



Oak Hill Area
**FIRE SAFE
COUNCIL**

October Newsletter 2019 Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council

Dear Neighbors,

The Fire Safe Council has been busy and there are several items to share with you this newsletter. The last [Community Meeting](#) of the year will be October 8th at the Firefighter's Memorial Hall in Diamond Springs. Community meetings will resume after January. Let us know what topics you want to hear more about! [Email us](#) back with your ideas.

In September I attended a fire science talk hosted by the South Fork American River Collaborative Group (SOFAR). The speaker was [Stephen Quarles](#) former UC Berkeley professor and recent fire research director at Insurance Institute (IBHS) research center. He is a renowned expert in home fire protection. Stephen emphasized a coupled approach to home safety with both vegetation management around the home as well as improvements and maintenance of the fire resistance of the home itself. Here are additional resources he mentioned in his talk:

[Fire Adapted Communities](#)

[Wildfire Resistant Homes: Codes and Costs](#)

[Wildfire Preparation and Recovery](#)

[Science and Climate: How You Can Prepare for Wildfire](#)

Our Education grant funds should be received by mid-October. We are looking for a volunteer to help with its bookkeeping. For example, the grant requires that we track our volunteer hours working on the educational projects as a funding match. Someone needs to compile those hours as well as other data. Please [email us](#) if you have a bit of time available.

In other news, I've spoken with both Supervisor Brian Veerkamp and Assemblyman Kevin Kiley's office to learn what I can about homeowners insurance progress. You may have seen Kevin's [Opinion letter](#) in the Mountain Democrat. He has also announced an upcoming Insurance Town Hall meeting with State Insurance Commissioner Lara on October 24 from 6:00PM-8:00PM at the Cameron Park CSD (2502 Country Club Dr, Cameron Park, CA 95682). On our County Supervisor's webpage I found [this link with insurance information](#). I hope some of this helps those of you still struggling.

And last but not least, Supervisor Veerkamp and Transportation Maintenance Deputy Director, Brian Mullens have worked with Big Oak resident, Brian Lux to identify several hazards along that road which the County has agreed to repair! Read Brian's report, [Removing Dangerous Conditions](#). Thanks Brian for so effectively reaching out to the County for help. This is another example of neighbors doing what they can to help us all be safer! Thank you!

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