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Lakehills Fire Safe Council Community Bulletin

Promoting Fire Safe Communities

Next Council Gathering:

Annual Firewise BBQ

Sunday, May 6th

3-6 pm

Lake Forest Park on
Francisco

NO MEETING IN MAY

Annual Firewise Event and BBQ



**PROGRAM - RAFFLE - BBQ on SUNDAY, MAY 6th
3-6 pm, at Lake Forest Park**

Topic: "Be On Your Own for the First 72 Hours"

Disaster Preparedness: No Power? No Water? Communications down? First Responders not on site yet? Red Cross speaker Dana Epstein will offer preparedness tips... what to know and how to be self-reliant temporarily, if necessary, immediately after an emergency.

Walk or drive to Lake Forest Park – parking is limited so use Marina Village School for overflow. Bring your chair! This informal setting offers an opportunity to talk with your neighbors and ask questions about defensible space and fire safety.

This event is presented in partnership with Lakehills Fire Safe Council, El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, El Dorado Hills Fire Department, and EDH Firefighter's Foundation.

Communities working together toward common goals get results! We offer valuable resources, "how to" help, education & SIX years of experience.

JOIN THE EFFORT!

Contributions are always appreciated! Support this all volunteer, non profit group by selecting "Lakehills Fire Safe Council" as your choice on AmazonSmile. Thanks!

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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.

El Dorado Disposal - Extra Green Waste Collection

Did you receive a phone message about El Dorado Disposal's special offer? It corresponds with cleaning your yard, maintaining defensible space, clearing gutters, and trimming tree branches away from the house and up off the ground. El Dorado Disposal will make green waste disappear if it's bagged / bundled and curbside the week of May 7th on your regular pick up day! Call for the specifics: (530) 626-4141

Looking long term....

El Dorado Hills may not have blighted neighborhoods, but how do we keep our community strong and a place that continues to charm, be friendly and support its residents? The Fire Safe Council is only one organization of many, but its mission to reduce the risk of catastrophic wildfire was born from the love and appreciation of our community and the concerns about conditions that threaten this exceptional area. Working together is powerful and nets tangible results—not only for fire safety, but can also reduce crime and increase civic pride. Read inspiring stories about diverse communities from Italy to Seattle where small actions led to big accomplishments:

- ⇒ Dare to Dream
- ⇒ Take Time to Enjoy your Surroundings
- ⇒ Stir Up a Little Hope
- ⇒ Take a Stroll
- ⇒ Be a Local Economy Hero
- ⇒ Build on What's Good to Make your Community Better
- ⇒ Do Nothing in Particular
- ⇒ Great Places Grow Petunia Patches
- ⇒ Save the Planet Right on Your Own Block

Read the entire article here: [<CLICK LINK>](#) Each person can make a difference!

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What do Wild Animals do in a Wildfire?

By Sarah Zielinski, for National Geographic

Wildfires are raging...wreaking havoc on human lives and forcing evacuations from homes. But for some wildlife species that have evolved to live with fire, the scenario is not so dire.... Many animals and other organisms have evolved to cope with—and even thrive in the wake of the flames.... “Wildlife have a long-standing relationship with fire” in these regions, says ecosystem ecologist Mazeika Sullivan of Ohio State University, Columbus. “Fire is a natural part of these landscapes.” For instance, some predators see the fleeing species as an opportunity for snacking. Bears, raccoons, and raptors, for instance, have been seen hunting animals trying to escape the flames.... What’s more, when the flames begin, animals don’t just sit there and wait to be overcome. Birds will fly away. Mammals will run. Amphibians and other small creatures will burrow into the ground, hide out in logs or take cover under rocks. And other animals, including large ones like elk, will take refuge in streams and lakes. Read the entire article: [<CLICK HERE>](#)

Looking Good Neighbors

Walking around the community, there’s good progress being made on maintaining residential defensible space: weeds being cut down; brush being removed; trees being limbed up, etc. Fire Season will soon be here. Now is the time to get your property and home ready. Remember, do the required vegetation management on your entire property. If a clearance evaluation of your property would be helpful, the Fire Safe Council can arrange a complimentary review. These consultations can be performed by Fire Department personnel or the Council’s trainees to meet your schedule.

Firewise Celebrates Milestones - Cathy Prudhomme NFPA

Eat cake and celebrate 277 Firewise USA™ sites’ milestone achievements

“In my family, we are always looking for reasons to eat cake. Celebrations of all sizes work equally well for us; so I’m very excited that I can indulge in a big slice tonight as a nod to the 277 Firewise USA™ sites that recently reached a 5, 10 or 15 year milestone anniversary of wildfire risk reduction achievements. Accomplishments of that magnitude call for lots and lots of cake so join me from afar and cut yourself a giant slice too!

These sites’ long-term accomplishments range from individual efforts, to neighbor-to-neighbor collaborative actions, to community-wide projects that increase a home’s chances of surviving wildfires. Each has embraced the importance of neighbors working together to reduce wildfire risks and have worked closely with their state forestry agency and local fire department to maximize their efforts.

We extend a hearty round of applause to all that reached these major milestones! There are 167 sites that reached the five-year milestone; 94 that reached the ten-year milestone and 16 superstars achieved fifteen years with the program. The sixteen sites completing fifteen years of participation will receive customized street signage that proudly shares their status in the program.” (by Cathy Prudhomme)

Editor’s Note: This Firewise USA™ article is important for us because Lakehills FSC helped the Lakehills Estates community achieve Firewise USA™ status in 2013. In 2014, the Southpointe community joined the Lakehills Estates Firewise community and now, together, have achieved milestone status. New signs will soon be installed in these communities that recognize the commitment and status within this national organization (Firewise USA™ is a part of the National Fire Prevention Association or “NFPA”). Thanks to the great support and work of the entire community! Lakeridge Oaks will be celebrating their 5 year Firewise USA™ anniversary next year!

At the June 12th meeting, updates will be presented for both the Lakehills/Southpointe Firewise assessment done in 2013 and the Lakehills/Southpointe CWPP (Community Wildfire Protection Plan) assessment completed in 2014. How much progress have we made? What’s been completed in those years? Are we safer from wildfire?

Grant monies and agency contributions have financed past fuel reduction projects; Lakehills FSC now needs additional project ideas to continue our mission. What ideas can you offer that would reduce our communities' risk? Lakehills FSC is a community-based, all-volunteer group; participation & suggestions are always welcome! Please send your thoughts to lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com