

Supporting Oakland and Alameda County in reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property



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## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR OFSC PRESIDENT!



Oakland D4 Councilmember Ramachandran presented a City Council resolution to OFSC President Elizabeth Stage for Women's History Month – honoring women who have contributed to Oakland's community. She was recognized for her work as an educator and wildfire prevention advocate with OFSC, Piedmont Pines, North Hills, and the Claremont Canyon Conservancy leading the effort to pass Measure MM.

## JOIN US ONLINE! WEDNESDAY EVENING 4/16

Meeting **AGENDA**. April's special guest presentation will be about Evacuation Simulations and Gaming. Now in its third project year, researchers from the UC Smart and Connected Communities project will present a brief summary of major findings to date for Oakland/Alameda County... [see more](#)



**OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)**  
**Wednesday, April 16, 2025**  
**7:00-8:30pm**  
**[REGISTER](#)**

We welcome everyone from all communities of Oakland and the East Bay to observe, participate and/or get involved.

## SOME FOLLOW-UP FROM OUR MARCH MEETING

- Here is the [PDF of the presentation](#), "Home Insurance Shopping Tips", given by our March guest speaker from United Policyholders (UP)
- **CAL FIRE hazard maps DO NOT affect insurance rates or availability** – Insurance Commissioner Ricardo Lara issued this [Consumer Alert](#)
- Insurance Commissioner Lara approves major FAIR Plan expansion to help HOAs, builders, farmers, and businesses access insurance coverage [Press Release](#) (3/28)
- Questions about [2025 roadside projects](#) came up during the March meeting. Oakland Fire Department Chief of Staff Michael Hunt shared that Caltrans has begun vegetation maintenance along northbound State Route 13 (SR-13) between Interstate 580 (I-580) and State Route 24 (SR-24) in the Oakland hills. This service contract work is scheduled to continue through Friday, April 11, 2025. Crews are clearing overgrown brush, weeds, and dead or fallen trees, including vegetation growing under larger trees. This work helps reduce fire risk, improve visibility, and keep the area safe and well-maintained. See the [Caltrans Advisory SR13 Vegetation Management Work](#)



## A COUPLE OF REQUESTS FROM OAKLAND EMSD

The City of Oakland Emergency Management Services Division (EMSD) is reaching out the community to:

### Download the Genasys Protect App



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#### Download our Mobile App

With the Genasys Protect mobile app, follow a zone to return on your location to get notified about danger wherever you are.

Click below to download



There are a number of reasons why residents of Oakland might be encouraged or ordered to [evacuate](#). Perhaps the most obvious is due to approaching wildfire, but maybe not so apparent are other instances such as a ruptured gas line, chemical hazard, or rising floodwaters.

[Genasys Protect](#), is a commercial software application designed to help first responders manage evacuations in an emergency such as a wildfire or

flood. It also [helps inform communities](#) of these threats, and when and how to evacuate, shelter-in-place and return.

Zones are used to specify which areas are to evacuate, shelter-in-place, return home, etc. Everyone in Oakland should know their zone name. [GET APP](#)

## Take the Community Wildfire Evacuation Survey



This survey is designed to help improve Oakland's fire evacuation plans and to help ensure that our community is fully prepared to evacuate safely during a wildfire. Your feedback will help EMSD assess potential evacuation routes and facilities, assess community preparedness levels, identify any special circumstances that could make evacuating harder, and improve the ability to address these challenges.

The information you share is confidential and will be used to shape better evacuation plans. Once the survey is complete, EMSD will share the results and updates on how your input has helped improve our community's fire safety. Thank you for taking a few minutes to help make our community safer! **TAKE SURVEY**

## MANAGE SOME VEGETATION FOR EARTH DAY

While numerous volunteer work days occur throughout the year at various Oakland parks, Earth Day presents an opportune time to get out and help decrease fire fuel loads.



Dedicated volunteers tackle rampant broom



Cal State East Bay students volunteer in Garber Park

If you're interested in volunteering to cut, dig, wrangle and haul, review our **Park Stewards** page for park listings which can include their contact person and links to any available event calendars and work day info. *NOTE: Actual Earth Day is Tuesday, 4/22, but many projects are scheduled for Saturday, 4/19.*



To see additional volunteer opportunities, view an interactive map of Oakland project locations, and download resources such as multilingual posters and flyers, visit **Oakland Earth Day**

## WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY



## What You Do Matters on Saturday, May 3, 2025



What You Do Matters on SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025, for  
**WILDFIRE COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS DAY**

The threat of wildfire is becoming increasingly prevalent and dangerous, posing greater risks to people and property than ever before. Given the challenges to building deep and lasting relationships in many areas this year, Prep Day 2025 is the ideal time to focus on what you can do to help protect your personal property. Connect with your community in a unified effort to improve wildfire safety where it matters most. By planning risk-reduction projects such as creating a 5-foot safety zone around your house, you and your family have the power to make a difference. [LEARN MORE AT NFPA.ORG/WILDFIREPREPARED](https://www.nfpa.org/wildfirepreparedness)

Put safety first.  
On the first Saturday in May.

