

Subject line: CVCA Fire Preparedness Update #2

=====FIRE PREPAREDNESS UPDATE #2 from the CVCA Firewise Planning Team=====

So much is happening right now, that we couldn't wait until next quarter to send out another **Fire Preparedness Update!** Educational opportunities abound for homeowners in Carmel Views to learn more about wildfire hazards and the pragmatic steps they can take to reduce risks to their homes and families and to our community.

1) Attend an Informative Webinar Series – Starting April 1

The Carmel Valley Wildfire Mitigation Project has teamed up with Thriving Earth Exchange to host a *Community Wildfire Webinar Series* focusing on fire issues of direct relevance to residents of Carmel Valley and surrounding communities. Each one-hour session will include presentations by wildfire experts followed by a Q&A session.

***REGISTRATION IS REQUIRED for each webinar and attendance will be limited to the first 1000 people. Just follow the links to sign up today!

Thursday, April 1, 5:30-6:30 PST -- "Living with wildfire by hardening your home," ([Link to Registration for "Living with wildfire"](#)) Presenters include: Mary Adams (Monterey County District 5 Supervisor); Dr. Christina Restaino (Director of Living with Fire and Assistant Professor, University of Nevada Reno); Staff Chief Steven Hawks (Staff Chief of Wildfire Planning and Engineering Division, CalFire); Lucas Johnson (Senior Principal and Co-owner of Vali Homes)

Wednesday, April 14 5:30-6:30pm PST – "Creating effective defensible space" ([Link to Registration for "Creating Effective Defensible Space"](#))

Thursday, April 29 5:30-6:30pm PST – “PG&E and wildfire safety” ([Link to Registration for "PG&E and wildfire safety"](#))

Thursday, May 6 5:30-6:30pm PST – “Moving towards a fire-resilient landscape” ([Link to Registration for "Moving towards a fire-resilient landscape"](#))

Thursday, May 13 5:30-6:30pm PST – “Emergency planning and preparing for evacuations” ([Link to Registration for "Emergency planning and preparing for evacuations"](#))

2) Check Out the “Wildfire Home Retrofit Guide”

The Tahoe Network of Fire Adapted Communities has produced a Guide chock full of specific recommendations for how to retrofit existing homes to withstand wildfire. This readable and highly informative 19-page report includes practical guidance on home components such as roofing, decks, windows, and fences, with clear explanations of what makes each home component vulnerable to wildfire and improvements that can reduce vulnerability. ([Link to the Home Retrofit Guide](#))

Too busy to read the Guide? You can still learn more about home retrofits by watching workshops organized by the Tahoe Network geared towards the public, building professionals, and fire professionals. Just follow the links below to the workshop recordings on YouTube:

[Wildfire Home Retrofit Workshop: Public](#)

[Wildfire Home Retrofit Workshop: Building Professionals](#)

[Wildfire Home Retrofit Workshop: Fire Professionals and Educators](#)

3) Read a Good Book about Firescaping

Landscape design significantly impacts wildfire risks. In his landmark book, *Firescaping* (updated in 2019), land management expert Douglas Kent provides advice on design strategies for homes and landscapes, including ways to make your property more accessible to firefighters.

John Kern, who teaches a course on Firescaping at the Monterey Peninsula College, recommended this book during a recent webinar hosted by the Fire Safe Council for Santa Cruz.

[Link to read more about or order Douglas Kent's *Firescaping* book on Amazon](#)

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