

Non-Profit News

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Lee County Red Cross Preparing for Big Birthday

The Lee County Red Cross is preparing for our 90th birthday and I think I am going to need some help blowing out all those candles! October 16, 1917 was the day our local Red Cross Chapter was chartered and this year on October 16 we will be celebrating with a community birthday party and open house at our office from 4-6 p.m. We will have cake and ice cream and a special gift for the first 90 people who come to the party.

Have you been a part of the Lee County Red Cross over the past 90 years? If so, I would love to hear from you. I have only been with our Chapter since 2000 and have found very few historic records. If you have stories, memorabilia, photos or artifacts that you would like to share with our chapter, I welcome your involvement.

The Lee County Red Cross will start its day on October 16 by hosting a breakfast turn in meeting for the United Way. I deliberately chose this date to host the turn in because United Way is so important to the Red Cross and our community. I wanted to celebrate our partnership with this agency on our special day. United Way is currently in the middle of their annual campaign to raise over one million dollars for local non-profit groups that provide social services in our community. If you have not gotten involved with United Way yet, now is your chance! Call their office at 334-745-5540 and find out how you and your business, church, school or civic group can participate.

This week we will also be getting ready for our "Plan to Prepare" community preparedness clinics and workshops that will be held on Saturday, September 22 at Home Depot. Not only will these workshops give you useful information on topics such as building your family disaster plan, assembling your disaster supplies kit and safely operating a generator, but you can register to win some great prizes! Briggs and Stratton has donated \$200 in Home Depot gift cards to be given away and we will have other great prizes too, so I know you won't want to miss this event.

Don't forget about the Long Term Care and Residential Provider Emergency Planning Session that will be held at 11:30 a.m. on Wednesday, September 26 at the Health Resource Center in Opelika. This session is geared for workers in nursing homes, assisted living facilities, mental health facilities and other industries that have a special responsibility to protect those in your care. For more information on preparedness events, visit www.readyleecounty.org or call 334-749-9981.

Club Red will be meeting on Friday, September 28 at 4:00 p.m. at the Red Cross. If you are between the ages of 12 and 18 and want to get involved, please join us or call us at

334-749-9981 for more information. Our Red Cross Campus Club at Auburn University will be meeting on Monday, October 1 at 5:00 p.m. at Foy Union. If you are a college student that wants to get involved with the Red Cross, this is a great way to do that.

Do you want a cleaner, litter free society? If so, you will want to attend the public forum being held on October 2 at 6:30 p.m. at Southern Union in Opelika. The meeting will be in room 104 of the administration building and will discuss developing a local chapter of PALS, People Against a Littered State. For more information, contact Paula Brickner at 334-749-6067 or email citizensagainstlittering@charter.net.

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