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Dear Neighbor:

A safe community is one where neighbors know and depend on each other in an emergency.

If a disaster were to strike Howard County, government agencies are prepared to help residents as soon as possible, but we may need to take care of ourselves for up to 5 days after a disaster until help arrives.

That's why I'm inviting you and our neighbors to a meeting to learn what we need to do in an emergency and to develop a communication and resource-sharing plan to help each other.

I'm coordinating this as the **Neighborhood Contact** for **N2N Neighbor-To-Neighbor**. N2N is a Howard County grassroots program designed to help families and neighbors prepare for an emergency before it happens. N2N is a program of CERN (Community Emergency Response Network) of Howard County, Maryland – a community readiness network of government agencies, nonprofit organizations, local businesses, and first responders.

I've scheduled the meeting for _____

at _____.

I have included the Neighbor Information Form for you to bring to the meeting or leave at my door. This voluntary information and the plan we develop together will be shared with all of us. We may have valuable resources in our neighborhood that could help us pull together.

Please do not include any information you are not willing to share with neighbors!

Please join us for this special N2N neighborhood meeting to plan for and help each other in an emergency. If you can't attend, let me know and I'll bring you the information.

Thanks.