**TOWN OF LOS GATOS**

**COMMUNITY HEALTH AND SENIOR SERVICES COMMISSION AGENDA REPORT**

MEETING DATE: 11/19/2026
ITEM NO: 5

DATE: November 19, 2026

TO: Community Health and Senior Services Commission

FROM: Jen Fosco, Senior Services Coordinator

SUBJECT: Discuss Older Adult Emergency Preparedness

RECOMMENDATION:

Discuss emergency preparedness for older adults. This item is discussion only.

REMARKS:

The Town of Los Gatos is committed to safety and emergency preparedness for all residents, including older adults. Below are resources available in the community as well as steps the Town is taking to promote safety and emergency preparedness.

**Santa Clara County Fire Department:** The Santa Clara County Fire Department offers safety programs designed specifically for older adults, and ongoing free programs community members can attend and request for their organization. These programs include Crime Prevention & Home Fire Safety, Preparing for Medical Emergencies, Fall Prevention Program, and Be Ready: Be Prepared! More information on the County programs can be found here: https://www.sccfd.org/education-and-preparedness-overview/community-education-programs/adult-senior-safety-programs/

**City of Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Community Emergency Response Team (LGMS CERT)**:
The Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Community Emergency Response Team (LGMS CERT) is an all-volunteer, community-based emergency preparedness organization, supported by and operating within the command structure of the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department. The primary mission of LGMS CERT is to provide support and assistance to our communities and emergency services personnel during emergencies or disasters. But an equally important mission is to increase the overall level of disaster readiness by training and educating individuals within the communities of Los Gatos and Monte Sereno in emergency preparedness and basic disaster response techniques.

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CERT, under the direction of the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department, has identified CERT neighborhoods and is establishing Neighborhood Incident Command Posts to assist CERT members with emergency response efforts during a disaster. CERT neighborhoods can be found on this map: CERT-Map

CERT is an all-volunteer, community-based emergency preparedness organization, supported by and operating within the command structure of the Los Gatos-Monte Sereno Police Department. CERT volunteers complete a 21-hour course that covers training in disaster preparation response and recovery skills. During disasters, police and fire department personnel may be unavailable to respond to all emergency events. CERT members may be called upon to serve in their neighborhoods, as well as areas outside of their immediate neighborhoods. More information about how community members can become a member of CERT can be found here: CERT Training

General information on the CERT program can be found here: CERT (Community Emergency Response Team) | The Los Gatos CA Official Site!

**Neighborhood Preparedness Meetings:** In addition to the above resources, the Town of Los Gatos periodically holds neighborhood preparedness meetings. The link to be notified of the next meeting can be found here**:** Emergency Preparedness Neighborhood Meetings.

**Valley Water:** El Nino has the potential to bring unpredictable weather, including the risks of flooding. Valley Water offers resources for preparing for water related emergencies, including signing up for alerts and knowing your flood zone. Get Flood Ready Essential Tips | Santa Clara Valley Water

Also, the Town of Los Gatos has partnered with Los Gatos Saratoga Recreation (LGSR) to hold an emergency preparedness talk for older adults at the Adult Recreation Center on January 14, 2027, from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 am.