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National Preparedness Month Recognized in Stonecrest

Residents and businesses are encouraged to prepare for disasters and emergencies.

Stonecrest, GA – Stonecrest joins emergency management agencies across Georgia and the nation in observing National Preparedness Month during September to help raise public awareness about the importance of preparing for disasters and emergencies.

The theme of this year’s campaign “A Lasting Legacy,” reminds individuals to prioritize their personal safety, safeguard essential documentation, and create a list of important properties.

“We encourage all residents, businesses, and organizations to plan and prepare for emergency scenarios,” said Alejandro Ferrell, Stonecrest’s Director of Code Enforcement. “Always remember safety comes first and that includes creating and rehearsing a plan of action before an unforeseen event occurs.”

Stonecrest officials offer the following tips to help keep individuals and families safe ahead of an emergency:

- **Create an action plan.** - Determine your evacuation route and shelter plans. Build an emergency kit with supplies that will last for several days. Consider items that are unique to each person and be sure to store items and food supplies for pets. Charge your cell phone or other devices in case you lose power.
- **Keep a list of local resources.** – Contact your local fire department to learn about various safety and prevention programs. Consider participating in an emergency preparedness program provided by the American Red Cross of Georgia.
- **Stay Alert.** – Sign up for free emergency alert notifications.
- **Store important documents in a safe place.** – Items such as birth certificates, deeds, insurance policies, and titles should be put in either a fire resistant or waterproof place. Consider storing documents electronically.

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Stonecrest residents and businesses looking for more information on how to prepare for an emergency can visit the City’s website at: www.stonecrestga.gov, or the U.S. Department of Homeland Security’s “Ready” campaign website at: www.ready.gov.

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About the City of Stonecrest

The City of Stonecrest is located in DeKalb County, Georgia. The City operates under a Council-Manager form of government. The City is minutes from downtown Atlanta and Hartsfield-Jackson International Airport. Stonecrest offers residents a live-work-play community. The City is known for shopping and restaurants in The Mall at Stonecrest area. Residents and visitors can explore nature or hiking trails and cycling opportunities in the area. For more information, visit: www.stonecrestga.gov.