



Green Valley Fire Safe Council: Reducing the Risk of Catastrophic Wildfire



Presenter: Rochelle Sherlock, Ed.D., GVFSC President





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COMMUNITY WILDFIRE PREPAREDNESS MEETING

Join CAL FIRE, Cordelia Fire and others to kick off Fire Safety Week.

Learn about:

- How to prepare your home and neighborhood
- What to do in the event of an evacuation
- Community Wildfire Protection Plans

October 6th, 2019
10:00 - Noon

Green Valley Country Club
35 Country Club Drive, Fairfield

RSVP Rochelle Sherlock (707) 718-5637; Rochelle@PotentiateLLC.com



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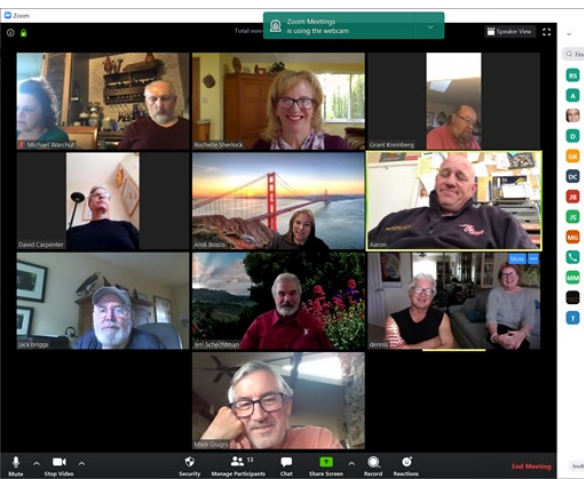
Community Wildfire Preparedness Meeting



Planning started in the summer of 2019



Fire Wise Site Designation Green Valley, Fairfield CA



Community Chipping



Green Valley
Fire Safe Council

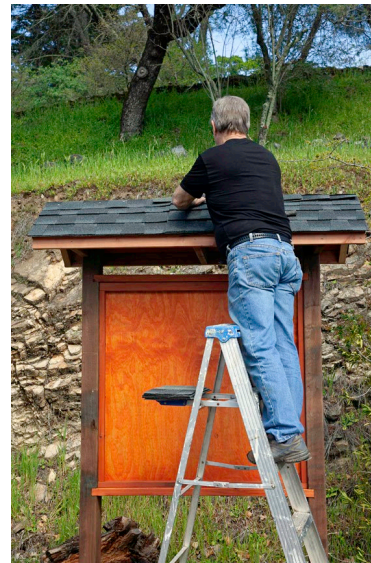
GVFSC Community Chipping Program

You Cut and Stack; We'll Chip and Haul



Removed almost 400 cubic yards of fuel!!

Bulletin Board

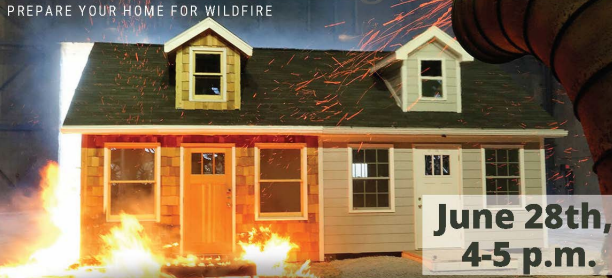


Forums and Webinars



What a great program and oh so timely! You sure made me think twice about the conifers and the cypress trees I have growing next to my house!

Home Hardening Webinar



PREPARE YOUR HOME FOR WILDFIRE

**June 28th,
4-5 p.m.**

This educational virtual workshop will cover the steps home owners should take to "harden" their home and make their home less vulnerable to wildfire ignitions.

SPEAKER: Yana Valachovic
UC Cooperative Extension Forest Advisor

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Agriculture and Natural Resources

To Register: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/61820087588?pwd=ZAsu-pqj0jEtawV58ciu2Fiwq5c_vrm5




GREEN VALLEY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL PRESENTS



SURVIVING WILDFIRE: COMMUNITY PREPAREDNESS AND EVACUATION

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 20TH 2020
10:00 AM - 12:00 NOON**

The Green Valley Fire Safe Council in partnership with CAL FIRE, the Cordelia Fire Protection District, and Solano County Office of Emergency Services (OES) is hosting this virtual webinar on how to increase the likelihood of you and your home surviving a wildfire, and steps to take in the event of an evacuation.

