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## OAKLAND RECEIVES CAL FIRE GRANT FOR VEGETATION WORK IN JOAQUIN MILLER PARK

**"Be looking for CAL FIRE personnel around Joaquin Miller Park."**



Dale Ridsen, chair of Friends of Joaquin Miller Park, left, and Doug Mosher, with the Oakland Firesafe Council, check out a tree stump that was cut over the winter rainy season at Joaquin Miller Park in Oakland, Calif., on Thursday, July 27, 2023. They are concerned that unpruned vegetation in Joaquin Miller and other parks around the city is contributing to fire danger in the hills. (Jane Tyska/Bay Area News Group)

Recently Dale Ridsen, Chair of Friends of Joaquin Miller Park (FOJMP), shared this great news:

"I'm happy to be able to confirm that Oakland has received a Cal Fire Grant to do work outlined in Oakland's Vegetative Plan for Joaquin Miller Park. Focus will be on Joaquin Miller Rd., Skyline JMP side, Sanborn, and area around Arena. ...

Members of Cal Fire Team for FOJMP, along with members from FOSC, and Oakland Tree Services, along with a crew of thirty Cal Fire crew hiked along Sanborn to get a feel for the work. FOSC is going to mark out areas where sensitive vegetation exist. This will not be overly extensive. But overgrowth and many invasive low materials will be mulched in place. **This is a huge win for Fire Safety, a healthier Park, and help residents from losing fire insurance coverage.** They will be starting immediately and will be here till May!

Cal Fire let us know that it was our efforts in seeking Cal Fire Grants that got Cal Fire to approach Oakland. A win win for everyone! Keep you posted."

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**Amelia Marshall, also with FOJMP, importantly noted:**




"Thanks to Johnella [La Rose], Sogorea Te' Land Trust, Confederated Villages of Lisjan, and tribal chair Corrina Gould for your wonderful letters of support.

Cal Fire people mentioned that the fact that we have the **support of the local Tribe made a favorable impression** on



the agency decision makers."

## And Friends of Sausal Creek (FOSC) shared this on social media:

 friends\_of\_sausal\_creek ...



 Liked by oaklandfiresafe and others

"Thank you @calfire and @oakland Tree Services for the tremendous fuels reduction work in Joaquin Miller Park.

Crews are removing highly flammable overgrowth and invasive vegetation along roads and pedestrian pathways to reduce fire risk in and around the park. Big shout out to @fojmp who have led consistent efforts in seeking CalFire grants, a major catalyst for the grant awarded to the City.

FOSC has taken on the role of biological monitoring as the crews remove fuel load, flagging native plants that could be affected by tree removal or mulching, with particular attention to rare plant areas.

Happy to collaborate on this exciting effort!" (FOSC Instagram post, 2/13/2024)

## PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 2/21



**OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)**  
**Wed., February 21, 2024**  
**7:00-8:30pm**

Details and registration [HERE](#)

## PSA FROM FEATHERED FRIENDS



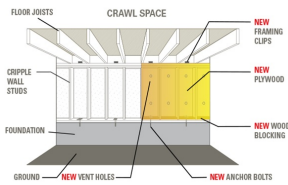
### NESTING SEASON IS APPROACHING

If you have plans for tree work due to storm damage and/or defensible space preparation, the best time to do so in order to avoid disturbing nests is September through February.

Take into consideration proper maintenance that maintains **tree health and safety** while providing habitat for the birds that depend upon the trees and shrubs. A chirp, squawk, trill of thanks!

## MORE ITEMS OF NOTE

### FUNDS TO STRENGTHEN YOUR FOUNDATION



**Registration open until February 21, 2024.** Earthquake Brace + Bolt (EBB) is a grant program that provides eligible California homeowners up to \$3,000 toward a residential seismic retrofit. The purpose is to help homeowners lessen the potential for damage to their houses during an earthquake by "bracing" the crawl space, when necessary, and "bolting" the foundation to the house's frame. In addition

to the \$3,000 grant, they also offer a grant specifically for low-income homeowners (household annual income is \$87,360 or less), as funding permits. **REGISTER**

### HOME INSURANCE SURVEY: YOUR INPUT IS NEEDED



Finding and keeping home insurance is a time-consuming and expensive problem for many local residents these days. The consumer help non-profit United Policyholders is asking for your input. Please take a few minutes to share your household's status by completing their brief **SURVEY**

### OAKLAND FIRE DEPARTMENT | EMSD - CORE PROGRAM



#ReadyOakland

2024 Outreach, Training, & Exercise

**CALENDAR**

### 2024 CALIFORNIA FIRE SCIENCE SEMINAR SERIES



Join California Fire Science Consortium for a biweekly, virtual presentation and discussion on emerging fire science topics from a diverse range of topics and speakers.

#### NEXT UP:

**AI-Enabled Wildfire Detection Using Satellite Imagery**  
February 20, 2024 / Tuesday / 2:00-3:00pm

**ABSTRACT:** Wildfires in California have grown in size and intensity since the 1980s, causing significant damage to the environment and human communities. Our study is focused on developing a deep-learning framework for detecting and monitoring



## California Fire Safe Council Northern & Central Regional Monthly Meeting

Join CA FSC Regional Coordinators during their monthly regional check-ins and networking calls. Feb 21, 2024 / Wednesday / 12:00-1:00PM [REGISTER](#)

## CAN YOU HELP US GET TO #5, #6, #7...?



Working together contributes to the well-being and safety of each other, our neighborhoods and our communities in Oakland (and beyond). This is why OFSC created its **Firewise® USA for Oakland** program and we're proud to have helped FOUR communities become Firewise Recognized so far...

Despite losing major grant funding last year from the City of Oakland, OFSC is still striving to help our communities be prepared and ready for disasters. We're seeking financial support to be able to continue the Firewise® USA for Oakland program AND additional work such as

- Providing free workshops
- Developing new wildfire safety programs
- Nurturing connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

Your **tax-deductible contribution** would help us to continue on with these and other important, potentially **life-saving endeavors**.

THANK YOU for all that you have done so far in supporting OFSC's work and thank you for ANY donation you are able to make now.

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