

Old Oak Way

## **November 11, 2020 Planning Document**

## Firewise Old Oak Way,

The next meeting of the Firewise Steering Committee will be on Wednesday, November 11 at 5 pm at Vineyard Point, 13336 Old Oak Way. All residents are welcome to attend.

It has been nice to see fire safety activity in our neighborhood. We all have lot of work to do to implement the "Defendable Space" guidelines from our October 14 training (thank you Eugenia, et.al.) and this work will take some time and effort.

The committee will discuss the plans for the next Firewise educational training at the November 11 meeting.

We have encouraged the City to extend the year-end deadline for the removal of hazardous trees without remediation. This will require a vote of the City Council, we expect that we will have support for that extension – but nothing is for certain in government, so get your hazardous tree removal permits filed ASAP. You will also need to file a Saratoga Defensible Space Checklist. Both the permit application and the checklist can be found under Important Documents at OldOakWay.info.

Eugenia emphasized the importance of removing fuel from the edges of our street. We have asked for city guidance; the city has a 10 ft easement on both sides of the street. You may have noticed that work has begun on the removal of fuel and the improvement of visibility in the curve near 13478. The plan for additional road side fuel removal will be discussed at the November 11 meeting.

- Stacy Baba update on enrollment (people who have filled out the form on the OOW web site) and email contacts (which addresses do we not year have email addresses).
- Jim Cargill update on Firewise Old Oak Way status on state/national registration/ recognition.
- Jim Cargill update on street side fuel removal and street safety.
- Linda Binkley discussion on education plans.
- Dave House status update on hazardous tree removal program.

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