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Management Unit and FEMA personnel for a briefing July 25.

Three types of FEMA assistance is available for those who qualify:

- Disaster housing assistance includes grants for help pay for alternate rental housing, emergency repairs needed to make the residence habitable, and mortgage and rental assistance where the disaster caused extreme economic hardship.

- Individual and family grants

to help met serious disaster-related needs and necessary expenses not covered by insurance or other disaster assistance programs. Money is also available for preventative measures to reduce the effects of future flooding.

Small Business Administration has two related disaster assistance programs.

One makes loans available to homeowners and renters for restoring or replacing underin-

sured or uninsured storm-damaged real and personal property in declared areas. Funds are also available for mitigation measures to reduce the effects of flooding. SBA provides loans to businesses to cover repairs or replacement for equipment, inventory, machinery and facilities damaged.

People affected are urged to call 1-800-462-9029 between 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. daily to register.

People should be ready to pro-

vide a phone number, address, Social Security number, lists of damages and losses, directions to the property and name of their insurance company and policy number. Those with insurance are asked to call their agent before applying for federal assistance.

"It's (reviewed) on a case-by-case basis depending on each family's circumstances," said Leanne Robinson, Oakland County Emergency Management Unit coordinator.

Health challenge Aug. 8-9

Healthy People, Healthy Oakland and the Farmington Family YMCA will celebrate completion of the first step toward becoming fit Aug. 8-9.

To celebrate completion of "Taking the Pledge" phase one, teams from local businesses and groups will participate in sports and an awards ceremony.

Family activities will include golf, swimming, track and field, cheer leading, softball, volleyball, basketball, scavenger hunts and miniature golf. The events will take place at Putt Putt Golf,

San Marino Golf Course, North Farmington High School, Heritage Park, The Farmington Family YMCA and Country Lanes Bowling.

"Taking the Pledge" participants strive to become more active, eat more fruits and vegetables and cut fat in their diets.

The second phase is at the end of August with the continued support of Botaford Health Care Continuum, The Observer & Eccentric Newspapers and Time Warner. For more details, call the YMCA at 553-4020.

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