

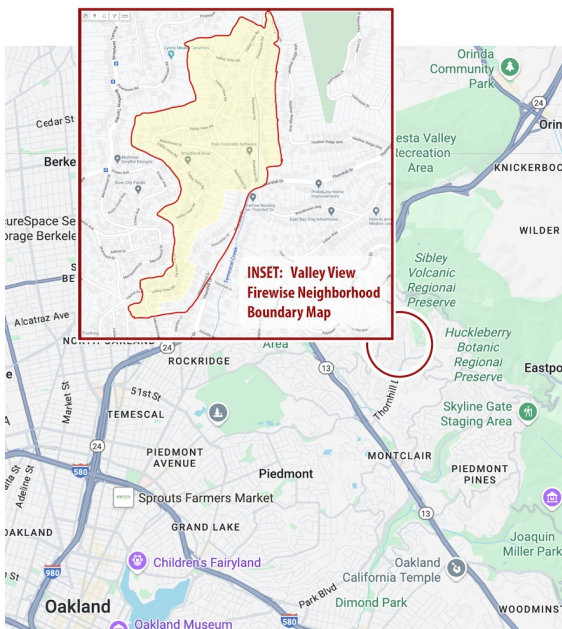
Supporting Oakland and Alameda County in reducing the risks of wildfire danger to people and property



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MEET THIS FIREWISE RECOGNIZED SITE: OAKLAND'S VALLEY VIEW NEIGHBORHOOD!



Kaycie Hopkins, resident lead, had this to share:

The Firewise Recognized Valley View neighborhood includes over 180 homes in Merriewood, extending the entire length of Valley View Rd and incorporating Beauforest Dr, Doncaster Pl, and portions of Pinehaven Rd, Thornhill Dr and Merriewood Dr.

Many residents in our neighborhood have lost their fire insurance or have seen their premiums skyrocket as the potential for fire damage in California continues to increase.



Our residents had already been actively pursuing fire hardness on their own, including aggressive attempts by homeowners to remove dangerous eucalyptus trees, but coming together as a community to support these efforts and provide educational materials on best practices has invigorated the area and spurred further action.

We have a dedicated leadership team of about a dozen individuals that have been exceptional in divvying up the work... **READ THE REST OF THE STORY**

ANOTHER FIREWISE COMMUNITY IN THE WORKS!

Stephanie Hevezi recently shared on



social media the progress Parkridge Estates is making in their steps to become Firewise Recognized. We especially like her tidbits of wisdom:

"Safety isn't luck—it's leadership and collective action."

Yesterday, we walked our neighborhood with partners from the Oakland Firesafe Council, Diablo Firesafe Council, and Oakland's Fire Prevention Bureau. These conversations matter—and so does momentum ...

This is what community preparedness looks like: neighbors stepping up, working together, and building a safer, more resilient future for everyone." [VIEW POST](#)



See how OFSC can help your neighborhood group with the NFPA Firewise USA® recognition process – visit our program page [FIREWISE USA® FOR OAKLAND](#)

JOIN US ONLINE – WEDNESDAY EVENING 8/20

Meeting **AGENDA**. August's special guest presentation is by Berkeley FireSafe Council (BFSC) President **Henry DeNero**. He'll be telling us about BFSC's collaboration with Prof Gollner at UC Berkeley and their fuel reduction program and wildfire simulations.



OFSC MEETING (ONLINE)
Wednesday, August 20, 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.

SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT:
WELCOME NEW OFSC BOARD MEMBERS!

Remember those great new volunteers we introduced you to back in

March? **They've taken things up a notch and are now OFSC Board Members!** Read, in their words, why Christophe, Wendy, and Maryanne choose to dedicate their valuable time to community wildfire safety in our **March newsletter**.



