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LOST IN THE WEEDS

REMINDER: with lots of vegetation "springing" up, it's important to keep hydrants cleared and visible so that firefighters can easily locate them...



This hidden hydrant was discovered along Skyline Blvd by an OFSC member who subsequently took it upon himself to make the reveal (under canine supervision, of course).



>> **OFSC Adopt-a-Hydrant** program page <<

INSURANCE TIP OF THE MONTH FROM UP

Aerial photos are leading to insurance non-renewals



"InsurTech may not be a buzz word at dinner parties, but it sure is in consumer advocate circles. Turns out, "disruptive" is not such a good thing for property owners and home values, especially with climate change in the mix.

Today, insurance companies are using drone photos, AI, risk modeling and risk scoring systems to drop customers when their current policy expires based on roof condition, overhanging trees, or trampolines, pools, etc. While this practice seems unfair, it is technically legal.

UP [United Policyholders] is helping consumers deal with the situation and supporting disclosure and appeal requirements to give people a chance to correct errors, remedy the situation and keep their coverage." **READ MORE**

If you've been dropped by your insurance company, consider **sharing your story** with United Policyholders, or completing our 2024 Home Insurance Survey if you live in **California**. Help UP be your advocate!



READING ROOM: "California bill that could change how companies insure, renew policies moves forward" **ARTICLE**

FIRST MEETING OF THE WPCG!

Wildfire Prevention Coordinating Group

After three years of building support among community leaders and public officials in the East Bay Hills for a regionwide approach to wildfire prevention, efforts are paying off.



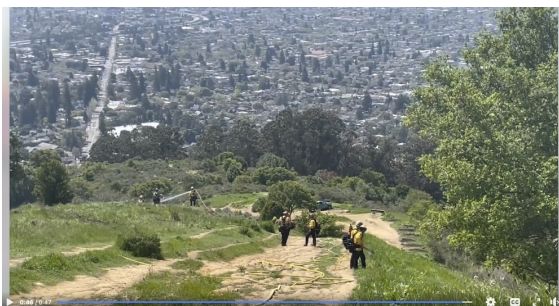
The Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) has now been ratified by Alameda and Contra Costa Counties, the cities of Berkeley, El Cerrito, Oakland and Richmond, and by the Rodeo-Hercules Fire District. It's expected that two or three other cities and fire districts may approve it soon as well.

The first meeting of the Wildfire Prevention Coordinating Group (WPCG), which has been created by the MOU, will be at **10 AM on Monday, April 29 at the El Cerrito City Council Chambers**, 10890 San Pablo Avenue (cross street Manila Avenue). The meeting will be on Zoom as well and the link is **HERE**.

While the meeting will be primarily organizational, **it is open to the public** and you are invited to attend as we take initial steps toward reducing the wildfire risk in our area. The background on this effort is described **HERE**

PILE BURNS IN CLAREMONT CANYON

East Bay Regional Park District recently shared this video



"Park District reducing catastrophic wildfires before they occur: In an urgent and coordinated effort to mitigate wildfire risks in the Oakland Hills, 30 dedicated fire personnel are actively engaged in pile-burning operations within Claremont Canyon." ~ @EBRPD (Facebook, 4/11/24)

ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE

OAKLAND CERT COMMODITY DISTRIBUTION EXERCISE



READY, OAKLAND? Make sure you have the emergency supplies you need before disaster strikes. Free community emergency supplies giveaway:

April 28, 2024/ Sunday /11am -1pm (or while supplies last) at the César E. Chávez Campus (2825 International Blvd, Oakland, CA 94601).

FUEL REDUCTION IN OAKLAND APRIL - AUG 2024



Caltrans District 4 will be closing lanes on northbound State Route 13 from Interstate 580 to State Route 24 to accommodate fuel reduction. Caltrans will also be closing lanes on SR-24 from I-580 to the Caldecott Tunnel.

~ from Oakland Fire Department [@OaklandFireCA](#), 4/15/24

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.

Towards Advancing the Prediction of Wildland Fuels Combustion through Detailed Kinetics

April 30, 2024 / Tuesday / 2:00-3:00pm [MORE](#)

SAVE THE DATE: ALCO EM PREP DAY



OCTOBER 5, 2024 / SAT. / 10 AM - 2 PM

Join Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council for a day filled with great information & resources at **Alameda County Emergency Preparedness Day** at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley. Stay tuned for details!

COMMUNITY KEEPS US GOING



Working together contributes to the well-being and safety of each other, our neighborhoods and our communities in Oakland (and beyond). OFSC continually strives to help everyone be prepared and ready for disasters. In addition to continuing the Firewise USA® for Oakland program, your **tax-deductible contributions** help us

- Provide free workshops
- Develop new wildfire safety programs
- Nurture connections with other East Bay partners in preparedness

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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Oakland Firesafe Council is a 501(c)(3) non-profit. Donations are tax-deductible.



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