

HARRISON GRADE NEIGHBORHOOD

EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS GROUP

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NEXT MEETING - JUNE 11 AT 3:30

Location to be announced soon

WHAT CAN YOU DO THIS SEASON?



Burn season is nearing an end. Finish up your burn piles and restack what's left for chipping. The instructions are on the saferwestcounty.org website.

NEIGHBORHOOD NEWS

Demo day at Charlotte's Web

Many thanks to Charlotte Knox for her demo-day. Thank you to Pauline Loades for running the meeting, to John Loades for his raffle prize and to Charlotte for organizing a lemonade stand to raise some money for Fire Safe Occidental. We are fortunate to live in a community with such caring and helpful neighbors.

Welcome to our Neighborhood

Welcome Noah Richardson to our community and to welcome back Alex Warner.

Sign up for Free Chipping

The new Occidental chipper is here and our firefighters have been trained on its use. I'm sure we all have plenty of chipping to do. You can sign up at saferwestcounty.org and go to the "Grants" pull-down menu. This service will primarily augment what is available from the County. We will be working to help group requests so that the firefighters can make the most efficient use of their time. Be sure to check in with your neighbors to see if they need chipping too. Scheduling will be given to areas where many properties can be chipped on one visit.

Firesafe membership is working!

A number of folks have received rebates on their insurance premiums, from USAA, AAA and State Farm. Do not hesitate to contact your agent and ask if your company offers any discount! Please send your Firewise form to Carol Swanson, swangirl@comcast.net.



Check your GO bag for earthquake evacuation. Here is a link for a thorough list from FEMA:

https://www.fema.gov/sites/default/files/2020-07/fema_earthquake_earthquake-safety-checklist_110217.pdf



Bird Nesting Season

How can you avoid nesting birds during tree trimming? Plan your work outside of the nesting season. California Department of Fish and Wildlife biologists have defined the nesting season as February 1st through August 15th.



Consider becoming a volunteer

It's a great opportunity to get to know your neighbors. Fire Safe Occidental needs your help. If you're interested in joining the steering committee, contact Carolyn Sell.

Visit our website www.harrisongrade.org for meeting schedules, agendas, notes from meetings, articles on emergency preparedness
Also visit www.firesafeoccidental.org for information of all of Occidental area