Christophe & Wendy tabling for OFSC



Maryanne promoting Firewise USA®



OFSC volunteers are vital in helping make our communities better prepared for wildfire. Interested in joining us? Use our **CONTACT** form or email info@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org

OFSC SIGHTINGS



Maxwell Park NNO Party Go-ers

What did you bring to the NNO party? We received quite a few requests for the information that we recommended for sharing during National Night Out– oodles of thanks for helping spread the word on wildfire safety and preparedness! Send your OFSC-related sightings to outreach@oaklandfiresafecouncil.org



WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS DAY

August 16th – Whether you live in a high-risk area or just want to be better prepared, this day is for you.



SATURDAY, AUGUST 16
11 A.M. – 3 P.M.
EL CERRITO CITY HALL

FREE RESOURCES TO HELP YOU PREPARE FOR FIRE SEASON!

- Expert presentations
- Community resource fair
- Kids' zone
- Panel of local fire chiefs

Hosted by Assemblymember Buffy Wicks
RSVP Today at asmcd.org/bz-wildfire

 **ASSEMBLYMEMBER**
Buffy Wicks
DISTRICT 14

8/16 • Saturday • 11AM-3PM • In-Person •
El Cerrito City Hall • FREE

Preparation is our best defense against wildfire and this FREE event is designed to help you get wildfire-ready. There will be expert presentations, local fire chiefs answering your questions, a resource fair, and activities for the whole family. AND you'll have the chance to meet the OFSC Team! The best time to prepare for wildfire is before it starts. **RSVP**

ZONE 0 - THIS HOME IS WILDFIRE READY IS YOURS?



Learn more from OFSC Program Wildfire Safety Program: **"Don't Give Embers a Chance!"**

DID YOU GET IT?

Warning	Dangerous coastal flooding & powerful currents possible	Move to high ground or inland
Advisory	Strong currents & waves dangerous to those in/very near water possible	Stay out of water, away from beaches & waterways
Watch	Distant tsunami possible	Stay tuned for information Be prepared to act
Information Statement	No threat or very distant event & threat not determined	Relax

In the evening of July 29th, **this AC Alert** was sent out: "The Tsunami Warning Center has issued a TSUNAMI Advisory for the San Francisco Bay Area. AVOID coastal areas, beaches, and waterways..."

Fortunately the advisory was cancelled the following morning. But it is a good reminder to make sure you're signed up to receive important alerts.



Did you receive that recent AC Alert? If not, **SIGN UP**

MORE OF NOTE

- East Bay Wildfire Coalition of Governments (EBWC) July 23rd meeting recording. Note: OFD Chief Covington presents about Zone Zero around 1:25:00 [Watch recording](#)
- United Policyholders (UP) Wildfire Risk Reduction and Asset Protection Project (WRAP) Working Group Meeting: August 19, Tuesday, 1:00PM, online – guest presenters will be ret. Chief Bill Tyler to share updates on activities from Fire Safe Marin and Danielle Cagen from CSAA Insurance Group to present on their wildfire mitigation initiatives. [Register](#) WRAP June Meeting [Watch recording](#)
- EBMUD Webinar: [Firescaping Your Water-Wise Garden](#), August 20, 6PM – Learn practical, sustainable strategies for building fire-resilient, water-wise gardens with renowned ecological land designer and author Douglas Kent [Register](#)
- [Firescaping Qualification Training \(FQT\)](#), August 26 & 27 – Go beyond traditional vegetation management with ReScape's science-based approach to wildfire preparedness and community resilience Course [Details](#)
- Earthquake Country Alliance (ECA) Bay Area Summer 2025 Workshop – August 27, 9am-12:30pm, Hayward City Hall. Free. [Learn more & register](#)
- Gardening in the Defensible Space Zone Workshop and Design Competition – September 3, 11:30am-2:00pm, Occidental Community Center. [Landscapers! Gardeners! Landscape Designers! Maintenance Crews! Help Your Clients Meet NEW Defensible Space Rules while still offering beautiful landscaping!](#) [Details & registration](#)

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
- If this newsletter was forwarded to you, join our mailing list: [SUBSCRIBE](#)
- The next OFSC meeting is Wednesday, September 17th



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

OFSC free services and communications are received by thousands in Oakland and the East Bay. We're only able to continue doing this with the help of donors like you.

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