Lakehills Fire Safe Council
Community Bulletin

EDC Office of Emergency Services - CodeRed
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Have you heard about the CodeRED system and App for your smartphone? It's the new El Dorado County Sheriff's Office's Office of Emergency Services Alert Notification System, which provides a number of ways in which the County may contact the community in the event of an emergency such as: evacuations due to wildfires, or hazardous material spills, or urgent law enforcement operations. The El Dorado County Office of Emergency Services partnered with CodeRED emergency notification service to alert residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media when there is a threat to the health or safety of residents.

To register for these services and to see more information including Frequently Asked Questions, such as:

- What is CodeRED and why is it important to me?
  CodeRED is an emergency notification service that allows emergency officials to notify residents and businesses by telephone, cell phone, text message, email and social media regarding time-sensitive general and emergency notifications. Only authorized officials have access to the CodeRED system.

- When will CodeRED be used?
  Any message regarding the safety, property or welfare of the community will be disseminated using the CodeRED system. These may include AMBER alerts, notifications of hazardous traffic or road conditions, water advisories or evacuation notices.

- Does the CodeRED already have my telephone number, or do I need to sign up?
  The CodeRED database contains information received from public databases, including regional phonebooks. However, no resident should assume that their information is in the system. The home page of the El Dorado County Sheriff's Office website, http://www.edso.org has a link to the CodeRED Community Notification Enrollment page where you can register online. If you cannot register online, you can call (530) 621-5895 and speak with one of the communications specialists to complete your registration over the telephone.

- See more: <LINK HERE>

Plan To Protect Yourself & Your Family - FEMA

Prepare yourself and your family for a disaster by making an emergency plan.

- Download the Family Communication Plan for Parents and Kids <LINK HERE>, fill out the pdf forms on line and then print the pages to share.

- Your emergency planning should also address the care of pets, aiding family members with access and functional needs and safely shutting off utilities. <LINK HERE>

- You may also want to inquire about emergency plans at work, daycare and school. If no plans exist, consider volunteering to help create one. Read more about school and workplace plans. <LINK>

- Once you've collected this important information, gather your family members and discuss the information to put in the plan. Practice your plan at least twice a year and update it according to any issues that arise.

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Next Council Meeting
Tuesday, October 13
7:00 PM
EDH Fire Department
Main Fire Station #85
El Dorado Hills Blvd. and Wilson Blvd.

Speakers
John Hutchings of the US Bureau of Reclamation will provide history and current status of Folsom Dam, Lake, storage, and challenges for water use both current and future.

Blake Nielsen from California State Parks / FLSRA will supply history of the FLSRA Park, current status, public use, challenges and future plans.

Learning new things about our very special area!
During this Year of Living Less Dangerously from Wildfire, people are embracing changes that create disaster resilience. Explore how you can embrace a future that’s safer from wildfire. Learn what piece you have to solve the wildfire disaster puzzle! Whether you are a firefighter, insurance agent, community leader, legislator or resident, everyone holds a piece of the wildfire safety puzzle!

Embrace wildfire safety during America’s PrepareAthon

September was National Preparedness Month, and our nation’s safety leaders urge participation in America’s PrepareAthon. Take action, be counted and spread the word!

WHAT: A wildfire is an unplanned, unwanted fire burning in a natural area, such as a forest, grassland, or prairie. As building development expands into these areas, homes and businesses may be situated in or near areas susceptible to wildfires. This is called the wildland urban interface.

WHERE: Wildfires can occur anywhere in the country. They can start in remote wilderness areas, in national parks, or even in your back yard. Wildfires can start from natural causes, such as lightning, but most are caused by humans, either accidentally—from cigarettes, campfires, or outdoor burning—or intentionally.

WHEN: Wildfires can occur at any time throughout the year, but the potential is always higher during periods with little or no rainfall, which make brush, grass, and trees dry and burn more easily. High winds can also contribute to spreading the fire. Your community may have a designated wildfire season when the risk is particularly high.

This is a lot of information, but worth taking the time to read: <LINK HERE>

More info here: http://www.community.fema.gov/hazard/wildfire/be-smart

El Dorado Irrigation District

Reminder: Mandatory restrictions schedule changes to twice-weekly in October

Beginning October 1 and running through November 15, customers move to a twice-weekly watering schedule. Details on the new schedule are available at Watering Restrictions <LINK HERE>

Additional drought information is available on EID’s website at www.eid.org/drought-information along with ideas for how customers can save water inside and outside of their homes or businesses.

If you missed it, you can get the EID Waterfront Newsletter : September/October <LINK HERE>

Countywide Community Wildfire Protection Plan

The El Dorado County Fire Safe Council, of which our FSC is an Associate Council, recently announced plans to produce a Countywide CWPP (West Slope) utilizing grant funding awarded through this year’s SRA Grants which are managed by CALFIRE.

The planned 18-month project was kicked off with presentations to the EDC Fire Chiefs’ Association, Stakeholder Agency Partners and the Board of Supervisors on August 26th. Initial plans and schedules are going together which will include input via public meetings and online / written surveys. A public meeting is planned in the El Dorado Hills area and we will keep you updated as this effort progresses.

Lakehills - Southpointe CWPP

Your Lakehills Fire Safe Council continues its development and community involvement with the recent completion of the field work needed to add an area of Southpointe to the existing CWPP document. Thanks to a core team of Southpointe residents for their efforts as we work together to make our greater community safer from wildfire. The amended CWPP document is in its final stages of signature by the appropriate agencies and should be finalized in the near future.