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# **PULL UP A CHAIR, WEDNESDAY EVENING 8/21**

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

OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)
Wednesday
August 21, 2024
7:00-8:30pm



Join us for our monthly meeting. OFSC board members are in attendance along with invited guests which can include representatives from the City of Oakland EMSD, OFD, CAL Fire, et al. Community advocates discuss current issues and concerns with regards to wildfire safety. Open forum, time permitting. **REGISTRATION** 

# **MEASURE MM: THE WILDFIRE PREVENTION ZONE**



Since the last OFSC newsletter, a committee to support the ballot measure, "Oakland Wildfire Safe, Yes on MM," has registered with the California Fair Political Practices Commission and is building a website. One of the pages will be "Frequently Asked Questions" because the **PRINT DOCUMENT** is getting too long and unwieldy. Please send any questions to makeoaklandwildfiresafe@gmail.com.

# WILDFIRE PREVENTION NEWS FROM D4

The following is excerpted from Oakland Councilmember Janani Ramachandran's August 2024 District 4 Newsletter:



"I am proud to be serving as Vice-Chair of the East Bay Wildfire Council (EBWC), a regional body consisting of elected officials and fire prevention personnel aimed at preventing wildfires throughout the East Bay hills and surrounding communities. This effort spans across both Alameda and Contra Costa counties in multiple municipalities - including Oakland - and special districts. The next EBWC meeting will take place on Monday, September 23rd from 10:00am - 12:00pm at El

Cerrito City Hall." Photo: The East Bay Wildfire Council holds its July 8th meeting at El Cerrito City Hall

"... Oakland Fire Department has been awarded a \$100,000 grant from the California Firesafe Council to support goat grazing in the hills. The grant term is likely to start September 1st and OFD has up to two years to spend the funding."

For more info on wildfire prevention, or want to report possible wildfire danger in District 4, contact Jared Savas in the D4 office at 510-238-7273 or jsavas@oaklandca.gov

## **HELP NEEDED TO REDUCE FUEL LOADS**



# Friends of Beaconsfield Canyon Volunteer Workday

Saturday / August 31 / 9:00am - Noon

This is an important workday in the height of fire season. Several trees have fallen in the canyon that need to be cleared or pruned to reduce the fire hazard. No experience necessary. **DETAILS** 

For additional opportunities to get involved, visit OFSC webpage:

PARK STEWARDS

## **ADDITIONAL ITEMS OF NOTE**

#### THIS OLD HOUSE: WILDFIRE MITIGATION EPISODE

The Ask team explores how homeowners can protect their houses against wildfires. Jenn learns about firescaping, Tom fire hardens a home, and Richard learns a weeding method to lower fire spreading.



#### **WATCH**

Note: any mention of any product or service associated with the video does not constitute a claim, endorsement, or approval by OFSC

#### CITY OF OAKLAND PEP CLASS • IN-PERSON



Personal Emergency Preparedness [PEP] Class September 19, 2024 / Thursday / 6:00-7:30pm REGISTER

#### ALAMEDA COUNTY EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS DAY



Alameda County District 5 Supervisor Keith Carson and Oakland Firesafe Council are co-hosting a day filled with great information & resources at Ed Roberts Campus, Berkeley.

October 5, 2024 / Saturday / 10 AM - 2 PM

Interested in getting involved through a sponsorship? **DETAILS** 

#### **CFSC SURVEY REQUEST**



California Firesafe Council is inviting wildfire practitioners and engaged stakeholders in participate in a California Wildfire Practitioner Communications Survey. They are seeking your feedback on the effectiveness of your organization or agency's existing communications practices as well as the identification of tools or services that would improve your communications outcomes. TAKE SURVEY

### **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



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- 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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