

Dear Oak Hill, Zandonella, Hanks Exchange area Neighbors!

First, Welcome to the newest members of the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council. Thank you all for attending the fire safety community meetings we have been hosting. We hope you find them useful in the continuing effort to make our homes more fire resistant and ourselves more prepared for an emergency. We volunteers on the Council like to share what we are learning and this rough newsletter is my attempt to keep you informed between community meetings.

Before I forget, there will be no community meeting in August, but in September we have lined up speakers for a panel on insurance challenges. We are all concerned about this, in fact my husband and I just learned that Lexington has dropped fire coverage for us and so we are searching too. There are some efforts to encourage our supervisors and the State Insurance Commissioner to lead an effort to improve access and I will attach a letter from a group who recently presented to our Board of Supervisors. It has some good talking points about this challenge that seems to be affecting most of us. Certainly, our fire safe council and community efforts to improve our homes' resistance and emergency access should eventually help convince insurance companies to serve our area again.

Speaking of efforts to improve home resistance, remember the EDCFSC chipping program:

The free chipping program sponsored by the El Dorado County Fire Safe Council is BACK! You can get up to 6 hours of free chipping per year. The chipper is massive. That's a whole lot of chipping. The chips can be hauled away or left for your use. Please check out our website at <http://oakhillfiresafe.org/programs-services/free-chipping/> then follow the link to the guidelines on EDCFSC's website.

I am also attaching a summary of this week's El Dorado County Fire Safe Council Meeting. Remember to visit our webpage www.oakhillfiresafe.org for information and links. The site will soon be updated to be more interactive and include better communication.

Please recommend our Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council to your neighbors! We will all be better prepared by working together to improve things like road clearance and access to help on the 100' of Defensible Space. How is the vegetation along your road? Can we help you organize a work party to limb the growth back? If you would like to volunteer on that committee or any of the other Council committees or have a suggestion or concern for the Council, don't hesitate to email me. We can be reached by regular mail as well.

Respectfully,

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