



EL DORADO HILLS, CA

- LAKEHILLS ESTATES - A FIREWISE COMMUNITY
- SOUTHPOINTE - A FIREWISE COMMUNITY
- LAKERIDGE OAKS - A FIREWISE COMMUNITY

May 2019

Lakehills Fire Safe Council Community Bulletin

Promoting Fire Safe Communities

Next Council Meeting:

Tues., June 11th, 7 pm

Topic: El Dorado County Vegetation Mgmt. Ordinance & EDC update by Supervisor John Hidahl

EDH Fire Department
Main Station #85
El Dorado Hills Blvd. and
Wilson Blvd.

Other FSC meeting dates:

July 9th

August 13th

September 10th

October 8th

Please select Lakehills Fire Safe Council as your charity choice on **Amazon Smile**. Thanks to those who already partner! Make a donation to the Fire Safe Council every time you buy... Thanks!



[<<REGISTER HERE>>](#)

Reporting Numbers to Call

Report non-desired activities in a proper and timely fashion.

- Report illegal parking or traffic problems to the Highway Patrol (916) 861-1300.
- Report illegal parkland activities to State Parks (916) 358-1300.
- Report illegal activity on non-park properties to the Sheriff (530) 621-6600.

Opportunity - Forum with Supervisor

Although there is no May meeting, please put June 11th on your calendar. Supervisor John Hidahl, our District 1 Board of Supervisor, will share news from the county. Will the new EDC Vegetation Management ordinance BOS approved apply to you? Do you have questions about recently approved projects? What resources and preparations do El Dorado County residents need to be aware of? Please join us and bring your neighbors!

Successful Firewise Event!

The Firewise Event on May 5th was a lovely day in the park! Many thanks to our planners Butch and Nancy Jackson and their team of volunteers. This annual event fulfills our yearly Firewise USA Community requirements: neighbors dedicating time learning about wildfire risks and preparedness and the Council sharing educational material. As those who attend know, this is a casual event allowing neighbors to socialize while learning about fuel reduction projects—both in process and complete. The drinks and food are complimentary—although donations (either by buying raffle tickets or volunteering time or cash) are always appreciated! Thanks to CA District 6 Assemblyman Kevin Kiley, the volunteers distributing flyers, the set up and clean up crews, EDH Fire Fighters for bringing their engine, those who donated raffle prize, the servers, and La Placita Restaurant (patronize this O’vare supporter—good food!!)



Cal Fire Announces EDC Town Hall Meetings

Preparing for an active fire season and in response to increased public requests, the CAL FIRE Amador-El Dorado unit is presenting 4 Town Hall meetings in El Dorado County. This outreach effort will provide a forum to discuss fire planning, prevention and preparedness. Agencies and individuals must work together to adapt to the changing wildfire environment. **May 14th’s meeting** is the closest to EDH residents. It will be held at the **Cameron Park CSD (2502 Country Club Drive)** from **6-8 pm**. Participants will include OES, Fire Depts., Cal Fire. and local Fire Safe Councils. [<CLICK HERE FOR MORE>](#)

Lakehills Fire Safe Council is a community organization. Join and Email us at: lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com

Living Under a Time Bomb! - Dec. 12, 2018 Washington Post article by Tim Craig

The deadliest wildfire in California history was blazing far away from here (*Nevada City*) about a 75-mile drive north in the town of Paradise, but Mark Cooper and Galen Ellis saw danger just outside of their window. The couple's beige three-bedroom house blends beautifully with their wooded lot. But the next time a wind-swept firestorm erupts here in the Sierra Nevada Mountain foothills, they fear those cedar and ponderosa pine trees could become a flaming 20-story cage. "We are now at the point of wondering: Do the risks now outweigh the costs of owning a home?" said Ellis, who is 57 and nearing retirement. "A lot of people here are thinking, 'It wasn't me this year, but it could be next year.'"

"We have had a lot of conversations about what the potential is, and how can we stop these in totality," said Pete Muñoa, chief of the Land Use Planning Program division at the California Department of Forestry and Fire Protection (Cal Fire), which oversees state fire suppression and prevention. "You have to look at building construction; you have got to look at where people are living."

Although the debate is still in early stages, Muñoa said lawmakers and regulators might consider new rules for vegetation management as well as broader revisions to building codes and development plans. State and local officials also plan to modify evacuation plans, a recognition that there are too many people living in wooded areas near too few highways.

"We've got a lot of folks moving in from the [San Francisco] Bay Area, and they love their trees, but we are killing ourselves loving the trees," said John Gulserian, Manager of Nevada County Office of Emergency Services, adding that some properties contain "hundreds of trees per acre" when a maximum of 40 to 50 per acre is considered ideal to reduce the rapid spread of a fire.

Even before the wildfire destroyed Paradise, Cal Fire was sounding the alarm. In its 2018 strategic plan released in August, Cal Fire noted the average size of a wildfire in the state had grown to more than 14,000 acres, compared to less than 8,000 acres 20 years ago. The report cited climate change as a contributing factor. Earlier this year, state legislators granted \$200 million to Cal Fire to expedite vegetation removal and other fire prevention measures, while electric utility PG&E is expanding efforts to cut down trees near power lines.

Read the entire article: [<<CLICK HERE>>](#)

New Tools for Fire Fighting - Nov. 23, 2018 BBC News article

A modified Boeing 737 has been used to fight a wildfire for the first time, Australian authorities say.

The former passenger jet was deployed as a water-bombing aircraft in New South Wales...It can carry more than 15,000 litres (4,000 gallons) of water and fire retardant - a large amount, though less than some other water-bombing planes. However, officials say it offers greater flexibility because it can hold up to 63 firefighters in addition. The plane dropped several loads of retardant on a fire that has threatened houses at Port Stephens, 150km (90 miles) north of Sydney. The 737 was converted into an air tanker by Canadian company Coulson Aviation, and is on contract to the NSW Rural Fire Service. The fire-fighting agency has nine other water-bombing aircraft, including one with a 45,000-litre capacity. However, spokesman Chris Garlick said the modified 737 was a "more versatile" option. "It's got all the capacity to drop big loads of water and retardant, but because it was a former passenger plane, we can also carry people in it and across interstate lines," he told the BBC.

Look For Expanded Communications



The **Lakehills Fire Safe Council** is now on **Facebook!**
Please consider *liking* our new page! It just takes a *click!*
www.facebook.com/LakehillsFireSafe



The **Lakehills Fire Safe Council** also posts on Nextdoor
(Lake Forest). Look for helpful info there!