

VOLUME 1 ISSUE 1

SPRING 2019

SAVE THE DATE:

Sat. June 1,  
2-5 p.m.

### Meeting and Potluck

Mark your calendars for our next neighborhood meeting. We'll share fire safety progress, answer questions and have some fun.

- **When: June 1**
- **Where:** Michael Straight and Nora Thurmond's barn
- **Guest speaker:** Insurance expert, Fire Safe Council board member Wanda Mertens
- Potluck to follow

\* RSVP: Karen Pridemore,  
karenpridemore@gmail or  
530-274-8770

\*Can you help organize this  
event? We need you!  
Contact Lynn Forbes, 415-  
517-6940

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# 6B AND FRIENDS FIREWISE COMMUNITY

SPRINGING AHEAD

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Welcome to spring and the first  
edition of the 6B and Friends  
Firewise Community Newsletter



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## BE FIRE SAFE

- Sign up for CodeRed
- Order reflective address signs from the Fire Safe Council online here, call 530-272-1122 or stop by the office at 139 Main St., Grass Valley.
- Create 100-feet of defensible space around all habitable buildings. This is required by law, California's Public Resources Code 4291 (PRC 4291)
- Clear fuel beneath powerlines and transformers.
- Eliminate ladder fuel by limbing branches on trees at least 10 feet up from the ground or ¼ the height of the plant.
- Clear gutters and install a leaf guard.
- Ember-proof your house. Install fine, 1/8" metal mesh over vents.

Since our March 3 general meeting, your Firewise Committee has made much progress in the effort to make our neighborhood water infrastructure functional in time for fire season. Read on for all the news.

## STATUS ON REPAIRS

1. The tank water system on Ponderosa is up and running. Wiring and plumbing have been repaired and the tank is full and holding water. The fence around the tank is falling apart and will probably be taken down soon.

John Porterfield, whose property adjoins the tank area, has volunteered to monitor the system to be sure it continues to function properly. The pump is about 30 years old and will need to be replaced at some point.

2. The water source for Hydrant 1 is the pond at the north end of Thoroughbred Loop owned by Justin Dunne, also new owner of the horse ranch. The hydrant is working fine, but the output is silty water, which the Fire Department cannot use because it will damage their pumps. Justin has given us permission to clean the output pipe and install a filter and a screened box for added protection. The shutoff valve housing also needs to be repaired.

3. The water source for Hydrant 2 is the

## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENSES

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### **Current:** \$3,221

- Hansen Brothers work on Hydrant #2: \$1,360
- Peters' Drilling & Well Service for work on Ponderosa tank system: \$1,501
- Checking account setup and Employer Identification Number: \$360

### **Anticipated:** \$6,400 - \$9,200

- Remaining work on Hydrant #1, \$700 estimated
- Remaining work on the Hydrant #2, \$1,700 - \$4,500 depending on finding shut-off valve
- Reserve for Ponderosa pump: up to \$4,000

\*Please note: Estimates are subject to variables, complications and new information discovered during the work process.

pond on Chris Cidonio's property. We were able to get water flowing using an air compressor, but that water was also silty. Chris has contacted a pond maintenance company and is getting estimates to clean the pond and clean around the outlet pipe.

We are getting estimates for replacing the screen over the pipe as well as a screened box for added protection. We also continue our search for the elusive shutoff valve.



## COLLECTION OF REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE FUNDS

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A huge thank you to everyone who has sent their contributions to pay for repairs and maintenance of our fire protection water infrastructure.

We've received contributions from 22 of 51 parcels for a total of \$10,620. If you have not sent your contribution, please send a check (we're requesting \$500 per parcel), made out to 6Bandfriends and mail to Robert Trent Pridemore, 14233 Thoroughbred Loop.

We realize everyone's financial situation is different. If this is a burden, please send what you can.

## EMERGENCY AND EVACUATION INFORMATION COMMITTEE

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Mardi Naythons, Janice Coakley and Sara Noah have volunteered to form our new Emergency and Evacuation Information Committee.

The committee's immediate priorities are to ensure that everyone is properly set up on CodeRed, identify households that have special needs, eg: hearing or mobility issues, and to document how we can best reach you with information about fire preparedness and neighborhood fire safety progress. You will receive a call from one of them soon.

Many thanks to Mardi, Janice and Sara for taking on such important work.

## CHASE CHECKING ACCOUNT

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Trent and Bob Proano have set up a 6B and Friends checking account at Chase. Because Trent and Bob are veterans, the account is free, but we were required to post in the Union four times and list officers.

To move things along, Trent is currently listed as interim secretary and Lauren Drutz as acting interim secretary as a backup. We will have official elections soon.



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## 6BANDFRIENDS.ORG

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Our [website](https://www.6bandfriends.org) has a ton of information, including fire safety tips, resources, events and more. If you have anything to contribute to the website, we'd love your ideas, photos and news items. Please contact Lynn at 415-517-6940

## Firewise Committee

Lauren Drutz

Lynn Forbes

Karen Pridemore

Trent Pridemore

Bob Proano

Kendal Roper

Jim Walters



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## FREE COMMUNITY GREEN WASTE DISPOSAL

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# **FIREWISE USA<sup>®</sup>**

## **Residents reducing wildfire risks**

In an unprecedented collaborative effort, The Fire Safe Council of Nevada County, with support from County of Nevada Office of Emergency Services and Waste Management, is offering free residential green waste disposal each weekend in May. There are six drop off sites, including at the Fairgrounds for two May weekends. For details, check the Fire Safe website [here](#).

Volunteers are also needed to help screen loads, fill out paperwork and direct traffic. It's an important activity because recording how many people bring how much green waste is required when applying for grants. In other words, the more we can prove to funding agencies that this program worked, the better chance that we'll get grant money again in the future.