REGISTER:
<https://surviving-wildfire.eventbrite.com/?aff=GVFSC>

FOR QUESTIONS CONTACT: ROCHELLE@GVFSC.ORG OR (707) 718-5637



WILDFIRE IS COMING
Are YOU Prepared?



A firefighter is not the most important person protecting your home from wildfire, YOU are.
Learn practical tips and tools so you can be prepared for wildfire. Now is the time to act.

April 26, 2021 | 4:00 p.m.- 5:30 p.m.

Join the Green Valley Fire Safe Council, CAL FIRE, Cordelia Fire Protection District, Yolo RCD, ForEverGreen Forestry and others in this virtual webinar on how to enhance your wildfire survivability and steps to take in preparation of and during an evacuation.



Register at: ZOOM INFO

For Questions Contact: Rochelle@GVFSC.org or (707) 718-5637



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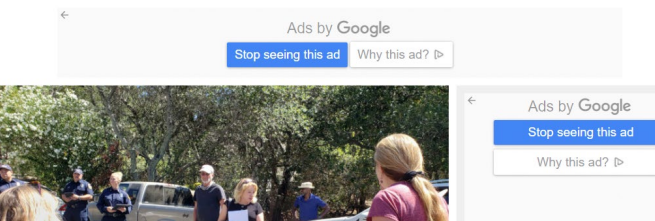
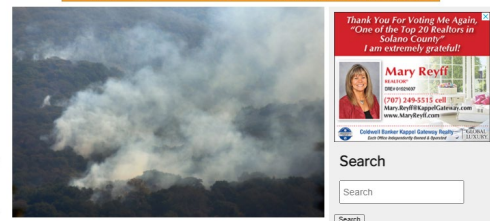
May 1st 2021 National Wildfire Preparedness Day



Free Green Waste Events – *Removed 310 cubic yards!!!*



Media/Public Awareness



Green Valley Fire Safety Council could be model for others

By Todd E. Hansen

GREEN VALLEY — Thomas Johnston admits to having been a little embarrassed by the condition of his property.

He said the property on Brae Court probably had been neglected for 40 years before he bought it nearly six years ago, but had not improved under

Grant program funds free vegetation clearing in Green Valley areas

By Daily Republic Staff

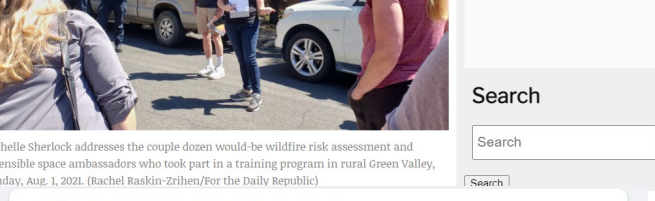
GREEN VALLEY — Residents of Green Valley Highlands and Upper Green Valley can participate in a free vegetation clearing program as a wildfire safety measure.

The Green Valley Fire Safe Council is offering the free Community Chipping Program, the first workday for which will be held Monday.

"The chipping program, funded by a grant from the California Fire Foundation, is part of an important strategy to increase wildfire survivability," Rochelle Sherlock, president of the council, said in a statement.

The program encourages residents "to thin dense vegetation, remove ladder fuels and create defensible space," the statement said.

Register at <https://gfisc.org/community-chipping-program/> and click on the registration link at the bottom of the page.



GFVFC - NEIGHBORHOOD FLYER APRIL 2021

Green Valley Fire Safe Council

When it comes to wildfire, no single person alone can protect a community. Residents throughout California are joining forces to create local Fire Safe Councils to effectively reduce and prevent wildfire losses.

Fire Safe Councils are grassroots, community-led organizations that mobilize residents to protect their homes, communities, and environments from catastrophic wildfire. A local Fire Safe Council is often sparked by a catalyst — perhaps a recent fire or a group of neighbors eager to spread a fire-safe message — then embraced by the community, turning that initial interest into a committed group empowering residents to do their part to make fire communities safer.

The GFVFC was launched at the October 6th, 2019, Community Wildfire Preparedness Event, held at the GVCC, and initiated by Rochelle Sherlock in partnership with CAL FIRE, Cordelia Fire, and Solano County Office of Emergency Services.

