

Dear Neighbors,

There's so much going on with fire safety this month! I'll cover some of the highlights here. Please check out our newly revamped [website](#) for more information.

We Got Our First Grant!

Exciting news...we won the [CA Fire Safe Council grant](#) that our committee applied for! The grant provides ~\$6,000 toward the Council's mission to educate and inform the neighborhood about wildfire. With that success, we look forward to applying for more grants to help accomplish OHAFSC goals to help residents become more fire safe. **Please keep your ideas coming for future grant proposals, such as defensible space and road clearance, etc.!**

What Your Neighbors Are Up To

[Check out this great success story](#) about how neighbors on Rocky Ridge Road (off Oak Hill) worked together to clear an overgrown road.

What got them started? As one resident said, "We learned that firefighters prioritize saving homes that are well-maintained (and have defensible space). And, here's a key: "For the most part it just required someone to take the lead, pick a day and communicate it."

Next month, we'll tell you about a very interesting project, entirely grassroots, to improve Jack Rabbit Trail. Neighbors helping neighbors – it really does work!

Emergency Alerts

We're all on high alert after the two fires last month in our area. We recommend you [sign up for more than one emergency alert](#). On the website, you'll find instructions for signing up for Twitter alerts. In the Paradise fire, many residents received Twitter alerts long before they heard anything from Code Red. In some cases, Code Red alerts didn't go out until after the house

had burned down, but Twitter relies on cell phone towers, which can burn down, so sign up for both!

Fire Insurance

Fire insurance is a challenge for many of us. See the Council's website (oakhillfiresafe.org) for several interesting articles about the [Fire Insurance crisis](#) – from KCRA's recent show, to the meeting between El Dorado Supervisors and the State Insurance Commissioner, to how the recent wildfires *continue* to exact a toll...in soaring cancellations and insurance costs.

Join Us for a Fire Insurance Panel Discussion at the Community Meeting on September 10th!

For a great discussion and what's sure to be an interesting Q&A, come to our [community meeting September 10th](#) at Firefighters Memorial Hall in Diamond Springs, 5:30 PM. Three local agents will talk about:

- What to do if your insurance gets cancelled
- How to find new insurance if you need it
- California's FAIR Plan (last-resort insurance)
- What's going on at the State level

Wishing you a safe and pleasant end of summer!

Linda Azevedo, Chairperson

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