

Dear Albion Citizen's,

We are a group of like-minded people reaching out to our community to help us better prepare for natural disasters or emergencies. After witnessing the devastation caused by Hurricane Helene and observing the unrest across the nation, we feel an urgency and responsibility to unite our community. Our goal is to share skills and information that may help everyone feel better prepared for any event that might come our way. To be clear, we are not selling or promoting anything, nor are we affiliated with any church or political party. Our sole purpose is to bring the community together to gain knowledge and skills.



Karla Robinson and I previously went door to door to connect with the community and gather your ideas and feedback. The response was amazing, and we deeply appreciate your input. However, we realize we cannot reach everyone face-to-face, so we are trying a new approach by reaching out through mail to set up an email group. This will allow us to inform you about upcoming plans. We aim to bring in individuals with specific skill sets to teach us whatever you think would be beneficial. Some of the ideas we've gathered so far include:

- **Basic medical skills**
- **Foraging**
- **Self-defense**
- **Alternative medicine**
- **Cooking without electricity**
- **HAM radio operation**

Think back to the aftermath of the hurricane: if something similar happened here (though we won't have a hurricane, of course), would you wonder how long the city would provide water? What would you do without power? Would you know how many people live next door in case their house caught fire? Would you know if they could all get out on their own or if they needed assistance due to medical issues? These may seem like normal considerations, but many have not thought about them. We live in an amazing community that has always looked out for one another. Do you know if your neighbor has family checking on them, or if anyone would notice if something happened to them? The days when neighbors spent time talking on porches seem to have passed, as everyone is so busy.

This group is not made up of crusaders or even preppers, but rather concerned citizens who love this valley and its people. We simply want to ensure that everyone is cared for.

Please join us in getting prepared as a community!

There are a few questions to answer. These questions are designed to better assist a rescue team, and the information will be shared with our Fire Chief:

- How many people reside in your home?
- Is everyone able to exit the home without assistance?
- Are there any flammable items (e.g., oxygen, gas, propane)?
- Do you have any skills that could help in an emergency (e.g., medical training, equipment operation, HAM radio operation)?

Would you be willing to share your knowledge through a class?

- Do you have any equipment that would be useful in an emergency (e.g., backhoes, tractors, etc.)?

If you have any questions or would like to chat about what we are planning, please contact:

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Sincerely,
Connie Redman