Calendar

GREEN VALLEY FIRE SAFE COUNCIL MEETING

1st Monday of each month - 5:30pm

Currently meetings are held online due to shelter in place. Next meeting Monday May 3. Contact Rochelle Sherlock at Rschel@greenvalleyfire.org for more info.

Our goal is to work with local fire officials to assess community wildfire risk, design and implement projects that increase wildfire survivability, and to educate homeowners about community wildfire preparedness activities.

Many Fire Safe Councils have successfully implemented such projects as hazardous fuel reduction projects, Community Wildfire Protection Planning, and homeowner training.

Please visit <https://gfisc.org/> for general information and updates. Once established, the Green Valley Fire Safe Council boundaries will be posted on our website. If you would like to get involved, or for more information and meeting times, please email the chair of GFVFC, Rochelle Sherlock: rschel@greenvalleyfire.org, or call her at (707) 718-5670.

Why do we need the GFVFC?

- By mobilizing the community members who stand to lose the most, Fire Safe Councils create a powerful group initiative that can:
 - Minimize risks to life, homes, and natural and human-made resources.
 - Increase the insurability of property by increasing community safety.
 - Forge strong partnerships with first responders.
 - Acquire resources in the form of government grants that can assist in fire prevention efforts.

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Green Valley focus of weekend fire safety effort

By Susan Island

GREEN VALLEY — Michael and Dorena Wachtel planned to bring at least 10 truckloads of green waste for the Free Green Waste Day event, Saturday, May 1, 2021. (Dorena Wachtel/Daily Republic)

Michael and Dorena Wachtel of Green Valley bring a second truckload of green waste from their home to a dumpster for the Free Green Waste Day event, Saturday, May 1, 2021. (Dorena Wachtel/Daily Republic)

It might be nice and green in the valley, but they both are very much aware that living in a wooded area means keeping up with clearing underbrush, removing trees and making a fire-safe space around their home.

"We were evacuated in 2017," he said. "It wasn't too bad that year but last year with Covid, it was awful."

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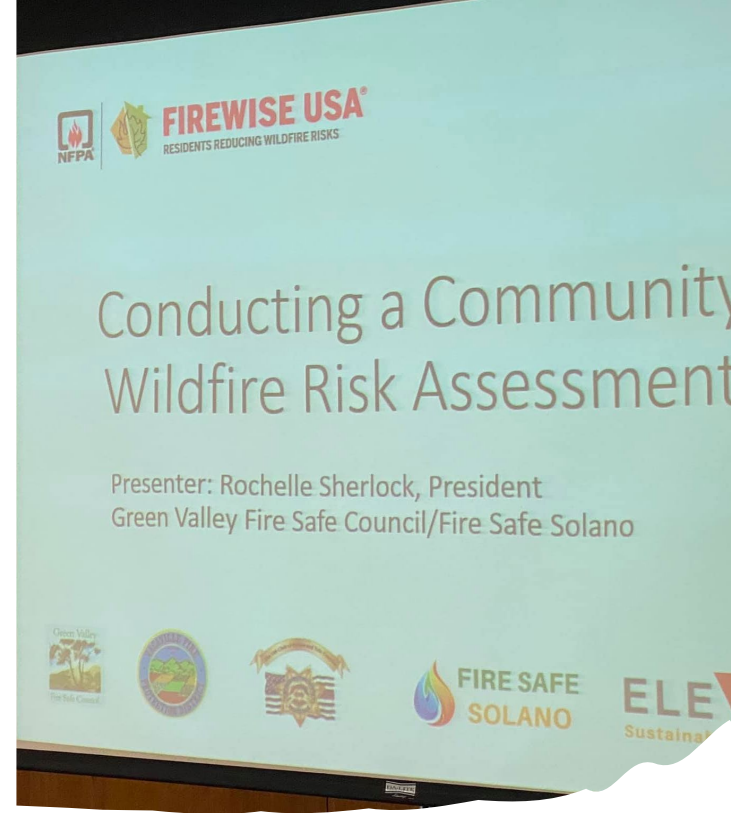
Our Free Green Waste event today (May 24th) was featured in this news clip where Governor Newsom Announces \$2 billion for wildfire preparedness. Check it out.

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Governor Newsom Announces \$2 Billion Proposal For

Wildfire Risk Assessment and Defensible Space Ambassador Training





Conducting a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment Sept 19, 2021



Defensible Space Ambassador Program



Over 400 LE 100 Inspections!!!!

