

## Greetings Athens Friends, Residents and Property Owners

With the arrival of our first major snow of the season followed within a week by torrential rains, and the New Year, it seemed a good time to update you all on a few things we thought you should know:

- We, the Athens Emergency Committee, have changed our name to the **Athens Weather Emergency Committee**. We feel this will serve to clarify that our focus is to help Athens prepare and respond to serious weather events where residents may need emergency assistance.
- We have welcomed 2 new committee members, Tina White of Taylor Hill, and Wichie Artu, new owner of Carol Bingham's home on Brookline Rd.
- And we want to send out our thanks and well wishes to Lois Sippel and Bev Hutchins who recently stepped down from their work with the committee.

Additionally, we have a few reminders for you about how we are here to help you, and how you can help us and your neighbors:

- We have a protocol in place to determine if we need to open an Emergency Shelter at the Community Christian Church. Call one of us if you are in need due to a severe weather event.
- We've surveyed residents to know who might have skills or equipment that could be helpful during and after a weather emergency, and have a list of folks with special medical needs as well as. Let us know if you are yet to submit a survey and would like to, and/or have updates to your skills, equipment, or needs.
- We have divided the town into zones with one member of the committee assigned to each zone. The committee member for your zone may have already visited you, or might do so once such contact is less risky due to coronavirus concerns.
- Following a severe weather event, we'll get out to check in with folks in our zones to ascertain what damage has occurred, and if anyone needs assistance.
- You can help by being an extra pair of eyes and ears on the ground to let your Zone Leader or another member of the committee know if a neighbor needs help during or following a severe weather event. ***But in no way are we suggesting that you go out during a severe weather event!***
- Save this letter and highlight your Zone Leader on the list on the back of this page.

# **Athens Weather Emergency Committee**

## **Zone Leaders – Contact and Zones of Responsibility:**

**Don Capponcelli** (869.2590): Reed Road

**Cheree Alsvig** (802.428.3016): Ernst, McCusker, Walker & Herring Roads

**Tim Stevenson & Sherry Maher** (802.2141): Rte 35 from Townshend town line to junction of Brookline & Rte35; upper Mill Hill & Meetinghouse Rd.

**Tina White** (869.3478): Rte 35 from junction of Rte 35 & Brookline Rd. to Cambridgeport town line; Taylor Hill, Ober Hill, Grout & Miller Rds., and lower Mill Hill

**Wichie Artu** (869.3669): from junction of Rte 35/Brookline Rds to Valley Cemetery Rd. and Valley Cemetery Rd.

**Lynn Morgan** (869.2227): Brookline Rd. from Valley Cemetery Rd to Brookline town line; Sam Farr and Whitney Rds.