Sponsored by State Farm

Wildfire Community Preparedness Day is a campaign that encourages people and organizations everywhere to come together on a single day to take action to raise awareness and reduce wildfire risks. It is held annually in the United States and Canada on the first Saturday in May.

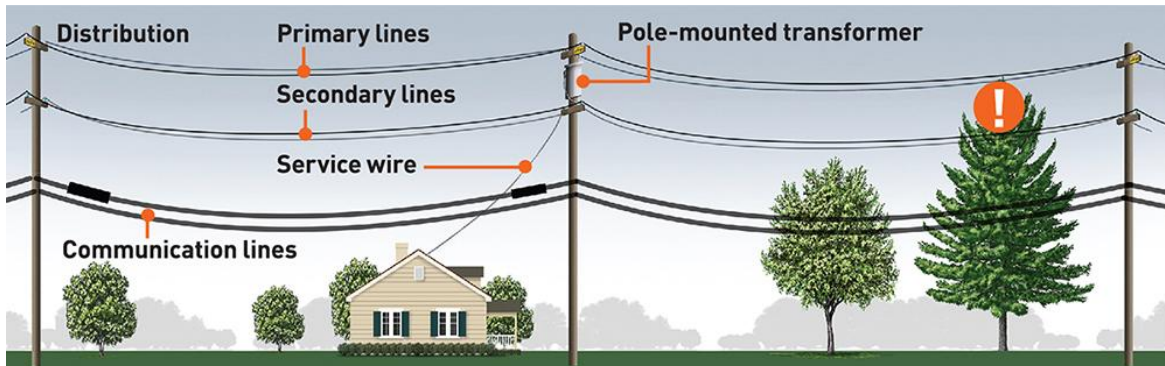
Build excitement for the day with resources such as a proclamation, announcement flyer, fact sheet, and a [toolkit](#) on how to plan for the day's activities!

[LEARN MORE](#)

## PG&E REPORT IT MOBILE APP



PG&E uses drones, helicopters, cameras and more to enhance their efforts. And now, their customers can help them keep their system safe. With PG&E Report It, you can [send them photos of possible safety issues](#) with their electric system to help them keep your community safer. [LEARN MORE & GET APP](#)



## MORE OF NOTE

Newly founded [emergency resilience coaching](#) business that focuses on family and community preparedness



Based in Oakland, Resilient Peeps offers personalized emergency preparedness coaching, through custom home assessments and additional trainings for individuals, households, and groups of neighbors. Resilient Peeps' mission is to make emergency preparedness accessible, engaging, and community-centered, with flexible programs that work with real family schedules, break down complex preparedness tasks into manageable

steps, and bring neighbors together to prepare collectively. If you're interested in learning more, you can visit their [website](#) or message the founder Shirah directly at [shirah@resilientpeeps.com](mailto:shirah@resilientpeeps.com)

*NOTE: The products and services that are provided by Resilient Peeps are not reviewed, approved, or endorsed by OFSC.*

- The next East Bay Wildfire Coalition (EBWC) meeting is Wednesday, April 16th, 9am-12pm and is OPEN TO THE PUBLIC at El Cerrito City Hall, 10890 San Pablo Ave., El Cerrito, CA 94530. Meeting materials and more can be found on the East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments website: [EastBayWildfire.org](http://EastBayWildfire.org)
- EBMUD Webinar (3/19) – "Wildfire Ready: Building Resilience & Community Safety". Speakers include Dave Brannigan, Fire Chief, City of Piedmont. [View Recording](#)

## AND FINALLY

- NEWSLETTER SUBMISSIONS – Our newsletter is published once a month, about one week before our third-Wednesday-of-the-month meeting. If you have something you'd like to announce or share, send along a submission by the first Monday of the month for consideration. EMAIL: [outreach@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org](mailto:outreach@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org)
- **Next month's OFSC meeting** is Wednesday, May 21st



Oakland Firesafe Council (OFSC) is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization dedicated to reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property through preparedness education, programs and materials, outreach, advocacy and volunteer opportunities.

### CONTACT

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