



Oak Hill Area
**FIRE SAFE
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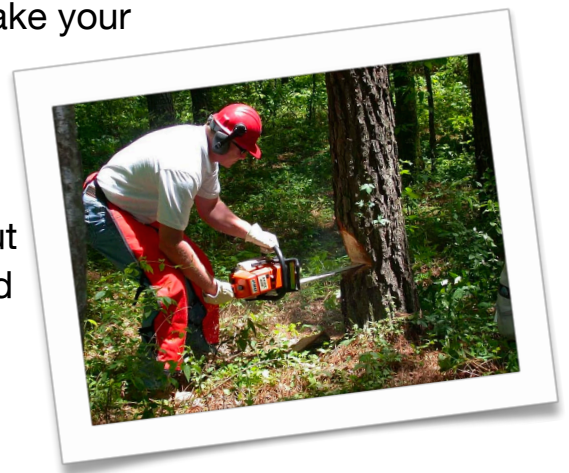
Dear Neighbors,

Winter and spring have flown by! If you haven't already started, this is the right time to harden your home and create space that can be defended from wildfire.

Be sure to browse through the [website](#) to see and read about the changes your neighbors are making - and what you can do - to make your homes and neighborhoods safer from wildfire.

(BTW, they're going gangbusters again on Rocky Ridge!)

Check out the links below for more information about new grants, safety standards for access roads in and out of our neighborhoods (critical for us), a new emergency communication system for all our residents, and a new BLM fire-prevention order.



Home Hardening Webinar

Tuesday, June 9th at 5:30 pm

Learn how to evaluate your house through new eyes. **Alice Cantelow** explains how to lessen the chance of your house igniting in a wildfire without breaking your budget. Hear recent research about what really helps and what costs a lot but doesn't help much.

Get more details and directions for joining the webinar.

Will Your Access Road Be Safe During a Wildfire?



If there is a fire, most of us have only one way to get out. So, what can we do to make our primary, and possibly only, exit safer? Mark Leighton lists Cal Fire recommendations along with photos of neighborhood roads that do - and don't - meet the criteria. [Read Mark's article to find out what needs to be done on your road.](#)

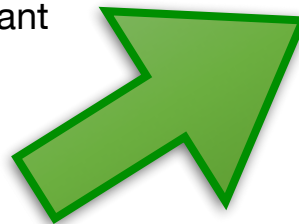
The road you see on the left is almost perfect, except for the wooden fence on the right.

Rocky Ridge Is At It Again!

Last year, our neighbors on Rocky Ridge showed us what we can do when we work together. See what they're doing *this* year with a [socially distanced work day](#).

Get Your Backup Battery **REBATE**

Here is a very significant rebate program for people who live in wildfire areas. It is important and time-sensitive. Lester Lubetkin explains [how to get your rebate](#).



No Free Chipping?

The free chipping program funded by the County is so popular it has tripled the volume of limbs processed this season and has run out of support funds. Steve Willis, [in an article arranged by Gary Rathbun](#), explains the aggressive efforts of the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council (our umbrella council) to get new funding.

More Discounts

All of our work together has qualified us as a FIREWISE USA community. This means your insurance company may offer you a discount! [Read about it and get your certificate here.](#)

GMRS Radio Update

The Oak Hill Area FSC appreciates all the work that Alan Thompson and the EDC Amateur Radio Club have done to bring [GMRS Radio](#) to our area as an emergency backup in the event of cellular outage.



Our Fire Safe Council is developing a list of people who want to get a GMRS radio and learn how to use it. There are commercial-grade, used radios available **at cost**. If you are interested, [contact us](#) for more info and to get your name on the list.

Exciting News! A new [GMRS repeater antenna](#) has been installed on Rocky Ridge to cover our council area and enable our GMRS handheld radios to reach other GMRS radios in our Council boundaries.

BLM Fire Prevention Order

The Bureau of Land Management has published new restrictions due to increased wildland fire danger. [Read the Order](#) in an article developed by Gary Rathbun.

We live in a wonderful area! Together, we are becoming better able to protect the Oak Hill area landscape and ourselves from wildfire. Thanks for your interest in learning with us!

Sincerely,

Linda Azevedo, Chair, and the Fire Safe Council Team

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