

Collins View article for the July 2020 SW News

The May 6 CVNA meeting was canceled due to illness. Elections and other matters were addressed at the June 3 ZOOM meetup. Here are the Collins View Neighborhood Association Board election results: CVNA Board Chair Elise deLisser, Secretary & Outreach Maryellen Read, Public Safety Gene Lynard, Parks & Watershed Brendan McGillicuddy, SWNI & Equity & Inclusion Fran Laird, Land Use Dave & Dixie Johnston, Transportation Prakash Joshi. Sector delegates and contact links are at <https://swni.org/collinsview> . The next (Zoom?) CVNA meeting is scheduled for 7pm Sept. 2, 2020.

Two months of Covid-19 quarantine highlighted challenges to our health, economics, finances, pantries and our assumptions about the ability to easily restock our daily supplies. In addition to renewing our appreciation for first responders and health care providers, we now have a greater appreciation of our essential workers as we are reminded of our dependence upon them.

To all our grocery workers, cleaning crews, truckers, farmers and farm workers, public transportation workers, health care support teams, delivery personnel and support teams who are working so we can be safe, we thank you!!!

In emergency preparedness, the necessity of isolation is a new type of emergency planning scenario. In this pandemic event, we are fortunate to be able to communicate, our housing structures are intact and our utilities continue to function. In a post-Cascadia earthquake scenario, our infrastructures would be down or out of service and supplies limited. However, we are currently able to physically work side by side in an effort to be resilient and recover. Let's use this Covid-19 shut-down experiences to better prepare ourselves by replenishing our pantries, chargers, water supplies, medications and alternative cooking, heating and shelter arrangements.

In the interest of equity and inclusion, register to vote. And vote in November. You can make a difference.

Be well. Be prepared. Be resilient