the US, 30 members of Mexico’s Bomberos firefighting program received training in emergency medical procedures from the West Sacramento Fire Department in September at Fire Station 45. The training included practice in cervical spine immobilization, backboarding, splinting and bandaging, and treatment for choking victims. The Bomberos returned to Mexico with skills to share with their home units.