



November 9, 2019

Hi Neighbors,

***Thank you all for making this a great first year for the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council!*** We learned a lot...about the very real wildfire dangers in our area...and some things we can do now to make our homes and neighborhoods safer from wildfire.

After taking a break for the holidays (no meetings November-January), OHAFSC meetings will start up again in February. Please save...

**February through October, 2020**

**Second Tuesday of each month**

**5:30 pm to 7:00 pm**

**Firefighters Memorial Hall**

**3734 China Garden Road (behind the  
Fire Station)**

**Diamond Springs**

Meeting topics and speakers are shaping up...from how to comply with the new Vegetation Management ordinance...to exciting, and affordable, radio communication options that will enable us to **communicate with each other in an emergency, even if phone lines and cell towers go down.**



One of the biggest challenges in our neighborhoods is improving access along our rural roads, public and private, both for ambulances and fire trucks coming in and evacuation going out. We have a committee working on identifying problem locations. The committee has begun to meet with small groups who live on one of the 27 or so feeder roads in our fire safe council area.

**If you would be willing to host a few people in your neighborhood to identify road improvement needs, please email us at [info@oakhillfiresafe.org](mailto:info@oakhillfiresafe.org). Mark Leighton is heading that effort and will get back to you. *That would be a HUGE help!***

One more bit of important news. Pleasant Valley Fire Safe Council is hosting Alan Thompson's talk on [Camp Fire, Phones, Fires and Failures](#) on November 14<sup>th</sup>. They meet at the Pleasant Valley Community Hall at 7pm. His talk has been well received and unfortunately we ran out of time to host him at one of our meetings.

Thank you for your support over this first year of the Oak Hill Area Fire Safe Council. Your questions and interest have helped drive our goals of neighbor-to-neighbor wildfire education and assistance and helped focus the Community Wildfire Protection Plan (CWPP).



If you have ideas for 2020 we want to hear them! We'd also love to hear from you if you'd like to volunteer. Volunteers truly make the council, which is all-volunteer and all grassroots, work. Email us at [info@oakhillfiresafe.org](mailto:info@oakhillfiresafe.org).

Please keep in mind that your donations at the community meetings help pay for the hall rental. We can also earmark your funds if you'd like to make a [donation](#) in support of a fire safety project dear to your heart.

Sincerely,

Linda Azevedo, Chair

## Quick Quiz

What is the overwhelming cause of home ignition in a wildfire?

- A) falling trees,
- B) flying embers,
- C) flammable roofing materials.

[Find the answer on our website.](#)

If you have a wooden deck or wooden supports on your deck . . .

Well, I guess you are out of luck! *But, is that true?*

Is there something you can do to fireproof outdoor wood?

[Find the answer on our website.](#)