

## **SURREY JUNCTION**

### **Firewise Community**

Hi neighbors!

CONGRATULATIONS! Surrey Junction has received certification and is a recognized Firewise Neighborhood.

“Firewise USA” is a program hosted by the National Fire Protection Association (NFPA) that provides a framework for communities to work together to reduce wildfire risk through education and collaboration. With the support of many neighbors who expressed an interest in the program, a few of us have worked together to establish the program in Surrey Junction.

#### THE BENEFITS:

- Community wildfire risk can be reduced by sharing information
- and resources on defensible space and home hardening
- Promotes communication and cooperation with first responders
- Facilitates collaboration for emergency preparedness and response
- Potential home owner insurance rate reduction of 7% or more
- Potential access to financial assistance for community projects
- Free chipping program

#### WHAT IS INVOLVED

The program is ENTIRELY VOLUNTARY and does not require anyone to participate actively.

We have already:

- Established a steering committee
- Created a Firewise neighborhood map
- Performed neighborhood data collection for community risk assessment
- Created a proposed action plan with input from local Fire Professionals
- Submitted the (attached) application to become A Fire Wise community, which has been approved
- Submitted a grant application to the Amador Fire Safety Council to have roadway vegetation cleared along neighborhood evacuation route and we are currently doing some of this work
- Created [surreyjunctionfirewise.com](http://surreyjunctionfirewise.com) for info, resources, contacts and more

#### HOW TO PARTICIPATE

VOLUNTARY PARTICIPATING neighbors/owners are asked to complete at least one hour of fire remediation annually per parcel and submit a volunteer work sheet to the board.

Community education is a key element of the program. The first SURREY JUNCTION COMMUNITY EDUCATION EVENT is scheduled for SATURDAY JUNE 4, at 10:00 AM TO NOON, at 16770 SURREY COURT. Come and attend a presentation by Amador Fire Protection District on wildfire preparedness and response. There will also be information about available home hardening products and services. PLEASE RSVP FOR THIS EVENT SO WE CAN MAKE SURE TO ACCOMMODATE EVERYONE, BY EMAIL REPLY TO: [TeriMaeHood@yahoo.com](mailto:TeriMaeHood@yahoo.com) or BY TEXT (209)765-3210

Whether you choose to participate or not, we would like to get your input and keep you informed. We look forward to hearing from you.

For those of you receiving this letter by USPS please send your contact information (name, email address, physical address and phone number) to Sue DuBois at [dubois@volcano.net](mailto:dubois@volcano.net)

Your neighbors and future Firewise board,

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FOR MORE INFORMATION:

[nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA](https://nfpa.org/Public-Education/Fire-causes-and-risks/Wildfire/Firewise-USA)

[amadorfiresafe.org/about/](https://amadorfiresafe.org/about/)

[surreyjunctionfirewise.com](https://surreyjunctionfirewise.com)

ALSO FYI: [SMOKECHASERSEVENT.COM](https://SMOKECHASERSEVENT.COM)

“BEAT THE SMOKE” Amador County Fairgrounds May 21-22 2022. This is a SMOKECHASERS event, an outdoor first responders festival to bring emergency preparedness information to Amador County residents.

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