62% Fail Rate with 1st Inspection

Now at 85-90% Pass Rate!!!



CAL FIRE FUNDING



Notified early 2022 of Award
Amount: \$950,000



Fire Break



Shaded Fuel Break



Equipment to be a
Regional Asset



Improve Egress/Ingress



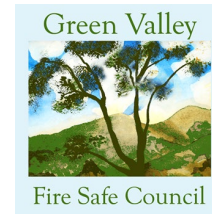
Community Education &
Engagement



Fire Wise Incentives



Wildfire Risk Reduction ACTION PLAN



GOAL 1: Reduce Fuels

Objectives:

- Stand up Fire Wise ✓
- Raise Awareness of Community Wildfire Risk and Preparedness ✓
- Increase Public Education ✓
- Build partnerships ✓
- Increase the number of homes with Defensible Space ✓
- Increase the number of homes that are fire hardened ✓/In progress
- Apply for Grants/Secure Funding ✓/Ongoing
- Create a shaded fuel break – CEQA in progress/Work to begin in 2022
- Improve evacuation safety - CEQA in progress/Work began in 2021 and to continue through 2023

GOAL 2: Enhance Wildfire Community Preparedness





Rochelle Sherlock, Chair



Chief David Carpenter



Ron Turner, 100 Club



Mike Pechner

Formed in 2019

Who are We?

A collaborative consisting of residents and community members, CAL FIRE, Cordelia Fire Protection District and others.



Grant Kreinberg and Lora Salazar



Andi Bosco



Trisha Dobson



Mark Guigni



Muhi Majzoub



Chris Davis



Carolyn West



Mary Beth Dugan

Our Purpose

To enhance wildfire survivability through resident education and community engagement, home hardening, and creating defensible space by reducing hazardous fuels for a Fire Safe Solano.



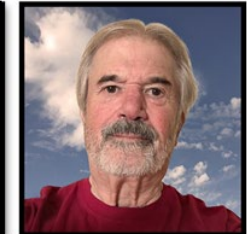
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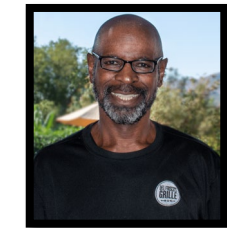
Lisa Earle



Dennis Wells



Marvin Schechtman



Donald Morgan



Janaki Morgan



Terri Luchini, City of Fairfield Park Ranger



Robb Herrick, Fairfield Fire Battalion Chief

Accomplishments

Wildfire Preparedness Event October 6th, 2019
Fire Safe Council Launched October 2019
First FSC Meeting – Nov 2019
Trained in Wildfire Risk Assessments – Dec 2019
Began planning for community wildfire assessment – Jan 2020
GVFSC Logo, website, newsletter – Jan-Mar 2020
Conducted community wildfire assessment – March 2020
Created Wildfire Preparedness Action Plan – Apr 2020
Applied for Fire Wise USA designation – May 2020
Submitted Grant Proposal – June 2020
Received Fire Wise Designation – July 2020
Gave community wildfire preparedness presentations – June 2020
to present (Vallejo, Fairfield, Vacaville)
Surviving Wildfire Webinar – September 2020
Received Grant Award Notification – October 2020
Planned Community Chipping Program – November 2020
Launched Chipping Program – December 2020



2nd Community Chipping Program – January 2021

GVFSC Mailer – to all residents in the Fire Wise USA site area (830 homes) – May 2021

Built Bulletin Board on corner of Green Valley and Rockville Rd dedicated to wildfire preparedness and safety/property of the GVFSC and the Cordelia Fire Protection District (CFPD)

Surviving Wildfire Webinar – April 26th, 2021 (196 registrants, 139 attendees)

National Wildfire Preparedness Day – May 1st, 2021

FREE Green Waste Day – May 1st, 2021 (and May 24th and June 21st)

Home Hardening webinar – June 2021

Wildfire Risk Assessment and Defensible Space Ambassador Training – Aug 2021

Conducting a Community Wildfire Risk Assessment – Sept 2021

Wildfire Risk Assessment Training – April 2022

Launch Defensible Space Ambassador Program – Dec 2021

400 Primary LE 100 Defensible Space Inspections



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