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September 2019

# Lakehills Fire Safe Council Community Bulletin

Promoting Fire Safe Communities

### Next Council Meeting:

**Tues., Sept. 10th, 7 pm**

**Topic: Folsom Dam, CVP system & regulations**

**Speaker John Hutchings**

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

**Future FSC meeting dates:**  
**October 8th**  
**(Dept. of Transportation)**  
**March 10th**

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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.

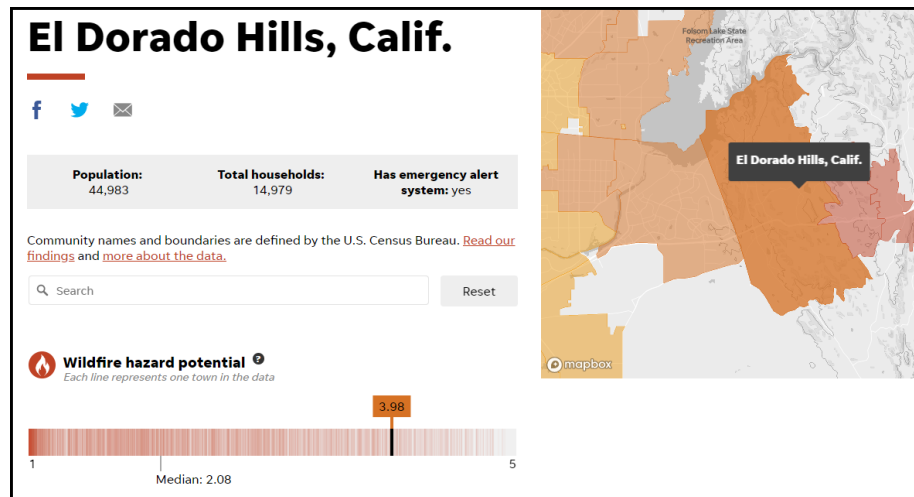
## Sept 10<sup>th</sup> Meeting - How the Water Flows

Folsom Lake is looking good! At 444.97 ft. as of Sept. 1<sup>st</sup>, lake viewers and users are happier than in those recent drought years. What does Bureau of Reclamation consider when managing the output of our local reservoir? Come listen to BOR John Hutchings' presentation about Folsom Dam, Central Valley Project, their history and how this intricate water system works. This popular subject was of great interest when John spoke 4 years ago. Here's a teaser: [>>CLICK HERE<<](#)

## Ahead of the Fire - by Pamela Ren Larson & Dennis Wagner, Arizona Republic, July 28, 2019

This July study of 11 western states by Arizona Republic and USA Today has some surprising results. More than 500 small communities have been rated as having a higher wildfire hazard risk than Paradise, Ca. Using US Forest Service data including topography, precipitation, vegetation and previous fires, a risk factor was assigned from 1 to 5 for each 18-acre square in small communities within the study area (11 states: WA, OR, CA, ID, NV, MT, WY, UT, AZ, CO, NM).

Paradise was rated at 3.81 (wildfire hazard potential score for burnable land inside a community's boundaries). Where did El Dorado Hills rank? **3.98** (see graphic below). Reminder: **Living with in a development or having an HOA does not exclude one from this risk. Homes can be fuel.**



Other human risk rankings were analyzed including communities' evacuation constraints, age of residents, percent with disabilities, existence of alerting systems and number of mobile homes.

**Please take time to read this excellent article (use searchable interactive map):** [>CLICK HERE<](#)

## Remove Invasive Stinkwort Now!!



Remove this plant from your property and roadway now, before it flowers and re-seeds. These sticky aromatic plants, [Ditttrichia graveolens](#), germinate in late spring/early summer and by September have grown 2-4 ft. tall. Each plant produces small yellow flowers & can set tens of thousands of seeds! Use gloves and/or long handled pruners. If flowering, throw in trash.

Lakehills Fire Safe Council is a community organization. Join and Email us at: [lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com](mailto:lakehillsfiresafecouncil@gmail.com)

## Fall Safety Tips and Preparedness Links

### Time Changes Mean Battery Changes:

Get in the habit of changing the batteries in your smoke detectors and carbon monoxide detectors every fall and spring when changing the clocks for Daylight Savings Time. It is also a good idea to make it standard procedure in your household to verify that all fire extinguishers are fully charged and in working order when you adjust the clocks each season.

### Fire Safety Tips for Holiday Decorations:

- Do not use candles in Halloween jack-o-lanterns. Flashlights are much safer.
- Make sure that children's costumes are made with fire retardant materials.
- Use only fire retardant holiday decorations.
- Verify that all holiday lights & extension cords have been tested by an organization such as Factory Mutual or Underwriters Laboratory



### Fireplace Safety Tips:

- Get your chimney inspected each year to make sure that it is safe.
- Hire a chimney sweep to clean out your chimney every fall.
- Repair any cracks in fireplaces.
- Use fireplace screens to keep sparks and fire debris inside the fireplace.
- Do not ever use gasoline to start a fire in the fireplace.
- Never leave a fire unattended.
- Make sure that combustible materials are not stored within three feet of your fireplace.
- For natural gas fireplaces, get all connections and lines inspected before each season.



Remember that outdoor fireplaces can be just as dangerous as indoor units, and observe all safety precautions when using!

### Wildfire Safety Links:

Prepare your family: [<<HERE>>](#)

Emergency Preparedness Checklist: [<<HERE>>](#)

Current Fire News: [<<HERE>>](#) or [<<HERE>>](#)

Emergencies: EDC Sheriff's Office social media

## Local Resources and News

**2-1-1 El Dorado County**—dial 2-1-1 to connect to free and confidential info and El Dorado County's Referral Network. Get access to our county's vital services and programs: call, click or text. **CALL 211** for live operator or get info **ONLINE** at [www.211eldorado.org](http://www.211eldorado.org) or **TEXT** your zip code to 898211.

**Green Valley Road widening** project should resume in September. The delay was the result of qualifying and selecting a second contractor. The project is estimated to take 7 months to complete, but weather will determine the work days. The shifted road lanes in place will be used for the majority of the project, causing little interruption to traffic flow.

**Interested in a Wildfire Smoke Guide?** This guide offers info about correct & incorrect types of air masks and preparing as a community for unhealthy air. Find the guide and educational factsheets on this website [<<CLICK HERE>>](#)

**EDH Community Council meetings**—next one is Monday, Sept. 9th at CSD in the Pavilion. If you want information about local issues, visit BOS John Hidahl's website for this and other communications. [<<CLICK HERE>>](#)

The Lakehills Fire Safe Council posts on NextDoor (to the LakeForest group) and has a Facebook page. Please find us at [www.facebook.com/LakehillsFireSafe](http://www.facebook.com/LakehillsFireSafe). Monthly meetings are open to all.

