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FIRE DRILL IN
JUNE!

The McCourtney area, including the 6B and Friends neighborhood, has been selected as one of the locations for a fire drill conducted by multiple fire and emergency personnel. It will tentatively take place on Sunday, June 28, 8:30 a.m. – 5 p.m.

This is an outstanding opportunity for our neighborhood!

The purpose of this drill is to educate the public on fire preparedness and evacuation and to give first responders hands-on experience.

Volunteers are needed in a variety of capacities, and we're hoping for a big neighborhood turnout.

If you do not want to participate or can only be involved for a portion of the drill, no problem.

6B AND FRIENDS FIREWISE COMMUNITY



Photo by Lauren Drutz

WINTER IS FIRE PREP SEASON

Happy new year neighbors!

There is much to be grateful for in 2020. We are safely past the fire season with its high-risk weather conditions and the sounds of generators during PG&E's planned outages. Our neighborhood is much safer after a year devoted to the repair to our water infrastructure, road clearing and much work by individual property owners.

But wildfire prevention is a year-round job. Winter is the time to make progress on trees, plants and evacuation education:

- Limb up healthy, large trees 15 feet from the ground
- Take down diseased and dead trees
- Clear out pine needles and other debris
- Cut back plants and grasses
- Take care of burn piles on [approved days](#)
- Go to [Ready Nevada County](#) for comprehensive information

Any roadblocks will be opened to those who are not participating or need to leave early.

Opportunities to participate include:

- Meeting with fire crews to learn about your home's survivability in a fire and tips about how to improve your fire preparedness
- Volunteering your property for firefighters to pretend to defend it against a fire
- Volunteering your property for firefighters to do a hose-lay or handline exercises
- Being an actor during the drill
- Evacuating with your pets and livestock and meeting with animal rescuers to give them practice dealing with a variety of animals in an emergency
- Evacuating when our neighborhood gets a Code Red notification or when the Sheriff's Department knocks on your door

For more information and to learn about other ways you can help, call Lauren Drutz or Karen Pridemore.

6B AND FRIENDS EVACUATION ROUTES



One very important way to prepare for wildfire is to become familiar with possible evacuation routes.

We are working on some evacuation route suggestions, but It is up to each person to explore, plan and be prepared:

- Take a Sunday drive and get lost! Explore ways in and out of our area that you may not drive every day. You never know from which direction a fire may be quickly moving, and it's extremely difficult to make instant decisions in the middle of a smoky night.
- Plan ahead. Keep wire cutters, flashlights and a Go Bag with food, supplies, protective clothing and shoes in your car. Be ready for the possibility of abandoning your car and escaping on foot.
- Remember your pets. Have supplies and plan how you will evacuate your animals.

MAY 17 - SAVE THE DATE!

We are tentatively planning our next General Meeting for May 17. We will have informative speakers, discuss the upcoming McCourtney area fire drill and update you with important fire safety progress, issues and plans for our neighborhood.

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