

September 21, 2020

Fellow Old Oak Way Neighbors,

The Firewise Old Oak Way Neighborhood steering committee met at Vineyard Point, 13336 Old Oak Way at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 16. Present were the following committee members:

- Stacey Baba and Jim Vokac
- Linda and Bob Binkley
- Jim Cargill
- Ge Deng
- Dave House
- Wilbert Lee

Also in attendance were:

- Elisa Chen (and daughter)
- Devi Kamdar
- Tina and Lakhinder Walia (observers)

The meeting was led by Eugenia Rendler, Executive Director of the Santa Clara County Firesafe Council. Eugenia emphasized the importance of visible street addresses and the removal of fuel from the side of Old Oak Way to control the asphalt temperature and maintain a drivable surface in high temperature fires. Temperatures in the Big Basin fire reached 1400 degrees Fahrenheit!

The following action items were assigned:

Ge Deng and/or Wilbert Lee will accompany a member of the Santa Clara County Fire Department as they inspect our street for fire department access, including street numbers and street side fuel management. This inspection will be dependent on Fire Department personnel availability during the fire season, but is targeted for September or October.

Dave House will add the 14-question enrollment questionnaire to the OldOakWay.info web site. (This has been completed and is ready for neighborhood registration.) The committee members agreed to fill out the questionnaire before the next committee meeting on September 30.

Stacey Baba and Jim Vokac will lead our enrollment activities. The first step is to collect the remaining neighborhood email addresses. Our objective is to get as many people in our Old Oak Way neighborhood as possible to join our Firewise Community.

Linda and Bob Binkley will lead the Education activities. Santa Clara County FireSafe Council offers three different education programs. The committee selected "Defensible Space" as their first education program. Santa Clara County FireSafe staff will teach this topic. It will be

scheduled for mid to late October. Invitations will be sent to people who have supplied their email addresses or recently joined the Firesafe Old Oak Way Neighborhood newsletter list.

Jim Cargill will be responsible for completing the Firewise USA application on the Firewise portal site and obtaining National recognition as a Firewise Community.

Future updates will be distributed by email and will be posted on the [Old Oak Way.info](http://OldOakWay.info) web site. We currently have email addresses for 18 neighborhood members. We need email addresses for the other 13 (for which we only have US Mail addresses.)

Page 3 of this letter is a list of neighborhood addresses with names (names supplied by the City which may or may not be correct) for which we do not currently have email addresses. If you know these neighbors, please urge them to sign up for Firewise communications at [Old Oak Way.info](http://OldOakWay.info) and/or forward their email address to info.OldOakWay@gmail.com. This update will be sent by US Mail to those 13 addresses, while future updates will arrive by email only. All updates and communication will be posted on the [Old Oak Way.info](http://OldOakWay.info) web site.

We ask for your help to communicate to your neighbors and encourage them register for Firewise communications at the OldOakWay.info.

We know that it was only by luck that dry lightning recently struck on the other side of Skyline Boulevard and not on our side. We must be prepared. Please remember that the most common cause of a house burning is the house next door burning. We are all in this together so let's work together.

The next Firewise Old Oak Way Neighborhood committee meeting will be at 5:00 pm on Wednesday, September 30 at Vineyard Point, 13336 Old Oak Way. Everyone is welcome to attend.

Dave House

Please help us locate the names and email addresses of the following:

email us at info.oldoakway@gmail.com or sign up at <https://oldoakway.info/newsletter-sign-up>

Firewise Old Oak Way Neighborhood

Rig, Carl	13385 Old Oak Way
Yeung, Sharon & Adam	13427 Old Oak Way
Rafia, Farzin & Razi, Shohreh	13463 Old Oak Way
Goodfellow, Fred	13478 Old Oak Way
Thomas, Bobby & Nimkar, Swati	13485 Old Oak Way
Kazimirov, Valeriy	13492 Old Oak Way
Chen, Duo & Jin, Qu	13497 Old Oak Way
Harmon, Michael	13519 Old Oak Way
Hidy, Jay	13531 Old Oak Way
Chidlow, Christine & Craig	13534 Old Oak Way
Garra, Raymond & Carrie	13546 Old Oak Way
Dhar, Rajive & Chowdhry, Anita	13597 Old Oak Way
	13493 Pierce Road