

## **Eastmoreland Neighborhood Emergency Preparedness House Parties**

Last year the Eastmoreland Emergency Preparedness Committee launched an educational program aimed at teaching our neighbors how to prepare for a widespread emergency. Our neighborhood is resuming this program again this year and we are requesting volunteers from each block in Eastmoreland to host two evening “block parties”. These parties will be taught by a trained neighborhood emergency responder and will cover information on the types of disasters most likely to occur in Portland and how to prepare for these disasters for yourself, your family and as a block. The goal of these preparedness parties is for our neighborhood to achieve the most positive outcome possible when disaster strikes. It is a startling fact that if a widespread disaster were to occur, Portland’s emergency response system (police, fire and medical teams) would be overwhelmed. Most likely, during a disaster you will need to depend on yourself and your neighbors. By hosting the two block parties you will learn how to be prepared for disaster, your neighbors’ skill sets and resources and establish or strengthen neighborhood ties.

We are ready to schedule these block parties once you contact us. Again, we will bring all the educational materials and instruct the programs, you just need to invite your neighbors and open your home. Help us build a more resilient community! Please consider volunteering to be a host. For more information or to sign up as a host send us an email at: [ready@eastmoreland.org](mailto:ready@eastmoreland.org)